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Dear Delegates,

please find your copy of the periodical Newsletter of the Section, this time mostly focused on the outcomes of the last UEMS Fall meetings, in particular the meeting of the Section in Rome, the meetings of the internal Divisions and the Plenary Council in Brussels. In addition, you could also find some useful information on the incoming ECR 2019 and your free registration. Finally, a brief summary on two relevant EU topics.

On behalf of Prof. Paolo Ricci and of the Executive Bureau, I would like to thank you once again for your support to the life of the Section!

With warmest regards,

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UEMS Group photo - Brussels, October 2018

Meeting of the Section (Rome, October 06, 2018)

The meeting – hosted by Prof. Paolo Ricci on October 06, 2018 in his radiology department at the Policlinico Umberto I – has seen a good number of participants, both in person or represented by proxy. Two guest speakers joined the meeting: Dr. Bernard Maillet (UEMS Treasurer) and Prof. Lorenzo E. Derchi (ESR President).

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Internal affairs:

- The current UEMS Repartition Key adopted to calculate the annual fees and based on the criteria of Gross Domestic Product, population and number of medical specialists will be maintained. The delegates have agreed to keep the expected annual budget for 2019 to € 20.000, subject to future revisions, also in consideration of the UEMS Management Fee.
- The Section has completed the process of mandate review started in late 2017 with an aim to verify the letters of appointment for all national delegates. The review has been extended to the Divisions as well. Newly appointed delegates are kindly requested to transmit their letters of appointment to the Secretariat or to the UEMS Brussels office.

EACCME-ACI:

- Activities, facts and figures of the EACCME - *European Accreditation Council for CME* - have been presented at the meeting. The ACI - *Accreditation Council in Imaging* - is a strong partner of the EACCME and is currently proposing a revision of the webinars concept, since this format has a growing popularity, and it could be quite positive for the Specialty Boards to increase it, facilitating its accreditation to the providers and avoiding to lose its potential profit.

External Affairs:

- The European Training Requirements in Radiology (ETRs), based on the latest edition of the European Training Curriculum for Radiology, level I-II were approved by majority vote. The Curriculum is the product of the cooperation between Section and ESR Education Committee. The ETRs have been presented to the UEMS Council for endorsement.

Report from IR Division:

- A lengthy process of review of delegates' mandates has been performed by the IR Division in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Section.
- The Division has a new Executive Bureau, elected in Lisbon on September 25, 2018: Prof. Michael J. Lee is the new President, Prof. Jim A. Reekers has been elected as Secretary and Dr. Anthony Ryan is the new Treasurer.

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Report from NR Division:

- After reaching a consensus document on the Standards of Practice in INR (March 2018), the Training Curriculum, resulting in over three years of negotiations between the two internal Divisions and the different scientific societies involved, is currently under scrutiny.
- Dr. Francesca B. Pizzini - Secretary of the Division - is developing a set of Guidelines for training Charter in Advanced MR techniques (Functional NeuroImaging, FNI), in order to provide a clinical training in Advanced Imaging and to offer a Certificate of Added Qualification - CAQ, approved in the future by EBNR, ESNR & UEMS, with potential CESMA appraisal.

Outcomes of UEMS Fall Council

The last UEMS Fall Council was held in Brussels on October 19-20, 2018. The Radiology Section was represented by Prof. Paolo Ricci and Dr. Francesca B. Pizzini with the support of Mr. Francesco Tanzi. The meeting of Grouping III of the Specialist Sections and the Advisory Board took place before the Council session. In the next pages, you will find summarised the most significant outcomes of this important edition of the UEMS Council.

