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UEMS Division Angiology/Vascular Medicine

UEMS Division Angiology/Vascular Medicine Online Meeting Nov 26, 2021

Time 11.00-14.00 (CET)

AGENDA

1. UEMS Division A/VM
 1. Meeting Minutes Nov 27, 2020 – Video Meeting
 2. President's report
 3. Election of the new President
 4. Election of the new Secretary
2. Account
3. UEMS Council
4. UEMS ETR and consequences
5. CESMA: new year CESMA exam appraisal
6. UEMS European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine
7. UEMS Training Centers
8. AOB
9. Next meeting

Minutes

Delegates who were present (in red those who voted – only one per full member country):

Dan-Mircea Olinic (Romania)

Jean-Claude Wautrecht (Belgium)

Mariella Catalano (Italy)

Adriana Visona (Italy)

Agata Stanek (Poland)

Muriel Sprynger (VAS - Belgium)

Matija Kozak (Slovenia)

Ales Blinc (Slovenia)

Mary-Paula Colgan (Ireland)

Karel Roztocil (Czech Republic)

Denisa Celovska (Slovakia)

Christian Heiss (Germany)

Evangelos Dimakakos (Greece)

George Marakomichelakis (Greece)

Gerit-Holger Schernthaner (Austria)

Jill Belch (UK)

Jonas Spaak (Sweden – not full member)

Lucia Mazzolai (Switzerland)

Zsolt Pecsvarady (Hungary)

France, Portugal, The Netherlands and Serbia (not full member) were not represented.

1. UEMS Division A/VM

1. Meeting Minutes Nov 27, 2020 – Video Meeting *were approved by UEMS Division A/VM members*
2. President's report *the outgoing President JC Wautrecht has presented his report, which was approved*
- 3-4. Election of the new President and Secretary

The election committee was created: C. HEISS AND GERIT-HOLGER SCHERNTHANER

Two official candidatures have been received by UEMS:

–one by Prof. Dan-Mircea OLINIC (Romania) for the position of President or Secretary

–one by Prof. Agata STANEK (Poland) for the position of Secretary

Then, the candidates presented their motivation and answered the questions from members.

GERIT-HOLGER SCHERNTHANER asked the candidate for presidency: how to make interconnections between UEMS and national societies? How to work together better? Individual discussion with each country, individual more involved each member of UEMS A/VM Div.

C.HEISS-How to increase the number of countries in which the specialization was recognized? OLINIC: Potential Country for that moment is Italy; we need more accredited centers in countries where the specialization is not recognized.

Right to vote: only representatives officially appointed by NMA in their respective countries (one vote per country represented).

2 doodle links were created by Central UEMS for the election of the President and of the Secretary. 14 delegates voted (red color) via the doodle links. The results were checked by Central UEMS and sent to the Election Committee. Next, the results were given by this Committee at the end of the meeting. The 2 candidates (DAN-MIRCEA OLINIC for the office of President and AGATA STANEK for the office of Secretary) were approved.

2. Account

- New official account for the Division is presented

- Resources
 - Registration fees for the European Exam
 - Accreditation of ETCs
 - EACCME reviewers?

Presently there is no money in the Division account.

VAS Foundation collected the fees from the various activities and covered the expenses. A positive balance of 240 Euro

is presented. It is decided that this amount will be transferred to the Division account.

3. UEMS Council

UEMS COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Draft minutes of the Online UEMS Council Meeting 23-24 Apr 2021
- Agendas of the Hybrid UEMS Council Meeting (Online and in Limassol, Cyprus), 22-23 Oct 2021
- Reports of the CEO and of the SG
- Current flagship projects:
- ETRs, EACCME, examinations and assessments
- Code of Conduct for Officers of the UEMS Bodies

- Presentation of ETRs

4. UEMS ETR and consequences

“ Training Requirements for Angiology/Vascular Medicine European Standards of Postgraduate Medical Specialist Training (old chapter 6)” should be updated.

• Update of ETR – How did we proceed?

