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Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Bureau of the Section, please find your copy of the periodical Newsletter. This second issue of 2019 has been almost entirely dedicated to the European Congress of Radiology, the event annually organised by the ESR-European Society of Radiology, which has hosted the Spring meeting of the Section and the meeting of the Division of Neuroradiology. A summary of both meetings is available in the next pages, together with a review of the most significant moments of collaboration between the UEMS and the ESR.



A glimpse of ECR city - Austria Center, Vienna

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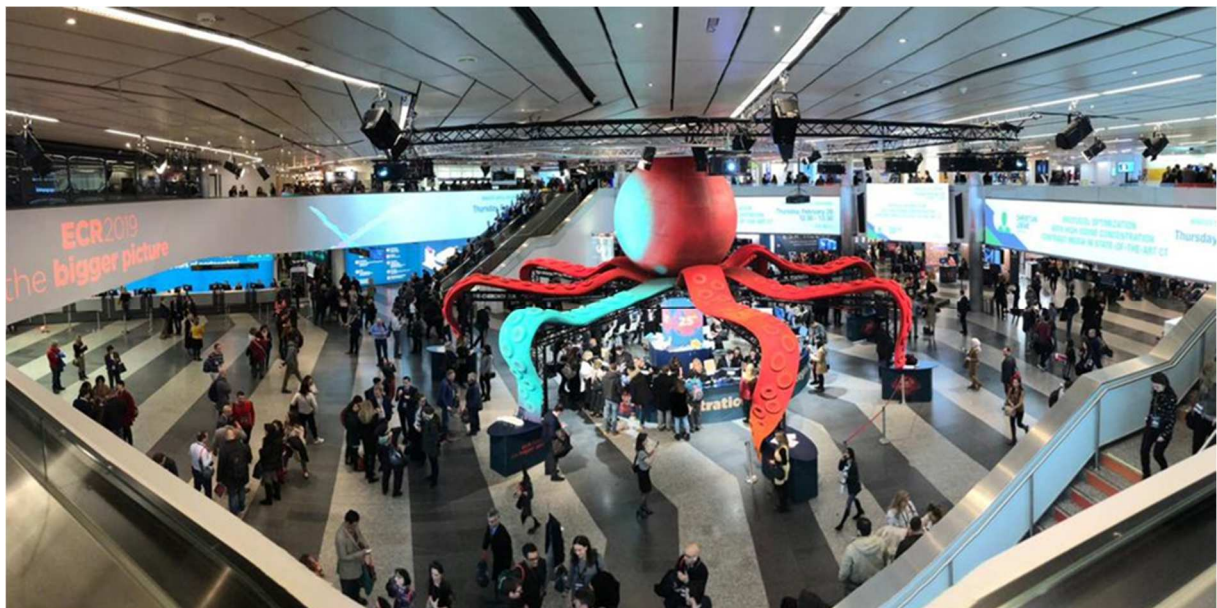
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This edition of the ECR has attracted more than 30.000 visitors and live viewers (Italy, Germany and United Kingdom on the podium), from 133 different countries, and 300 exhibiting companies. We look forward to ECR 2020, dedicated to "A clear Vision for Radiology", while we take the occasion to thank you all for the very high participation in the UEMS meetings. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the ESR for having granted free registration to the delegates of the Section and for the invaluable administrative and logistic support.

With warmest regards,

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The main hall of the Austria Center - Vienna

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Meeting of the Division of Neuroradiology

The meeting of the Division took place in Vienna on March 01, 2019, well attended by delegates and participants from European Scientific Societies. Guests included Prof. Paul M. Parizel - ESR Past President, Prof. Johan Van Goethem - ESNR President, Prof. Naci Kocer - ESNR Chairperson of the Subspeciality Committee Interventional, and Prof. Majda Thurnher - EBNR Chief Executive Officer.

- Prof. Paolo Ricci and Dr. Remy Demuth, from the parent Section of Radiology, informed of the recent financial developments in the UEMS, including the management fee (a fixed levy applicable to UEMS bodies) and the central administrative platform, which will be implemented this year.

- The first outcomes of the recent survey of the Section - dedicated to the situation of Interventional Neuroradiology in Europe - have been presented to delegates. To better tailor the answers and correct some discrepancies, the Secretary of the Division - Dr. Francesca B. Pizzini - will collect further feedback from the delegates in the following days.

- The President of the Division - Prof. Marek Sasiadek - updated on the "Standards for European Training Requirements in Interventional Neuroradiology", a result of the collaboration between the Division, the Section, the Division of Interventional Radiology, ESNR and ESMINT. After having been approved at majority by the delegates, the final version of the charter has been sent to the UEMS ETR Review Committee, in time for the endorsement at the UEMS Council on April 13, 2019. A working group was formed at the last meeting in order to meet tight UEMS deadlines and reach anyway a very high-quality document, taking into consideration some articulated comments received from the UEMS experienced reviewers.

