

UEMS/Section of Radiology

MEETING with DELEGATES

Saturday, 04rd March 2017, 14.00 – 15.40

Room 0.96 – Austria Center – VIENNA

MINUTES

1. Welcome, roll call of delegations, apologies, acceptance of agenda (P. Ricci)
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting on October 29, 2016 (P. Ricci)
3. Treasurer 's financial report (R. Demuth)
4. Update on Internal Affairs (P. Ricci, J.P. Joris. F. Tanzi)
 - 4a. Repartition Key (P. Ricci)
 - 4b. Participation in UEMS bodies (MJC, WG, Boards, TF) (J.P. Joris)
 - 4c. Update on the last CESMA Meeting (F. Tanzi)
 - 4d. ETR Reviewing Committee (P. Ricci)
5. UEMS – EACCME activities (P. Ricci)
 - 5a. Update on 3rd UEMS Conference on CME-CPD in Europe
 - 5b. EAACME Governance Board
 - 5c. Update on back-up review
6. Update from IR division (D. Waigl)
7. Update from NR division (M. Szaśiadek)
8. UEMS situation (B. Mailliet)
9. External Affairs: update from EBR/ACI (M. Adriaensen, V. Iranzo, P. Ricci)
 - 9a. EDiR (M. Adriaensen)
 - 9b. ACI: Accreditation Council in Imaging (V. Iranzo)
 - 9c. Update on ACI Leadership Meeting (P. Ricci)
10. Future of ETAP (H. Aronen)
11. Cooperation with ESR (P. Ricci, A. Stipsits)
 - 11a. Update and Website (P. Ricci, A. Stipsits, F. Tanzi)
 - 11b. ESR/UEMS Leadership Meeting (P. Ricci)
 - 11c. UEMS – ESR Joint Session (P. Ricci)
12. Miscellaneous
13. Date and time of next meeting

1) Welcome, roll call of delegations, apologies, acceptance of agenda

- Roll Call of delegations. P. Ricci - President of the Section – welcomed all present to the meeting, in particular the guests: Prof. L. E. Derchi (ESR Vice-President), Dr. B. Mailliet (UEMS representative and Treasurer), Mr. Daniel Waigl (CIRSE Executive Director), M. Szaśiadek (NR division President), F.B. Pizzini (NR division Secretary), J.P. Joris (Section Secretary), R. Demuth (Section Treasurer), V. Iranzo (EBR Executive Manager), A. Stipsits (ESR CME & Compliance Head of Department). F. Tanzi (Administrative Secretary of the Section) – was responsible for the minutes. The Agenda of the present meeting was unanimously accepted.

Annex n. 1: List of participants.

2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting on October 29, 2016

- The minutes of the last meeting with delegates in Rome (29th October 2016) were unanimously approved.

3) Treasurer's financial report

- R. Demuth illustrated the financial situation of the Section, including balance and last transactions. The financial situation is good, with a total balance of € 137.962,63 (updated on 04th March 2017). Recent expenses included the organisation of the previous meeting in Rome, travel expenses for the UEMS conference on CME/CPD in Amsterdam and the promotional material for the Section booth at the ECR. Most member countries have paid the annual subscription fees for 2017 and the reimbursement of the fees of Neuroradiology, erroneously collected to the Section bank account, has been promptly arranged.

4) Update on Internal Affairs

- Regarding the ratio of the fees, C. Cantwell (Ireland) and other delegates had proposed an adaptation of the Repartition Key in use to the number of radiologists of each country. Nevertheless, P. Ricci and R. Demuth informed him that these data are extremely difficult to obtain, as in some countries (e.g. Italy) a good number of radiologists are not enrolled in the official radiological societies, so the real number is higher than the one declared by the professional societies. P. Ricci proposed an eventual reduction of the expected annual budget (currently fixed to € 25.000,00) for the following year, in order to decrease the amount of the fees and to keep the current calculation for 2017. The proposal of P. Ricci has been approved.

- J.P. Joris stressed the importance to have representatives of the Section in UEMS MJs and Thematic Federations and reminded that these delegates will be granted a significant reimbursement of travel/hotel expenses. That would be the only way for the Section to express the point of view of radiologists and defend the borders of the specialty. C. Tziakouri from Cyprus, who did not have the possibility to submit her candidature, expressed the desire to take part in one or more MJs.