Endorsement of the ETR in Radiology: Defended by Prof. Ricci, the ETRs in Radiology for 2018 have been approved by the Council on October 20, 2018 by a majority vote. The complete list of ETRs is available on the UEMS website:

<https://www.uems.eu/areas-of-expertise/postgraduate-training/european-standards-in-medical-training>

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Prof. P. Ricci (Chair Grouping III) and Prof. R. Gans (Chair Grouping I)

UEMS Management Fee

The UEMS is now a big-size Belgian Not-for-Profit organisation and - as the activity has grown - the resources in staff and materials needed to deliver this activity have also grown. Consequently, a new management fee will be made applicable to all the internal bodies, as necessary to cover central administration costs and VAT processing, in compliance with Belgian fiscal regulations. In the recent past, Sections have been asked to express their opinion and choose among five different calculations of the fee: based on resources, based on number of transactions or a set of combinations of the two factors (2/3, 1/2, 1/3). The Radiology Section has opted for option II, while the Neuroradiology Division was in favour of option I. The Chairs of the Groupings addressed a common letter to UEMS bodies to reach a mediation between the different needs, taken into consideration that the internal bodies have a diverse range financial situations, some have turn-overs of <5,000€ others >100,000€. It has been considered important to implement

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the principal of individual responsibility and attribute the administrative cost for the UEMS office to the body which had generated it.

At the meeting of the Advisory Board on October 19, 2018 it was agreed by an overwhelming majority of delegates that the best way to distribute the costs of the administration platform and other administrative and tax expenses is to calculate it as a percentage levy on UEMS bodies' income. A levy on income would be easier for UEMS bodies to set aside and would be a fairer way to share the cost across diverse UEMS bodies. Future revision will be most likely granted after a trial period.

The Executive has agreed that UEMS bodies will pay the expenses one year in arrears, which means in 2019 the Section will be paying the contribution calculated for 2018. The exact total of contributions due in 2019 will be based on costs of the administration platform and the amount of non-deductible VAT during 2018. We estimate the levy percentage will be in 7-8% range and the exact sum will be calculated in January 2019.

UEMS bodies will be asked to pay in 3 instalments, Spring, Summer and Autumn (by the end of March, June & September): however, it would be very helpful if any UEMS body with sufficient funds could pay in a single instalment in the first quarter of 2019 as the UEMS office finances operate with a minimal reserve only and implementation of the administration platform will involve extra costs, particularly at the end of 2018 and beginning of 2019.

Cloud Administration Platform and funds reserve policy

A centralised financial platform (cloud) - already tested by some pilot Sections - will become operative in a short time and treasurers will receive adequate training before the end of 2018. In a near future, centralised accounting and administration procedures will conduct the UEMS to a more professional and harmonised level, with improved stream of financial information and uniform reporting and history of transactions.

In addition, B. Maillet illustrated the concept of "Reserve Policy" for funds stored on UEMS bank accounts. Since Belgian tax authorities are particularly strict with large Non-for-profit organisations, any fund on UEMS bank accounts in Brussels should have a clearly documented and traceable scope. Section funds without an immediate goal could be legally stocked as a future reserve, providing adequate documentation. Grouping III

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will likely design a common reserve policy at the following meeting, after receiving further input from the UEMS office and accountants at the end of this year.

UEMS Honours

Dr. Z. Goldik (silver badge of honour)

Dr. A. Rys - European Commission DG SANTE (gold badge of honour)

Dr. Y. Reisman (silver decoration of honour)

Dr. H.P. Ulrich (silver decoration of honour)

Dr. D. Williams (silver decoration of honour)

Dr. J. Gruwez (gold decoration of honour)

Dr. R. Kirschner (gold decoration of honour)

Dr. C. Twomey (Honorary Membership)



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Constitutional Issues

ETRs for Wound Healing: approved

ETRs in Endocrine Surgery: postponed to the following Council

ETRs in Infection Diseases: approved

ETRs in Transplant Surgery: approved

In addition, application from the TF Wound Healing to become a MJC has been approved
→ The Section of Radiology has appointed Prof. A. Bharadwaz from the Division of Interventional Radiology as representative to this new MJC.

Meeting of Grouping III – Multidisciplinary

On October 19, 2018 Prof. P. Ricci (President) and Prof. T. Griesbacher (Secretary) chaired the meeting of Grouping III of Specialist Sections and Boards, to which Radiology belongs. Public Health Medicine, Laboratory Medicine and several other Sections highlighted the excessive shortness of the ETR submission scheme, in particular for the ETRs which imply cross-border competencies and need to be carefully discussed within the Groupings. Generally, Grouping III highlighted the importance of circulating an ETR draft well before the Council session and collect adequate feedback from the specialties involved, for instance by circulating each ETR twice, one for preliminary discussion and a second time for Council approval.