- Having already received some invitations, the Bureau of the Division will communicate date and venue of the Fall Meeting 2019 in due time to the delegates.

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Meeting of the Section

The meeting of the Section took place in Vienna, on Saturday, March 02, 2019, well attended by delegates, Board members of the two internal Divisions, and representatives of the UEMS (Dr. Bernard Maillet) and ESR (Prof. Paul M. Parizel). Some important items have been discussed and voted, as follows:

- Delegates approved to keep the annual budget to current level (€ 20.000,00) and maintain the UEMS repartition key, based on Gross Domestic Product, population and number of specialists. As happening with all the other UEMS internal bodies, a Management Fee will be collected in the course of 2019. Exact percentage of the levy to be communicated by UEMS office in the incoming weeks.
- Dr. Bernard Maillet informed some of the main financial goals of the UEMS are to improve the workflow between central office and internal bodies, to keep uniform reporting history of transactions and to standardize the overall process, ensuring financial information will be made available on a centralised platform 24/7.
- Prof. Paolo Ricci updated on the status of ACI's webinar accreditation proposal, aimed at facilitating the process for webinars accreditation for providers and increasing the number of accreditations. The proposal was supported by the Section and very well received by the EACCME office: more information on its finalization will come after the UEMS Spring Council.
- As mentioned above, the "Standards for European Training Requirements in Interventional Neuroradiology" have been approved by the Division of Neuroradiology. The charter was also endorsed by the Section at majority and it is now waiting for Council endorsement. Delegates will be keep duly informed of the status of our application.
- ESR Past-President - Prof. P. M. Parizel - remarked the collaborative climate built by the UEMS and the ESR in the last years. The ESR, which - with 101.154 members - has grown to become the largest radiological society in the world, supports the Section of Radiology through a Secretariat and a dedicated office in Brussels, free ECR registration for the delegates, and the maintenance of the Section website. The Section has cooperated with ESR Education Committee to the latest version of the European Training Curriculum (available in English/Spanish), and its representatives sit in EDiR, ACI and ETAP committees.

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- Dr. Chrysa Tziakouri Shiakalli, delegate of Cyprus, informed of the growing use of Ultrasound by non-Radiologists, happening in her native country and elsewhere across the EU in the absence of adequate regulation. To that purpose, the Section has decided to inquire about the creation of a Thematic Federation or a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee, two of the most effective ways to make other UEMS Sections aware and to produce a set of best-practices or standards which can safeguard the professional interests of radiologists. Being Prof. Ricci now a member of the Subcommittee on Ultrasound of the ESR Quality, Safety and Standards Committee, collaboration with the main scientific partner of the Section can also lead to relevant results in the near future.
- Finally, we are pleased to announce that Prof. Ricci has been elected President of the Section for a second term (2019-2023).
- It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Section after the meetings of the Divisions, and in the traditional and much appreciated location of Rome, as happened in the last three years.

ESR-UEMS Joint Session: Imaging professionals in the EU: radiologists without borders

The ESR-UEMS Joint Session was held in Vienna on February 28, 2019. Participation significantly increased from the previous edition, as the format can now attract a regular audience, including trainees and young specialists visiting the European Congress of Radiology. The high number of ESR and UEMS speakers agreed on the important role their two organisations can play in EU affairs, particularly in the field of education/training, with EDiR, ACI and ETAP in foreground. Prof. Carlo Catalano, Chairperson of ESR Education Committee, introduced the revised European Training Curriculum (Level I-II), in particular the new chapter on Medical Imaging Informatics and Artificial Intelligence. The Curriculum represents ESR willingness to promote a 5-year training scheme and a high-level standardized system of radiology education across Europe. Prof. Katrine Riklund - Past Chairperson of ESR Board of Director - stressed the importance of advocacy to influence EU policy processes and raise awareness, considering the fact radiologists are still under represented in EU healthcare decision-making process. Ms. Sabine Berger - European Commission - gave a talk on the recognition of professional qualifications, a topic of extreme importance for the Section in these very last months.

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It must be noted the Commission is not a single actor, as it should always liaise with the Council and Parliament in the so-called *Political Triangle*. Once again, advocacy proofs to be vital for radiologists, because of rapid developments in such a highly specialised sector, the strong need for practical solutions and the necessity of compromise with professional and scientific societies and patient organisations. Finally, Prof. Vassilios Papalois - UEMS Secretary General - remarked the necessity of granting free movement of professionals and patients in the Brexit-scenario, as the inter-dependence of healthcare systems in Europe is a matter of fact, regardless of politics. Furthermore, Prof. Papalois mentioned the challenges of our era, such as the impact of technology (digitalization of healthcare), the necessity of work-life balance and the growing issues caused by an ageing population, meaning the number of vulnerable people in need of healthcare support has skyrocketed in a couple of decades. The Section of Radiology and the ESR are already at work to offer a new and captivating edition of the Joint Session at ECR 2020.

