

Please find below letter (e-mail) regarding the approval of the Angiology Division by the UEMS Council.

To the VAS Members, UEMS Presidents and Members of IM Section, UEMS Secretaries and to the National Scientific Vascular Societies.

Dear All,

I have received news today (official, even if not yet officially notified) of the establishment of the Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine within the Internal Medicine Section, approved by the UEMS Council few days ago.

We are extremely pleased with this result, that has crowned years of efforts and has rewarded the firm attitude maintained by Vas with regard to our request, even when it seemed impossible to achieve.

We thank everyone for their support, the present and past President of the IM Section and all its Members, whose backing was essential for our proposals.

We must also thank the national Scientific Societies for taking part actively in the work of the Vas Scientific Societies Team, showing the unity and co-operation that exist at European level.

Obviously, this is a new beginning with European recognition, and we will do our utmost to make this an extremely fruitful occasion.

We will take care of informing the European specialists and the national scientific societies about this excellent result and forthcoming developments.

Among the first proposals (also discussed at the 4th European Angiology Days , October 2007, Milan) is the definition of the project for a European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine, for which there are already solid foundations and documented earlier work.

May we ask you to confirm your interest and willingness to contribute to this important stage.

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