1. Complete Review of the 2015 Document
2. Collection of comments from delegates of each country represented in the Division as well as from representatives of National Scientific Societies
3. Submission of a draft Update to the UEMS after taking into account all comments received (16 out of 17 countries)
4. Collection of comments from UEMS bodies as well as from NMA members.
5. Collection of comments from UEMS Reviewers
6. Submission of the final version of the Update to UEMS after taking into account and answering all comments
7. Presentation and discussion and votes during the UEMS Council Meeting 22-23 Oct 2021 (Adv Board and Council)

- *to apply and implement in the future together with VAS and ESVM.*

- *J.C. Wautrecht proposed to publish UEMS ETR in the International Journal of Angiology*

- *C. Heiss proposed to publish the document in VASA.*

- *M. Catalano: the International Journal of Angiology is better because it published the previous ETR*

Update of ETR – The main changes

- Mainly concerns Training Requirements for Trainees (I.)
- Introduction of the CanMEDS framework (I.1.)
- We insist on the need to be able to work in a team (1.5.1)
- Due to the heterogeneity of practice depending on the countries, we added a paragraph focusing on specifically trained vascular laboratory personnel (1.5.1)
- Clinical conditions were better specified (1.5.1.1)
- Composition and duration of training were better specified to encounter the wishes of countries having the recognition of the specialty and of countries that would like to have their recognition (2.1).
- We stress the fact that those requirements are only recommendations

Composition and duration of training

European Core Curriculum could be considered for the basic content of the national training programme.

The Core Curriculum recommends at least 5 certified years of training. Training consists of: At least 2 years Common Medical Trunk training or a previously certified medical specialty and at least 2 years training in an accredited (Nationally or European) Angiology/Vascular Medicine Center.

One additional year (after completing the core curriculum) is requested for each of the further (optional) Additional Competencies/Curricula (see 2.22).

- For the Curriculum of training, we were using for many years three levels of autonomy (2.2).
- We decided to turn progressively to a Grades of Competence system as proposed by UEMS following what is suggested in the CanMEDS 2015 Physician Competency Framework (2.2). This document will be « living » as all users in Europe must be comfortable and satisfied with it.
- Skills are more homogeneous (2.2.1)
- Optional Additional Curricula are more detailed (2.2.2)
- CESMA-UEMS European Exam in A/VM is highly suggested to evaluate the trainees (2.3).

5. CESMA: new year CESMA exam appraisal

6. UEMS European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine

Total number 52 exams

3 possibilities to obtain Diploma:

– Normal exam, « Senior » exam, Head or Chief of accredited ETC

How to improve recruitment?

UEMS exam appraisal is planned for 2022

Date of the next CESMA Exam :1st December 2022

7. UEMS Training Centers

Virtual Visit (Ljubljana) for Accreditation as a training Centre in Angiology/Vascular Medicine.

Paperwork was previously submitted and approved. The Validation Committee took part in a virtual visit on July 12th 2021.

Summary

This is a very busy department with a total of 20 consultants and ten trainees. Their main areas of clinical interest are: Rehab cardiology, Preventive cardiology, Anticoagulation, and Thrombolysis. They have emergency clinics each day and also have over 2,000 admissions annually. They perform their own peripheral angioplasties and dermatology and interventional radiology perform the venous interventions. They have weekly MDMs with radiology and vascular surgeons. Trainees were happy with their training opportunities and felt they received excellent exposure to a variety of vascular diseases and also very good mentoring. The vision for the department is to ensure it keeps up to date with management and they would like to expand their peripheral vascular work as well as develop guidelines for primary and secondary prevention.

Conclusion: Accreditation should be given to this excellent unit.

8. AOB

Prof. C. Heiss asked if a 2nd annual meeting could be useful

9. Next meeting

Next UEMS Division Meeting : 2nd December 2022, on-line, 12am-2.00pm CET

Minutes approved on Division Meeting, 2nd December 2022

Prof. D.M. Olinic President

Prof. A. Stanek, Secretary

Prof. J.C. Wautrecht, Past President

Prof M. Catalano, Honorary President

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