The European Board of Radiology at ECR 2019

The European Board of Radiology (EBR), a branch of ESR dedicated to the harmonisation of radiological standards, cooperates with the Section of Radiology on three major sectors: the accreditation of CME-CPD events, the organisation of European examinations and the assessment of institutions that offer postgraduate radiology education. The ECR has been an ideal showcase for these joint initiatives.

ACI - Accreditation Council in Imaging

In 2015, an agreement was signed between the ACI - Accreditation Council in Imaging - an initiative of the EBR contributing to a unified accreditation system in Europe - and the UEMS EACCME - *European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education*. Four years after, Radiology — together with Oncology and Cardiology — is one of the medical subspecialties with the largest number of applicants: over 500 applications have in fact been received since January 2016. Since the ACI Scientific Director must be appointed on alternate basis from UEMS and EBR side, just after the ECR, Prof. Miloš Lučić has replaced Prof. Paolo Ricci and will guide ACI for the next two years.

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Name of Provider	ELM	LEE
ESOR (European School of Radiology)		77
ESGAR (European Society Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology)		50
TMC Academy (Telemedicine Clinic)	1	38
ESMRMB (European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology)		36
CIRSE (Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society in Europe)	2	34

Top 5 providers of CME in Radiology (updated: February 2019)

As regards the UEMS representatives in the Accreditation Council in Imaging, Dr. Miraude Adriaensen sits in the ACI Policy Committee, chaired by Prof. Christian Loewe, while Prof. Hannu Aronen and Dr. Remy Demuth are part of the ACI Reviewing Committee, chaired by Prof. Paolo Ricci.

EDiR - European Diploma in Radiology

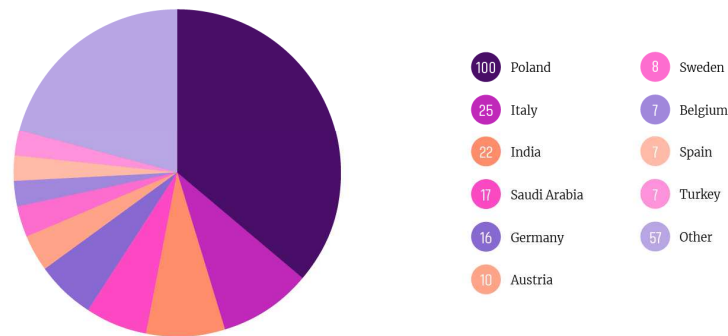
The European Diploma in Radiology has known an exponential growth since 2016, when the new digital platform has been introduced. Reaching full maturity in numbers (+65% from 2016 to 2017), EDiR is now an international benchmark for radiologists and a unique and differential advantage over other candidates for a job or fellowship in Europe. Over 800 candidates have taken the examination in 2018 and 865 places will be offered for 2019. EDiR is recognised as an equivalent of the Polish exit training examination, the first part of the Turkish board examination and the image interpretation part of the Finnish national examination. Moreover, in order to practice radiology in the Netherlands, trainees must either pass their national board examination or the EDiR. It has significant value in many other countries, also beyond Europe. It has been fully endorsed by the Section of Radiology and has received the CESMA appraisal in 2015. Endorsed by Council, EDiR is a UEMS examination and examiners involved in EDiR will be granted 2 ECMECS per examination. Prof. Hildo Lamb is UEMS observer in EDiR Scientific Board, and Dr. Miraude Adriaensen in the EDiR Standards Committee.

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Candidates



Provenance of EDiR candidates (updated: February 2019)

The examination consists of three parts: Multiple Response Questions (MRQs), Short Cases (SCs) and the Clinically Oriented Reasoning Evaluation (CORE). The committees that form the EDiR Scientific Board follow a structured workflow to prepare each examination, ensuring an adequate peer review system for quality assurance. Scoring system includes a pass mark in every part and a special score "Unsafe", applicable in the CORE part, when the examiner considered the candidate to behave unsafely when managing the patient. Candidates with "Unsafe" score have to be discussed after the examination. As regards the learning materials, the brand-new EDiR app, the eBook and a blog will help candidates succeed in the EDiR examination!

ETAP - European Training Assessment Programme 2.0

The European Training Assessment Programme (ETAP 2.0) is an equally represented partnership between the European Board of Radiology and the Section of Radiology, with the aim of assessing and harmonising the radiology training department programmes in Europe. Originally established in 2001 as the oldest joint initiative between the EAR (European Association of Radiology) and the Section, the revised version ETAP 2.0, which has turned physical assessment visits into virtual assessment, has been launched in March 2018. It is strongly linked with the European Diploma of Radiology, as they both favour

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the standardization of the European training and contribute to increase the quality of training across Europe. Steps for certification include the evaluation of documentation, a video and report of centre facilities/equipment and online interviews with the head of the radiology department, tutors of the residents, residents and different radiologists. Centres are granted the Silver, Gold or Platinum certificate according to the assessment performed by the designated assessor and co-assessors. Certificates are valid for a period of 5 years, subject to renewal. University Hospital Basel, King's College Hospital of London and Hospital Clínic Barcelona have already been certified.

