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UEMS/Section of Radiology MEETING with DELEGATES

Saturday, 30th September 2017, 10.00 am – 16.15 pm

Aula A. Grilli – Dipartimento di Scienze Radiologiche, Policlinico Umberto I, Rome (Italy)

MINUTES

1) Welcome, apologies, acceptance of agenda

P. Ricci - President of the Section - welcomed all present and the guests, in particular B. Maillet - UEMS Treasurer, M. Szaidek - NR Division President, F. B. Pizzini – NR Division Secretary, P. Parizel – ESR Chairperson, V. Iranzo – EBR Executive Manager, A. Stipsits – ESR - CME Department. F. Tanzi - Administrative Secretary of the Section - was also present and responsible for the minutes. Roll Call of delegations. Written proxies were given from Cyprus to Belgium, from Denmark to Italy, from Malta to Luxembourg, from Portugal to the Netherlands, from United Kingdom to France. The agenda of the meeting was unanimously approved. **Annex n. 1: List of participants.**

2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (March 4, 2017)

The minutes of the last meeting of the Section, held in Vienna on March 4, 2017 were approved.

3) Treasurer's financial report

R. Demuth - Treasurer of the Section – presented the financial report. The current balance of the bank account was € 130.201,23 and the relative quota of the UEMS Internal Fund - to be refunded back to the Sections according to the needs - was € 39.016,02. Full Members of the Section were in good standing with the subscription fees with the exception of Romania and Slovakia. In addition, some Associate and Observer members (Armenia, Israel, Lebanon, and Morocco) did not pay the contribution à forfait. The Section had erroneously received some contributions pertaining to the Neuroradiology Division which have been transferred back.

4) Update on Internal Affairs

P. Ricci explained the criteria of the UEMS Repartition Key, which have been used to calculate the annual fees. The budget for 2017 – approved by the delegates at the last meeting - had been equal to € 25.000,00. P. Ricci proposed a small reduction of the budget for the incoming year, while R. Demuth reminded that the smallest countries (e.g. Luxembourg) may pay higher fees than their effective number of specialists, due to the influence of GDP factor.



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B. Maillet advised to adopt the most updated version of the Repartition Key. The delegates approved a future budget of € 20.000,00 – based on the most recent UEMS repartition key – and to eventually re-discuss at the next meeting of the Section. P. Ricci explained that, in addition to the quota of the Internal Fund – created to overcome difficult financial periods – the Section would have right to a bonus of 2%. B. Maillet added that such a bonus will increase annually due to interests and that income from the back-up reviews for those countries with no agreements in place with EACCME (Italy, France, Germany, Spain and non-EU countries) will be versed each semester. Some divergences in the lists of back-up reviews will be solved soon with the support of UEMS Brussels Office and EACCME.

P. Ricci illustrated functioning and composition of UEMS internal bodies (MJC, Thematic Federations) and the list of delegates already involved. Among the delegates already engaged, P. Ricci joined the ETR RC and EACCME Governance Board, H. Aronen and P. Ricci the Working Groups of CESMA, P. Ricci, H. Aronen and R. Demuth were also sitting in ACI committees.

Finally, M. Adriaensen, H. Aronen and J.P Joris took part to the ETAP 2.0 project, which will be illustrated below. Since an alternation in the governance between EBR and the Section had been part of the new ETAP project, in 2019 the Scientific Director will be designated by the Section.

The Section will cover travel/hotel costs for the delegates wishing to join UEMS bodies and candidacies could be sent directly to the Secretariat. Furthermore, P. Ricci highlighted the importance of CESMA, the UEMS body which had been responsible for the appraisal of European examinations recently presented by the internal Divisions and that could give a trans-European mark of excellence to the examination. M. Sasiadek informed the attendants the EBNR examinations have been waiting for the final appraisal of CESMA.

P. Ricci explained the procedure for the submission of an ETR to the Council and the composition of the ETR Review Committee. Since the Committee as well as the Council has been composed of different specialists and were not limited to radiologists, the evaluation cannot involve the contents, but only form and the correctness of the examination. Therefore internal agreement within the Section and the internal Divisions would be extremely important for the success of any ETR. **Annex 2: ETR submission scheme.**

J.P. Joris reported on the activities of MJC in Phlebology and informed radiologists has been assigned a limited yet necessary role in the curriculum of Phlebology specialty, which will be presented at the following Council. In addition, he presented the current framework of Euratom directives to become effective by February 6, 2018. Quality control associated to the Directive by the Quaadril (*Quality Assurance Audit for Diagnostic Radiology Improvement and Learning*) application was issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Quality criteria should be organised on three levels (A, B, C) and control will be assessed through independent external audit and internal audit performed by multidisciplinary teams. Audit flow chart was also presented to the audience.

P. Parizel expressed some concerns on the potential erosion of the boundaries of the radiology discipline and the influence of other specialties, while several delegates reported on their national experiences with the implementation of the Directive. B. Maillet suggested future internal discussions on the topic which could result in a white paper under the UEMS umbrella at the next Spring Council.

