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UEMS SECTION OF RADIOLOGY

UEMS/Section of Radiology MEETING with DELEGATES

Saturday, March 03, 2018, 13.30 pm – 15.30 pm

Austria Center, Room M6 – European Congress of Radiology, Vienna.

MINUTES

1. Welcome, apologies, acceptance of agenda

P. Ricci - President of the Section - welcomed all present and the guests, in particular P. M. Parizel – Chairman of ESR Board of Directors, B. Maillet - UEMS Treasurer, J.P. Joris – Secretary of the Section, R. Demuth – Treasurer of the Section, M. Sašiadek - NR Division President, F. B. Pizzini – NR Division Secretary, J.A. Reekers – IR Division President, C. Nyhsen – ESR WG Ultrasound, V. Iranzo – EBR Executive Manager, A. Stipsits – ESR Head of CME Department. F. Tanzi - Administrative Secretary of the Section - was also present and responsible for the minutes. Roll Call of delegations with Kazakhstan attending as guest country. Apologies of C. Cantwell from Ireland who could not be present due to bad weather conditions. The agenda of the meeting was unanimously approved. **Annex n. 1: List of participants.**

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (September 30, 2017)

The minutes of the last meeting – held in Rome on September 30, 2017- were approved with the amendment proposed by C. Cantwell related to the circulation of ETAP documents among the delegates. P. Ricci added all documents related to ETAP 2.0 – in particular Terms & Conditions - could be found on EBR website.

3. Treasurer's financial report

R. Demuth presented the financial report: the financial situation of the Section was good and the balance of the bank account was € 130.858,09. The call for fees of 2018 was on-going. The quota of the UEMS Internal Fund - to be refunded back to the Sections according to the needs - was € 39.016,02. Since the Section was not in financial need, the Bureau proposed not to require that sum for immediate use and to leave it increasing on 2% annual interest rate. Delegates approved and B. Maillet added the sum will be in any case refunded at the end of each quinquennium. The repartition key in use changed due to an increase of UEMS member countries (Bulgaria, Iraq, Serbia, Tunisia) and a decrease in the annual budget of the Section to 20.000,00 Euro. Most Full Members countries have been in good standing since 2016, with the exception of Romania and Slovakia. B. Maillet informed countries not in good standing for 2 years could be withdrawn from the Section. As per request of the Turkish delegation, P. Ricci and R. Demuth confirmed Associate and Observer countries would still be asked a contribution à forfait, which – in the case of a big and highly populated country as Turkey - would be much lower than a sum calculated according to the repartition key. Income was generated from subscription fees and from the EACCME back-up reviewing activity performed by P. Ricci and

R. Demuth on behalf of the Section. On the other side, expenses have been mostly related to travel arrangements of the Bureau, costs related to the current website provider, CESMA fees and a disappointing episode of phishing occurred in November 2017 which resulted in a loss of 3868,12 Euro. B. Maillet remarked how similar fraudulent episodes have happened to UEMS bodies and occasionally has even been reimbursed from the bank, although that was not unfortunately the case.

4. Update on Internal Affairs

P. Ricci showed the details of the Repartition Key in use and the most updated data on back-up reviews (3550,00 Euro generated in the first semester of 2017, while the sum related to the second semester was still pending). The complete list of delegates involved in UEMS bodies (MJC, TF, CESMA, EACCME WG) was projected. In addition, P. Ricci explained mechanism and functions of the Advisory Board after having been elected Chair of Grouping III of the Sections in 2017. In addition, the three Chairs could sit in the UEMS Enlarged Executive Committee with advisory capacity. In the framework of the collaboration with EBR – *European Board of Radiology*, P. Ricci, H. Aronen and R. Demuth were members of ACI committees, M. Adriaensen and H.J. Lamb took part in EDiR committees, while M. Adriaensen, H. Aronen, J.P. Joris and A. Montvila - EJD representative - were involved in ETAP 2.0 Working Group, now converted into a Scientific Committee. Finally, J.P. Joris was responsible for the collaboration with ESR on common European Affairs topics and for the Health Policy Platform thematic networks. The updated list had been already included in the last Section's report transmitted for the next Council in Marrakech and F. Tanzi will forward a copy to the delegates.

P. Ricci showed some examples of the most recent promotional activities, including brochures printed by ESR in a new format and at low-cost, booth of the Section offered by ESR during the ECR and the periodical newsletter. Delegates could approach the Secretariat in Brussels for any eventual suggestion or request. The next meetings of interest include Spring Council (Marrakech, April 27-28, 2018), CESMA meeting (London, May 26, 2018), Fall Council (Brussels, October 19-20, 2018) and UEMS Conference on CME-CPD with celebrations of 60th anniversary (Brussels, November 23-24, 2018).