As regards the constitutional issues, Prof. R. Strohal - President of TF Wound Healing - explained the necessity for the TF Wound Healing to be converted into an MJC in order to produce a standardized curriculum in Europe and for the CME-CPD accreditation of Wound Healing events in Europe. Prof. T. Griesbacher - on his side - informed of the necessity for the Section of Pharmacology to create a European Board, as several national delegations were missing and input from the national professional societies would be of much help for his Section: the proposal has been unanimously approved by the Grouping and the Section of Pharmacology will present the request at the following UEMS Council.

The next meeting of the Grouping will tentatively take place in Brussels, on April 12, 2019.

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ECR 2019 – Save the Date

- **UEMS Advisory Council on CME:** Brussels, January 12, 2019
- **25th European Congress of Radiology:** Vienna, Austria Center, February 27- March 03, 2019. Delegates of the Section and of the internal Divisions have been granted once again free registration. You can download your invitation from MyUserArea on ESR website.
- **ESR-UEMS Joint Session:** February 28, 2019 (08:30-10:00)
- **Meeting of the Neuroradiology Division:** March 01, 2019 (11:00-13:00)
- **Meeting of the Section:** March 02, 2019 (14:00-17:00)



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UEMS Spring Council 2019: Brussels, April 12-13, 2019

UEMS Fall Council 2019: London, October 19-20, 2019

Voices from Brussels:

EU Health Policy Platform annual meeting

The 3rd annual meeting of the EC Health Policy Platform took place in Brussels on November 12, 2018 hosted by DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROWTH) at the presence of Mr. Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety. As a core moment of the event, the winners of the 2018 EU Health Award for NGOs Working to Prevent Tobacco Use were celebrated: 1. *Irish Cancer Society*, 2. *Education against Tobacco*, 3. *Youth Network No Excuse*. The award was a recognition of initiatives by NGOs which have helped achieve higher levels of public health for Europeans through actions aimed at avoiding tobacco use initiation among adolescents and young adults.



An interactive round table on the role of stakeholders in EU Health Policy took place immediately after, with improvements and suggestions being collected on mobile apps in

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real time. In addition, the 2018 cycle of Joint Statements prepared by the HPP Thematic Networks has been presented, specifically:

- Smart Healthy Age-friendly environments
- Societal Impact of Pain
- Stimulating Fresh fruit and vegetable consumption for healthier European consumers

A new cycle of suggested Joint Statements for 2019 is already visible on the platform. The three proposals that will receive most votes will be considered as winners of this poll and might become the Thematic Networks of 2019. The leaders of the selected Thematic Networks will guide the discussion on the platform and interact closely with other stakeholders and the European Commission in the following months. Register on the HPP website, spread the word and participate in this selection: it is an anonymous multiple-choice poll!

ESR statement on the Future of Health in the EU

The ESR - European Society of Radiology welcomed the European Commission's commitment to continue investments in EU health policies under the 2021-2027 *Multiannual Financial Framework* (MFF), adopted on May 02, 2018. With its proposal for a restructured European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) integrating the previously independent EU Health Programme, the Commission reinforces its ambition to increase synergies between policy areas, a step in the right direction that many health stakeholders have been advocating for years.

The proposed integration of the EU Health Programme in the ESF+ takes the form of a dedicated 'health strand', through which the Commission hopes to better align health spending with other policy areas. In total, the European Commission pledged to make available €413 billion for health, a slight decrease in funding for health compared to the current health programme.

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Considering the continued investment in health at the EU level, the ESR supports stakeholder calls to maintain a Directorate-General responsible for health (DG SANTE) in order to ensure that health continues to have equal priority to other policy areas.

In midst of the debate on the future of the EU, stakeholders and the EU institutions are requested more than ever to collaborate to address common challenges in the field of health that cannot be dealt with at member state level alone.

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