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UEMS Division Angiology

Minutes of the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine Meeting

Online Meeting November 27, 2020, 11:30-15:30

1. Welcome

UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine (A/VM) Meeting starts with the Welcome of Prof. J.C. Wautrecht, President of the Division. The other two members of the Bureau of the Division are present, Prof. D.M. Olinic, Secretary of the Division and Prof. Mariella Catalano, Honorary President.

2. Prof. J.C. Wautrecht presents the **Agenda**:

1. UEMS Division A/VM
 1. Meeting Minutes Nov 29, 2019, Busto Arsizio, Italy
 2. Update from delegates
 3. Mandate of the President
2. Account
3. UEMS Council
4. Angiology/Vascular Medicine in Europe
5. UEMS ETR
6. EACCME
7. CESMA
8. UEMS European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine
9. UEMS Training Centers
10. UEMS Section of Internal Medicine



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11. Updates from delegates in UEMS bodies

1. MJC Phlebology
2. MJC Wound Control
3. MJC Immune-Mediated Diseases

12. UEMS and VAS Foundation

13. ESVM – Discussion on the framework for cooperation

14. EU4Health

15. AOB

16. Next Meeting : President election

3. Presence to the meeting

UEMS Division meeting has representatives from 15 countries. There are 14 countries represented at the meeting: Austria (Prof. G.H. Schernthaner), Belgium, (Prof. J.C. Wautrecht), Czech Republic (Prof. D. Karetova), France (Prof. I. Quere), Germany (Prof. C. Heiss, Prof. Iwo Buschmann), Greece (Prof. E. Dimakakos, Prof G. Marakomichelakis), Hungary (Prof. Z. Pecsvarady), Ireland (Prof. M.P. Colgan), Italy (Prof. M. Catalano), Romania (Prof. D. Olinic), Slovenia (Prof. M. Kozak, Prof. A. Blinc), Switzerland (Prof. L. Mazzolai) and United Kingdom (Prof. J. Belch). Countries excused are Slovakia and Poland. VAS, the founding Association of the Division, is also represented at the meeting by Prof. Catalano and, Prof. M. Sprynger.

From the Associated country members, Sweden (Prof. J. Spaak) is present.

4. Minutes of 2019

Minutes of the previous UEMS Division meeting, held on **November 29th, 2019, in Busto Arsizio, Italy**, are presented and approved.

5. Update of Division Membership



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The President presents the list of Division members, in the updated format received from UEMS Secretariat. Rules are remembered (nomination of the representatives by the National Medical Associations) and the current situation reviewed:

Job Title	Last Name	First Name	Country/Region
Prof.	SCHERNTHANER	Gerit-Holger	Austria
Prof.	WILLFORT-EHRINGER	Andrea	Austria
Prof.	WAUTRECHT	Jean-Claude	Belgium
Dr	ROZTOCIL	Karel	Czech Republic
Dr	CELERIER	André	France
Prof.	CARPENTIER	Patrick	France
Prof.	LACROIX	Philippe	France
Prof.	BUSCHMANN	Ivo	Germany
Prof.	HEIß	Christian	Germany
Prof.	MARAKOMICHELAKIS	George	Greece
Dr	DIMAKAKOS	Evangelos	Greece
Dr	PECSVARADY	Zsolt	Hungary
Dr	FITZGERALD	Patricia	Ireland
Dr	COLGAN	Mary-Paula	Ireland
Dr	VISONÀ	Adriana	Italy
Prof.	CATALANO	Mariella	Italy
Prof.	STANEK	Agata	Poland
Prof.	SIERON	Aleksander	Poland



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Dr	OLINIC	Dan	Romania
Prof.	AMBROZY	Ewald	Slovakia
Prof.	BLINC	Ales	Slovenia
Prof.	KOZAC	Matija	Slovenia
Prof.	STAUB	Daniel	Switzerland
Prof.	MAZZOLAI	Lucia	Switzerland
Dr	BAINES	Colin	United Kingdom
Prof.	BELCH	Jill	United Kingdom



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Associated Members :

- Norway, represented by Prof St. Agewall (absent);
- Sweden - represented by Prof J. Spaak (present);
- Serbia - represented by Prof. D. Vasic (absent).