5. UEMS report

B. Maillet presented the milestones of UEMS history, the goals and the internal structure, including functions of NMAs, Boards, Specialist Sections, EACCME and CESMA. UEMS is the oldest and the biggest European umbrella medical organisation. The Sections are the real backbone 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, both with a minimum length of training (4 years). The situation could generate problems and the UEMS, together with the Section, was committed to require the change to Radiology only. Furthermore, the *European Training Requirements* had replaced the so-called Chapter 6's of the UEMS Charter on Post Graduate Training, a new format was elaborated in the UEMS to set those ETRs and, in order to check if the procedure was correctly applied, an ETR Reviewing Committee has been created. P. Ricci is a component of the ETR Reviewing Committee. A very successful meeting with the most relevant European Scientific Societies for each specialty was organised on October 19, 2017 and CME-CPD was the key point of discussion. Regarding the financial aspects, the workflow between bodies and UEMS central office will be increased, keeping uniform reporting and documentation standards and history of all transactions on-line (Centralised Financial Platform). Standardisation of processes and use of the same templates will save time, make information available immediately and ensure consistency.

6. UEMS-EACCME activities

F. Tanzi made a summary of EACCME core activities, evolution, updated facts and figures, including some of the outcomes of the last Advisory Council on CME-CPD, held in Brussels on January 13, 2018. Relevant aspects of EACCME 2.0 included shortened procedures with quality preserved through a faster path for Trusted Providers, an ameliorated user-friendly platform and the recognition of new forms of professional activities and CME criteria. Since January 2017, the Section had been represented in EACCME thematic Working Groups on *Expansion of recognition of professional qualifications* and on *Collaboration with other healthcare professionals*. In the latter case, as reported during the last Advisory Council, EACCME will

consider supporting accreditations for healthcare professionals other than medical specialists keeping its own name – trademark of the UEMS - and only in collaboration with their respective professional bodies, with a special focus on General Practitioners.

7. Interventional Radiology Division updates

J.A. Reekers illustrated the activities of the Division of Interventional Radiology, the composition of the Executive Bureau and the contact details of the Secretariat, managed by CIRSE in Vienna. The Division was particularly committed to the organisation of EBIR - *European Board of Interventional Radiology*, an internationally recognised examination which achieved CESMA appraisal in March 2017. Moreover, a review of the mandate of delegates was in the process through the collaboration with the parent Section.

8. Neuroradiology Division updates

M. Szaśiadek illustrated the agenda of the last meeting of the NR Division, held in Vienna on March 01, 2018, which was marked by the approval of the *Standards of Practice in Interventional Neuroradiology* in the last amended version. That specific point will be further discussed below. In addition, a discussion on the *Training Curriculum in Interventional Neuroradiology* took place: an amended version of the Training Curriculum was under revision of ESNR, with involvement of ESMINT representatives in the preparation of the document. A final version aiming at reaching consensus could be hopefully presented to the Division and to the Section in the course of summer/autumn 2018. M. Szaśiadek also informed EBNR examinations were about to achieve CESMA appraisal as the final report was recently finalised through the support of P. Ricci and of the Section. The future website of the Division was illustrated to the delegates, as the Division could benefit from ESR grant for a new website of the Section. The Division will keep an autonomous website and will be responsible for its own content, although a visible link with the Section and UEMS websites will be realised.

9. Endorsement of the SoP in INR

After unanimous approval within the NR Division, the Section was asked to endorse the *Standards of Practice in Interventional Neuroradiology*, as further endorsement from the Council would not be possible for that kind of document. The delegates of the Section approved the document unanimously.

10. Report on collaboration between ESR and UEMS

P. M. Parizel expressed profound satisfaction for the excellent and mutually constructive relationship between ESR and UEMS, highlighted for instance in EDiR – *European Diploma in Radiology*, which has been fully endorsed by UEMS and received CESMA appraisal in 2015. In 2016, the EBR - *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. The position of ACI and ETAP Scientific Director were made open on alternate basis to representatives of the Section and of EBR, with a bi-annual mandate. In addition, P. Ricci was made UEMS observer in EBR Shareholders Board and H.J. Lamb in EDiR Scientific Board. To further mark the close relationship and the main similarities between the two organisations, a well-attended Joint Session was dedicated during ECR.

11. Update on the UEMS-EBR agreement

11a. Accreditation Council in Imaging

V. Iranzo presented the last facts and figures on the ACI – Accreditation Council in Imaging: 329 applications have been received as of February 23, 2018 and 300 events accredited. The ACI acted as a facilitator between the providers and the EACCME, contributing – together with the Section – to make hear the radiologist voice in Europe. Radiology was the second medical specialty with the highest number of UEMS accredited events after Oncology. Top five providers included ESOR (*European School of Radiology*), ESGAR (*European Society Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology*), ESMRMB (*European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology*), CIRSE (*Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society in Europe*) and IDKD (*Foundation for the Advancement of Education in Medical Radiology*). The increase in accreditation of E-learning materials (ELM) will be one of the main future goals.