- F. Tanzi gave a short update on the outcomes of the last CESMA meeting, held in Brussels on December 6-7, 2016. CESMA financial situation is good due to appraisal and membership fees, and the 10th anniversary will be celebrated on 13th May 2017 during which elections of the Executive Chairpersons will also occur. Other topics discussed have been the proposal to extend CESMA activities to life-long learning assessment, the idea of a common manual for examinations and the necessity to formulate good written (extended or multiple choice) and oral questions during the examinations.

- P. Ricci illustrated a diagram and made a short presentation on the ETR Reviewing Committee, its composition and working principles.

5) UEMS – EACCME activities

- The EACCME Governance Board has been revised with the creation of 4 different working groups and a call for candidacies has been launched after the last Advisory Council on CME – CPD which took place in Brussels on 14th January 2017. Candidacies from members of the European Boards have been accepted, thus P. Ricci and C. Loewe – Chairperson of ACI Reviewing Committee - will both take part to the Governance Board, a fact that has to be considered an excellent result for the radiology specialty. In addition, P. Ricci briefly reported on the outcomes of the third UEMS Conference on CME - CPD in Europe, held in Amsterdam on 12th November 2016. The key aspects of EACCME 2.0 have been presented at that conference, including a faster and more efficient accreditation process, a brand new IT platform, the creation of the "Trusted Provider" status, new fair rules regulating sponsorship and advertising. Sponsorship from industries and external parties during EACCME events must be under the form of an unrestricted educational grant. Furthermore, the following equivalence will be applied: 1 hour of Live Educational Event (LEE) = 1 ECMEC (with a limit of 8 ECMEC per day). EACCME credits will be also applicable to those health care professionals other than doctors (e.g. nurses and pharmacists).

6) Update from IR division

- D. Waigl described the structure and the mission of the IR division on behalf of the President - J. Reekers - and of the other members of the Executive Bureau (M. J. Lee and

F. Fanelli) who could not take part in the meeting. It will be one of the main future aims of the division to actively collaborate with the Section and with the NR division.

7) Update from NR division

- M. Szaśiadek summarised the results of the meeting of the NR division, held the previous day with the participation of P. Ricci and R. Demuth. The division will strictly cooperate with the parent Section through the enlargement of the Section Bureau, the extension of the Secretariat's support in Brussels, the financial assistance from the Section to cover travel expenses for the NR delegates engaged in UEMS bodies on behalf of the Section. The idea of a common website for Section and divisions – encouraged by P. Ricci - will be strongly supported by NR President and Secretary. During the first months of their mandate, the members of the NR Bureau have started inviting new delegations from previously unrepresented countries, with encouraging results. Moreover, they have enhanced the relations with scientific societies (ESNR, ESMINT), established a fruitful cooperation with the European Board of Neuroradiology and tried to reach a compromise with Interventional Radiologists on most divergences. Interventional Neuroradiology Curriculum has been submitted to the ETR Reviewing Committee. The delegates approved Standards of Practice in Interventional Neuroradiology, presented by O. Jansen on behalf of Working Group for the Standards of Practice in INR. This document has been sent to the Presidents of Radiology Section and to IR Division.

8) UEMS situation

- B. Maillet explained the tripartite structure of the UEMS, summarised the milestones of its history and the tasks attributed by the internal regulations to MJC's, Thematic Federations and Boards (e.g. determination of core curriculum for training, harmonisation of high-level practices of training). Since its creation, the UEMS has always been involved in EU affairs to defend the interest of medical specialists and enhance the quality of specialist care in Europe. A presentation of the most important EU directive of interest for the Section followed. From a financial point of view, the UEMS had more a problem of cash flow rather than a real lack of resources, while the loans taken from the Sections to support the full refurbishment of the Domus Medica Europaea in the Brussels are in the process of being redistributed. Besides, the last Winter Council of 21 – 22 October 2016 brought several elements of innovation to the internal structure with the adoption of the UEMS Future Structures proposal: the chairs of the 3 groupings, in particular, will be given further competences and will be admitted to the Enlarged Executive sessions. The approval of the new German Member – SpiFa, the admission of the Bulgarian Medical Association (Full Member), of the Serbian Medical Chamber (Associate) and of the Arab Board for Health Specialisation in Iraq (Observer) were other important points. The criteria of EACCME 2.0 have been adopted in the same Council session.