6. Angiology Division Presidency

Due to the pandemic, at the request of the Bureau , and after approval of the general assembly, Prof. J.C. Wautrecht continues to be President for one more year. He announces elections for 2021, with a call for candidates following UEMS rules.

The President presents a set of criteria required to be met, in order to apply for membership in Division's Bureau (President, Secretary). It is a consensus that General UEMS criteria will apply:

General UEMS criteria for applying to Division's Bureau membership are:

- Member of UEMS Division ;
- NMA support for the application to Division Bureau membership ;
- Proof of experience within the UEMS Division.

Concerning definition of experience, opinions are expressed by Czech Republic and France that such criteria are to be discussed later and maybe they are not even helpful.

7. Account of Angiology Division

In 2020, there is no official bank account for the Division. VAS Foundation keeps for the Division a distinct balance of incomes and expenses. The balance is positive and presented below. The financial resources are represented by registration fees for the European Exam, for Diplomas and, respectively, for the accreditation of ETCs. The need to enforce applications for the European Exam is stressed. The President underlines the importance of exams and ETC applications as the main source of funds, not comparable to anyone else. Between the other parallel options: have reviewers for requests of accreditation (meetings...), as they represent an important source of income in many Sections. Expenses are mainly related to the fee the Division pays to the UEMS and to the cost of European Exam organization (computer platform use). In synthesis, the balance is:



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Total Balance from 2012 to 2020:

1007 € (excluding CESMA kindly paid by VAS from 2012 to 2018: for a total of 1750 €)

CESMA fees 2019 and 2020: 500 €.

Final Balance: +507 € - Excluded the 5 Diplomas of 2020 to be printed (professional)

8. UEMS Council activity update

News concerning UEMS organization are presented. The organigram is described.

The President presents an update of UEMS Council activity, including:

- Draft minutes Meetings of the UEMS Council, 18-19 Oct 2019 Oct London
- Draft minutes of the Online Meeting of the UEMS Council, 17 Oct 2020
- Welcome from the President and report from the SG to read: considerations and challenges due to the pandemic
- Current flagship projects :
 - ETRs, EACCME, examinations and assessments

Our President informs on the newly elected UEMS Executive Committee (taking office in Jan 2020).

Division members are informed on the ETRs that were newly approved which are: Allergology ; Pathology ; Paediatric Emergency Medicine ; Radiation Oncology and Radiotherapy ; Sports Medicine ; Geriatrics ; Otorhinolaryngology ; Paediatric Nephrology ; Paediatric Surgery.

9. Angiology/Vascular Medicine in Europe



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Out of the 28 EU countries in 2020 (27 EU countries in 2021), there are 7 countries with a recognized specialty of Angiology (Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland). Two other EU countries, The Netherlands and Slovenia, will inform if Angiology is officially recognized as an independently specialty. Two non-EU countries, Serbia and Switzerland, have a recognized specialty of Angiology. A questionnaire was sent to UEMS Division country members, in order to clarify the level of specialty recognition of Angiology.

UEMS is expected to support recognition of Angiology in individual countries.

European Diplomas are a means for increasing the number of properly trained and certified specialists in Angiology around Europe.

10. ETR for Angiology

The ETR document for Angiology was approved by the UEMS Council in 2015 and published in 2016. An update is due for within one or two years. The President asks countries to send proposals for the updated ETR document and awaits input from every Angiology organization around Europe.

11. EACCME

Division members are invited to join the EACCME activity.

12. CESMA-UEMS Diploma of Angiology

There were 6 exams organized in 2018 and in 2019.

There are 2 exams organized in 2020.

There are 3 possibilities to obtain Diploma: Normal exam, «Senior» exam or as Head (Chief) of accredited ETC.