In order to support an increasing number of assessments, the ETAP team - composed of an equal number of members from UEMS and EBR - has expanded, with Prof. István Battyáni, Prof. Hermann Helmberger and Dr. Jeannette Kraft joining Prof. Hannu Aronen and Dr. Jean-Paul Joris as UEMS assessors. On EBR side, Dr. Oğuz Dicle, Dr. Vande Velde Koen, Prof. Laura Oleaga, Dr. Panos K. Prassopoulos and Dr. Francesca B. Pizzini (also Secretary of the Division of Neuroradiology) are part of the team. Two representatives of trainee organisations have an advisory role in ETAP 2.0: Dr. Antanas Montvila (European Junior Doctors) as UEMS member and Dr. Paloma Largo Flores (ESR Radiology Trainees Forum Subcommittee) on behalf of the EBR.



University Hospital Basel was certified with the platinum level of excellence two months after application.

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Save the date

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

UEMS CESMA meeting: Nice, May 31-June 01, 2019

Meeting of the Division of Interventional Radiology: Barcelona, CIRSE Annual Congress

Meeting of the Division of Neuroradiology: tbd

UEMS Fall Council: London, October 18-19, 2019

UEMS CESMA meeting: Tel Aviv - December 06-07, 2019

ECR 2020: Vienna, March 11 - 15, 2020

Voices from Brussels: a visit to DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

On February 01, 2019, Prof. Paolo Ricci and Dr. Jean-Paul Joris visited the headquarters of DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs in Brussels and met with Mr. Bernhard Zaglmayer - Legal Expert of the European Commission. Ms. Marianne Chagnon - UEMS EU Policy Officer, Mr. Jonas Van Riet - ESR EU & International Affairs department, and Mr. Francesco Tanzi - Secretariat of the Section - also took part in that meeting, which has been the occasion to inquire about the future revision plans of the Professional Qualification Directive.

With the aim to facilitate and enhance the mobility of professionals across the EU and to help alleviate staff shortages in some Member States, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted Directive 2013/55/EU, amending Directive 2005/36/EC. It was implemented in January 2016. The recognition of professional qualifications laid down in Directive 2005/36/EC enables the free movement of professionals - including doctors (general practitioners and specialists) - within the EU. On the contrary, the Directive does not apply to professions for which the recognition of professional qualifications is governed by specific legal provisions.

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Directive 2005/36/EC sets the rules for:

- temporary mobility: it allows professionals to work in another EU country on the basis of a declaration made in advance.
- establishment in another EU country: the directive lays down rules for professionals who want to establish themselves as an employed/self employed person, on a permanent basis and in a country where they did not obtain their professional qualification.
- system of recognition of qualifications: three levels of recognition are provided (automatic recognition, general system and recognition on the basis of professional experience). Automatic recognition is granted to professions with harmonised minimum training conditions, including doctors, pharmacists, nurses and midwives.
- knowledge of languages and professional academic titles.

Towards a possible revision of Annex V of Directive 2005/36/CE?

The UEMS has now been working for years on updating the Annex V of Directive 2005/36/CE, and - in 2016 - a general consultation was launched among all UEMS Bodies to ask what they would change in the Directive. For the Section of Radiology, two aspects are of utmost importance, the name of the specialty and the duration of training.

Following the meeting the Section of Radiology had in February 2019, it was explained the Commission only has "delegated powers" on this: they can make the changes as long as they are properly documented and justified by supporting documentation, showing for instance that this is now the status-quo in the majority of EU Member States. The European Commission will therefore consult with the European Council and the European Parliament for implementing the changes, a merely "political" process, not really in the hands of the medical profession. For this procedure to be successful, it therefore needs to show that there is strong support at national level (e.g. Ministries of Health), in particular through advocacy with UEMS National Member Associations.

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As already happened in 2016, the Section of Radiology, supported by the scientific societies, proposes to the Commission that:

1. The Specialty must be appointed as *Radiology* instead of *Diagnostic Radiology*, as already recognised in the majority of member states and as a way to include all branches of radiological diagnostics.
2. The minimum period of training must be increased from 4 to 5 years, in line with the European Training Requirements endorsed by the Section and the Council in 2018, to ensure high quality services and patient safety.

Discover more on the Professional Qualification Directive:

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/services/free-movement_professionals/qualifications-recognition_en

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