9) External Affairs: update from EBR/ACI

- M. Adriaensen updated the audience on EDiR, in particular the evolution of the examination, the pass rate and the most updated facts and figures (1.617 candidates have applied since its creation in 2011 and the pass rate is 78% at present).

- V. Iranzo presented a report on ACI, including an updated list of applications from ESR Institutional and Associate Member Societies, the EBR-ACI periodical newsletter conceived for the promotion of new criteria and the new sources of CME following the last ACI Leadership meeting of March 3, 2017 (examiners, case collectors etc.). A total of 227 applications have been received as of February 2017 and ESOR, CIRSE, ESGAR and ESMRMB are top on the list for number of applications.

V. Iranzo informed the attendees of the new appointment of P. Ricci as ACI Scientific Director with an annual mandate, as per previous joint agreements between UEMS and EBR. As mentioned above, P. Ricci will also join with C. Loewe the EACCME Governance Board in one of the following working groups:

- Expansion of recognition of professional qualifications
- Collaboration with other healthcare professionals

10) Future of ETAP

H. Aronen presented ETAP, its structure and main aims. It was reminded that European Training Assessment Program in Radiology is one of the oldest cooperation forms between the UEMS and ESR. It was established in 2001 as a joint initiative with the UEMS and at that time the European Association of Radiology. While in some European countries educational accreditation for higher education is conducted by a government organization most of the specialities inside the UEMS have some kind of training assessment programs of their own. P. Ricci updated the delegates on the latest developments concerning the future of ETAP subcommittee, which the ESR had originally proposed to discontinue. After the Section had asked to postpone the final decision until the ESR- UEMS Leadership meeting (March 3, 2017), it was agreed unanimously in the ESR- UEMS Leadership meeting not to cancel the ETAP. It was proposed to nominate M. Adriaensen, H. Aronen, and J.P. Joris as UEMS representatives to the new subcommittee / working group. The proposal was accepted unanimously by the Section. EBR representatives will be also appointed by the EBR Shareholders' Board in rapid times. The new concept of ETAP, outlined by L. Oleaga - ESR Chairwoman for Education - during the Leadership Meeting, was reported to the delegates. In the future ETAP will organizationally be under the umbrella of the EBR and some modifications will be implemented into the assessment process (e.g. evaluation of documentation, video & report, online interviews). The proposal of L. Oleaga contains more elements into the direction of certification and grading of the training centers. H. Aronen considered the proposal to form a good basis for future developments and asked for the support of the Section to finalise the new programme. Consensus from the delegates.

11) Cooperation with ESR

- A. Stipsits discussed the successful collaboration between ESR and the Section, whose main result is the Brussels-based Secretariat. The support of F. Tanzi has been recently extended to the NR division, as mentioned above. The ESR offered to take care of the website of the Section (including the Divisions) free of charge and under the form of an unrestricted grant. Such a generous proposal will cover web hosting, a new attractive design, and user-friendly interface. P. Ricci excluded any possible undesired interference from the ESR, as domain and web management will be solely of the Section, as any input on contents. The delegates gave their consent for P. Ricci to move towards the acceptance of the ESR proposal for the website.
- The ESR – UEMS Leadership Meeting, which has seen the participation, among others, of L. Bonomo (ESR past President), B. Mailliet and P. Ricci has been particularly successful, and proved the two organisations share the same values although seen from different perspectives.
- The UEMS – ESR Joint Session, strongly willed by P. Parizel - ESR past President and incoming Chair of the ESR Board of Directors - equally demonstrated common vision and goals for the entire radiological community.

12) Miscellaneous

- P. Ricci has received a detailed request of information from the newly-appointed Norwegian delegate - J. Castberg Hellund to which he will reply in due time after the meeting.
- The incoming UEMS meetings of interest for the delegates are the UEMS Spring Council in Tel Aviv (27 – 28 April, 2017) and the CESMA 10th anniversary in Glasgow (13 May, 2017).
- F. Tanzi distributed to the delegates the promotional material realized for the Section booth at ECR 2017, a dedicated space kindly offered by the ESR.

13) Date and time of next meeting

- As previously discussed in October, the next meeting of the Section will be held in Rome at the end of October 2017. Suitable date and time will be decided in the incoming months. Meeting was closed at 15:40.

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