The Division plans to apply for CESMA appraisal, but pandemic raises difficulties for this application for appraisal. Appraisal will probably be planned for 2022.

During pandemic, exams are organized by visio-conference. VAS Platform Campus, used by our Division for the exams, is EACCME accredited.



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How to improve recruitment remains an open question. Countries are asked for proposals.

Proposals are made more than once for organizing Angiology UEMS Diploma Exams twice a year. One exam could be organized together with national examinations, in order to increase the number of UEMS Diploma applicants. Translation of questions in national language could be considered. Suggestions for the exam improvement of the UEMS Angiology Diploma could be considered if in line with the ETR document.

13. UEMS Training Centers

An update is made by Prof. M.P. Colgan. There are 3 centers accredited in 2019 (Mulhouse, Athens and Verona). In 2020, applications came from Ljubljana and Dublin. Virtual site visits or on-site visits are to be performed, in relation with pandemic evolutions.

Information is refreshed concerning the rules for ETC accreditation (see ETC Document).

14. Section of Internal Medicine activity update

Secretary of the Division, Prof. D.M. Olinic, attended the video-meeting of the Internal Medicine Section and informed the Section on the Division activities: ETR document, European Diploma Exams, ETC accreditation process. The best practice example of the Section, related to the EACCME experts activity, providing funding for the Section, is presented to our Division. Closer ties with the parent Section of Internal Medicine and exchange of good practice examples are encouraged.

15. UEMS Bodies update

The Current situation of **MJC Phlebology**: President JJ Guex ; Gen Secretary F Mariani. There are 34 Accredited Training Centres in Phlebology. There is a defined CDP Competency Degree in Phlebology (levels 1-2). There is a defined CDPP Competency Degree in Phlebological Procedures : UGS Ultrasound guided sclerotherapy ; ETA (EVLA-RF) Endovenous thermal ablations ; GCA glue ; MCA mechano-chemical ablation ; MOCA mechanical occlusion chemical assistance ; SOS superficial open.



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Concerning **MJC Thematic Federation on Wound Healing**, Division will be reported on the activity of its representative, Prof. A. Stanek (absent).

The Division is also interested in the activity of the **MJC Immune-Mediated Diseases**.

16. UEMS and VAS Foundation

VAS Foundation President presents the main accomplishments and working areas of the Foundation. The educational platform VAS Campus is functional. The VAS European Book supported by UEMS on Angiology is preparing for an update. An International Consortium was created, for coordinating Angiology worldwide, that includes the USA organizations in the field. A Task Force was put together for harmonizing certification in Angiology, in the EU and the USA. UEMS central is very positive on this topic. A joint session of the American Board of Vascular Medicine, the Society of Vascular Medicine, the UEMS Division of Angiology and VAS, is organized during the European Angiology Days 2020 allowing to increase the number of Educational EU activities in the European Integrated Educational Program.

17. ESVM – Discussion on the framework for cooperation

Division President, Prof JC Wautrecht, presents the current situation.

He remembers that UEMS Division is an independent body where each national representative takes the responsibility of her/his position, independent from any external coordination or decision. This is a relevant precondition for a loyal cooperation inside of the Division.

VAS Foundation is the founding organization of UEMS Division. There is a long cooperation between the Division and VAS supporting the Division goals. A written agreement with VAS was approved by our Division in 2018. In 2020, a MoU was signed between the Division and VAS, endorsed by UEMS Executive (President and General Secretary). As compared with VAS, whose activity started in 1991, ESVM was born in 2012.

VAS was not against the foundation of ESVM supporting the taking-off with some of its members and an agreement was found in the first ESVM statute for not overlapping



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(unilaterally changed). After that VAS wrote several mails and had contacts to avoid any competition but to help for cooperation. No one answered.

Same goals exist for the Division, VAS and ESVM.