P. Ricci presented the short report of activities of Section and Divisions which had been transmitted to the Council, as per UEMS rules. In addition, he summarised the most



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important meetings of interest and the activities of the Secretariat in the Domus Medica Europaea and presented the latest issue of the periodical newsletter sent to the delegates. Besides the Section, the Secretariat was also supporting the Neuroradiology Division, while Interventional Radiology will continue to benefit from CIRSE administrative assistance.

5) UEMS report

- B. Maillet presented the milestones of UEMS history, the goals and the internal structure, including fonctions of NMAs, Boards, Specialist Sections, EACCME and CESMA. The Sections are the real back-bone of the organisation, which works bottom to up. B. Maillet briefly informed the audience of the most recent European Affairs activities and explained the terminology problem included in Directive 2005/36/EC on recognition of professional qualifications (Annex V), where both Diagnostic Radiology and Radiology were mentioned as well as the issue of minimum length of training. Regarding the financial situation of the UEMS, the large interventions on the Domus Medica Europaea in 2015 generated a temporary problem of cash-flow which has been completely solved and the UEMS was back to solid assets (€ 8.000.000,00) and the building doubled in value in two years as the current value was € 4.000.000,00. Due to stricter fiscal requirements for large-size Non-profit Belgian organisations, accounting procedures will become centralised as per 2018 and Section will be asked to monitor their internal budgets carefully. The recently amended *Rules of Procedure* have increased the influence of Specialist Sections over the Council through an enlarged role for the Presidents of the three Groupings and the creation of the Advisory Board.

6) UEMS – EACCME activities

F. Tanzi made a summary of EACCME core activities, chronology, updated facts and figures. Key features of EACCME 2.0 included the creation of a rapid path for Trusted Providers which submit a high number of applications, a faster application/review/accreditation process, a more interactive and user-friendly platform on EACCME website and the recognition of new forms of professional activities and CME criteria. In addition, EACCME will consider supporting accreditations for healthcare professionals other than medical specialists in collaboration with the respective professional bodies. Since January 2017, the EACCME Governance Board has been organised under the form of specialised Working Groups, including WG on *Expansion of recognition of professional qualifications* and WG on *Collaboration with other healthcare professionals*, where P. Ricci and C. Loewe – ACI Reviewing C.tee Chairperson – took part. P. Ricci remarked the lack of agreements with the national authorities of Italy, France, Germany and Spain, due to internal peculiarities or to the opposition of the Ministries of Health.

7) Interventional Radiology Division updates

F. Fanelli - Treasurer of the IR Division – could not take part in the meeting due to travel commitments.

8) Neuroradiology Division updates

M. Szażadek – President of the NR Division - shared his willingness for further constructive collaboration with the parent Section and reported on the outcomes of the last meeting of



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his Division (Malmö, September 16, 2017). Following the meeting of the Board Examinations Committee (Malmö, September 13, 2017), the examinations of the European Board of Neuroradiology (EBNR) have started receiving UEMS - CESMA appraisal. The necessary involvement of the Division in EBNR has been assured through the participation of M. Szaśiadek and F.B. Pizzini to Board Examinations C.tee, Courses Examinations C.tee and Standards C.tee. The Division relied on annual subscription fees (€ 200,00 for normal countries, € 400,00 for larger countries) and the financial situation was stable.

8a. Interventional Neuroradiology Standards of Practice

The document in subject had been discussed internally and brought to the attention of Section and IR Division, which made multiple objections, in particular in the involvement of neuroradiologists in stroke treatment. The aim of M. Szaśiadek would be to reach a compromise with the Scientific Societies (ESNR, ESMINT) and with the IR Division.

8b. Interventional Neuroradiology Training Curriculum

The document had been prepared by ESNR but some internal discussions were still taking place at the moment of the NR Division meeting, with the scope of reaching consensus on the new text. The involvement of specialists other than radiologists was a particularly delicate topic to be carefully monitored. It might be interest of the Division – supported by the Section - to require future national delegates be neuroradiologists in active practice. P. Ricci confirmed the necessity of defend the boundaries of Neuroradiologists from other specialists and to require an adequate training period longer than 1 year.

9) ESR & UEMS: a fruitful cooperation

P. Parizel expressed his satisfaction for the excellent and mutually constructive relationship between ESR and UEMS. Specifically, the first form of collaboration with the Section of Radiology was generated in 2001 around ETAP project. In 2006 the first QSSC meeting (formerly POC) was launched and in 2011 the first edition of EDiR – European Diploma in Radiology took place. The latter has been fully endorsed by UEMS - receiving CESMA appraisal in 2015 - and included three different parts, thus resulting in an excellent examination. In 2016, the European Board of Radiology, an initiative of ESR, launched the ACI – Accreditation Council in Imaging, which has signed an agreement with the Section itself during that same year. As part of the close relationship with the Section, the ESR has offered free registration at ECR 2017 for the national delegates and the initiative will be replicated in 2018, together with a dedicated ESR-UEMS Joint Session.

Finally, P. Parizel illustrated the European Training Curriculum endorsed by UEMS Council in October 2013, which has been released in English/Spanish version both online and on paper version.