11b. European Diploma in Radiology

M. Adriaensen and H.J. Lamb gave a presentation on the EDiR, illustrating the continuous increase in the number of candidates. Over 2000 candidates have taken the EDiR since 2011, an increase of 65% has been registered from 2016 to 2017 and 1000 places have been offered to candidates in 2018. The pass rate was 70%. Since EDiR was recognised as a UEMS examination, examiners involved in EDiR will be granted 2 ECMECS per examination. The exam was structured in three parts: Multiple Response Questions, Short Cases and Clinically Oriented Reasoning Evaluation. Some European countries (e.g. Finland) were recognizing EDiR as equivalent to some modules of their national examinations.

11c. ETAP Project 2.0

H. Aronen summarised the long history of ETAP – *European Training Assessment Programme*, which was started in 2001 as the first example of collaboration between the Section and the ESR. The new amended version - ETAP 2.0 – was transformed into a partnership with EBR and turned physical assessment into a virtual project, with aim of being recognised as Certificate of Excellence for training centres. The steps to achieve the certification were: evaluation of the documentation, video & report, on-line interviews with the Head of Radiology Department, tutors of the residents, residents and different radiologists. Three levels of certification could be achieved: silver, gold and platinum according to the results of assessment performed by the designated assessor and co-assessors.

P. Ricci explained the details of the new agreement between Section and EBR: duration was valid for a period of one year, automatically renewable for one more year; fees for the ETAP Assessment and Certification amounted to 950,00 Euro for institutions from ESR Institutional member societies countries and 1.500,00 Euro for ESR Associate Institutional member societies countries. Consequently, the Section had no costs and will achieve a variable income in the future.

11d. ETAP 2.0 platform and promotional video

ETAP 2.0 platform on EBR website was explained by V. Iranzo, and a promotional video of ETAP 2.0 was projected. Visitors of the last ECR could receive information on ACI, EDiR and ETAP activities in a dedicated airstream.

12. Update on the cooperation with ESR

12a. ESR-UEMS Leadership Meeting 2018

P. Ricci summarised the main points of the last ESR-UEMS Leadership Meeting, held in Vienna on March 01, 2018. The most relevant topics already highlighted in the Joint Session were later re-discussed in the Leadership Meeting, during which the ETAP 2.0 was signed by both parties.

12b. ESR - EU Health Policy Platform

J.P. Joris reported on his activity as special representative of the UEMS for the most relevant meetings, webinars and thematic networks appeared on the Health Policy Platform, in collaboration with the ESR *European & International Affairs* department. Topics of mutual interest included Data Protection regulation, Professional Qualifications directive and ESR-led *Thematic Network on Medical Training & Professional Development for patient safety* which has been endorsed by the Section. Goals of that collaboration were to raise awareness of importance of harmonisation in medical education, increase safety in medical practice, highlight the importance of CME for high-quality healthcare utilising the latest research & technology and propose concrete actions in the area of education and training on the basis of existing EU policies.

12c. New website

A. Stipsits illustrated the details of the ESR grant for the layout, hosting and maintenance of the website of the Section. The initial offer was presented in December 2016, it was discussed during the two previous meeting of the Section and it was finally revised by UEMS Executive and lawyers to ensure the Section will enjoy full autonomy over the contents published. Final agreement was signed in January 2018 and, after an internal preparatory meeting, release of the new website was planned for mid-April 2018. The Neuroradiology Division has been included

in the grant, while the Interventional Radiology Division will maintain its website administered by CIRSE. The website will be offered free-of-charge under the form of a donation in kind, UEMS will be solely responsible for content and source codes will be provided to UEMS. P. Ricci wished to thank ESR for the generous offer.

12d. ESR Ultrasound WG best practice recommendations

C. Nyhsen presented the best practices in Infection Prevention and Control in Ultrasound, on behalf of the ESR Ultrasound Working Group. The WG hoped to raise awareness on infection prevention across Europe and to contribute to the highest standards of patient safety. Those best practices were based on a previous survey distributed in 2015 to all 22.000,00 ESR full members. The Section endorsed those recommendations and P. Ricci will enquire with the UEMS Executive about further possibility of endorsement and visibility.

13. Matters arising

No specific matters arising from the floor.

14. Date and time of next meeting

Although Rome was highly appreciated as location for the Fall Meeting, P. Ricci proposed to decide time and venue in the upcoming weeks through a survey among the delegates.

Closure of the meeting at 15:30.

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