ESVM asked for cooperation with the Division, initially without a written request. In the 2018 Minutes of the Division Meeting, it is noted that the Division supports a harmonization between VAS and ESVM activities. VAS wrote (have been done also previously) to ESVM President, supporting cooperation. There is still no answer from ESVM. In 2020, ESVM renews a verbal request for cooperation with the Division. The Division asks for a formal, written, request. In June 2020, ESVM sends a written request. Division President gives ESVM President the keys for a correct cooperation with the Division. Proposals sent by ESVM could not be acceptable for the Division, as not in accordance with the keys given. Division asked for a structured proposal, according to the UEMS rules, avoiding overlapping with content of existing MoU between the Division and VAS. In the existing Division MoU with VAS, in point 2, it is stated that “both parties won’t enter agreement that will jeopardize the existing MoU”.

Furthermore, during the last 8 years, there was no try of cooperation of ESVM with the Division. ETR were signed by single members of ESVM, but refused by the society, being against Exam and ETC. The proposal of cooperation with the Division need to be based on reciprocal respect between all the actors, fully respecting the independence of UEMS Division.

A concrete collaboration could start without specific formal recognition, based on the value of the proposals.

Also previous contacts and agreements between VAS and ESVM to find non overlapping roles to guarantee real cooperation as already mentioned in the 2020 minutes are necessary. Division President presents the way to achieve cooperation between ESVM and the Division, commenting on the specific areas proposed by ESVM.

First, specific areas of cooperation could be suggested, with a reformulated proposal waited.

Second, Centers Certification overlaps with existing MoU.

Third, CME and CPD, too soon for a cooperation, since no previous common activity of ESVM with the Division existed.

Fourth, European standards already exist, they were defined jointly inside UEMS, by the Division and VAS and enclosed in ETR.



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Fifth, monitoring angiology status around Europe, this is primarily the task of the Division. Sixth, ESVM proposes harmonization, but it has no previous cooperation with VAS or the Division.

Present proposals of ESVM are interesting, but many overlap with existing Division activities and need to follow previous suggestions.

In conclusion, the ESVM proposal, in the presented form, cannot be accepted by the Division. It may be reformulated. The best would also be that VAS and ESVM work together on specific new items. Such a joint work would make easier acceptance of ESVM participation within the Division. Before asking for representation inside the Division, ESVM should provide proofs to be able to bring added value, so that a clear reason for representation exists as well as to respect and agree with the UEMS Division main actions (ETR, Diploma, ETC). Prof Wautrecht, as Division President and VAS Board member, tried to establish cooperation with ESVM, but without progress, up to now. Prof Wautrecht suggests ESVM to work in the suggested way. A vote on ESVM representation inside the Division cannot be asked at this point in time. If ESVM does not agree, the Division President will submit the matter to UEMS Executive.

ESVM President, Prof J Belch, UK representative inside the Division, presents her position. In 2012, ESVM asked to cooperate. ESVM invited VAS to ESVM Board meetings. ESVM President considers UEMS should not hold ESVM proposals hostage of the existing MoU between the Division and VAS. ESVM Board voted the proposals. Many societies cooperate with UEMS. ESVM expresses sincere wish to cooperate. ESVM President does not see overlap of areas of activity as not allowed. ESVM President asks for 2 non-vote representatives inside the Division. ESVM appreciates VAS, but UEMS is not a closed stop of VAS. ESVM is considered as bringing "fresh blood". ESVM President appreciates that there is no conflict and no big ask in ESVM demand for representation. She asks for comments from the attendees.

Long discussion has been opened with several contributions.

Finally, after many comments and suggestions, it was stressed that there is a clear need of concerted and concrete cooperation between the different European Actors in the field of Angiology/Vascular Medicine respecting each other and the independence of the Division.



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18. EU4Health and EU funding opportunities for UEMS

These opportunities were addressed in a few words due to the lack of time. Proposals were brought forward by UEMS to the commission in September 2020.

The next UEMS Division meeting will take place on November 26th, 2021 with the new President election.

Meeting is adjourned.

Prof. Jean-Claude WAUTRECHT Prof. Dan OLINIC Prof. Mariella CATALANO

President

Secretary

Honorary President

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