10) External Affairs: update on the UEMS-EBR agreement

10a. Accreditation Council in Imaging

V. Iranzo presented the most recent facts and figures of ACI: 276 applications have been received as of September 28, 2017. Some feedback on how to further improve the functioning of EACCME new platform has been sent to EACCME office, as some difficulties and delays for the reviewers emerged. A survey has been distributed to ESR member



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societies with a double target: a more extensive questionnaire addressing the Presidents of ESR Institutional Member Societies and a shorter one sent to Institutional Members across Europe. Both questionnaires received an unexpected high number of responses from members. ACI newsletter was also illustrated.

10.b European Diploma in Radiology

The European Diploma in Radiology has seen an exponential growth in the number of candidates, from 64 in 2011 to 760 in 2017. Over 2000 candidates have applied from its creation in 2011. Current pass rate is approximately 70%. In order to obtain the Diploma, candidates must pass each of the three sections of the examination.

10.c ETAP Project 2.0 Update

H. Aronen presented the new concept of ETAP (European Training Assessment Programme), version 2.0. The main difference is the move from onsite to virtual assessment. Most of UEMS specialties have some kind of training assessment programmes and the assessment activities should be carried out regularly. National legislation concerning the evaluation of specialist training varied in Europe, but two aspects were present: self development and certification. ETAP was originally a subcommittee of the ESR, but the new version has been launched in partnership with EBR and presented by L. Oleaga Zufiria in February 2017. The ETAP Working Group was composed by: Chair, Assessors/Co-assessors (on a rotating basis) from EBR and UEMS (M. Adriaensen, H. Aronen, J.P. Joris), Trainees organisations with advisory role (A. Svare - Radiology Trainees Forum, A. Montvila - European Junior Doctors). Up to date, the ETAP WG had three online meetings and several correspondence was exchanged; good promotion strategy would be needed to transform the new concept into a mark of excellence, while some concerns (e.g. heterogeneity in training, evaluation process dominated by Heads of Training Programmes, selection of residents etc) should be solved. The different phases of ETAP virtual assessment will be presented at the next meeting of the Section and likely after to the Council. P. Ricci noted that endorsement from the Council was not obligatory, although that could be the occasion to communicate transparently new partner and working methods of ETAP 2.0 to the UEMS. Delegates will receive constant feedback on the evolution of the project, although a further vote of the Section might postpone the start of ETAP 2.0, scheduled at ECR 2018. All the documents concerning ETAP 2.0 must be made circulating among the delegates (last paragraph was amended on March 03, 2018 as per request of C. Cantwell).

11) Update on the cooperation with ESR

11.a ESR – UEMS Joint Session at ECR 2018

P. Ricci introduced the programme of the next ESR-UEMS Joint Session and wished to thank the members of the Bureau – in particular M. Adriaensen – for the efforts in the definition of the programme.

11.b ESR – UEMS Joint Advocacy Strategy

A. Stipsits illustrated the potential for future collaboration between the Section and ESR European & International Affairs Department, which was focusing on several dossiers of



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mutual interest (e.g. *Call for European Action plan on medical imaging*, Data protection legislation, Value-based Radiology, eHealth, Euratom Basic Safety Standards Directive etc). In addition to the administrative support to the Section, ESR had one full-time policy officer at its office in Domus Medica Europaea. ESR had been the coordinator or key partner in a number of EC-funded *Tender* projects in the quality/safety domain, it established a Patient Advisory Group and managed some significant initiatives related to public affairs (EuroSafe Imaging, ESR iGuide, Digital Imaging Adoption Model etc).

11.c ESR - EU Health Policy Platform

A. Stipsits showed the new EU Health Policy Platform, which had become an active platform where several health stakeholders can share ideas, position papers and public consultations. Specifically, ESR has launched a statement on *Medical Training and Professional Development for Patient Safety*, which will be presented on November 27, 2017. UEMS and the Section of Radiology could be influential partners and were welcome to join. In addition, ESR team would be interested to contribute to UEMS *Call for Action on preventing Surgical Site Infections, Catheter-Related Infections and Blood Sample Contamination*.

11.d New website

P. Ricci and A. Stipsits illustrated the details of the ESR grant for the layout, hosting and maintenance of the website of the Section. The offer had been already presented to the delegates during the previous meeting and it had been further revised by UEMS Executive to ensure the Section will enjoy full autonomy over the contents published. Some small details (e.g. user policy, source code) had been asked by UEMS lawyers in order to finalise the contract and will be provided by ESR in rapid time. P. Ricci expressed his satisfaction for the agreement and will keep the delegates informed. The new website could be hopefully enter into force before December 2017. The Neuroradiology Division could be interested to join, while the Interventional Radiology Division will maintain its website administered by CIRSE, although a direct link will appear on the website.

12. Miscellaneous

- No specific matters arising from the floor.

12) Date and time of next meeting

- The next meeting will take place in Vienna alongside ECR 2018, as ESR could grant a meeting room free of charge. Closure of the meeting at 16:15.

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