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Dear Delegates,

On behalf of Prof. Paolo Ricci and of the Executive Bureau of the Section, please find this issue of the periodical Newsletter. This edition has been almost entirely dedicated to the outcomes of the Meetings of the Section and of the Neuroradiology Division in Rome, but also to the last Council meeting in London (preceded by the Groupings and the Advisory Board), which is always of utmost importance for the UEMS and the Radiology specialty.



A night view of Rome - venue of the last meeting of the Section

With warmest regards,
Francesco

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Meeting of the Section

The meeting of the Section was held in Rome, at the Department of Radiology of the Policlinico Umberto I, on Saturday, September 28, 2019. It has been a well-attended and comprehensive meeting, which has seen the participation of Dr. B. Maillet - UEMS Treasurer, Prof. L. E. Derchi, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the ESR/European Society of Radiology, Prof. J. V. Goethem - ESNR President, A. Ryan, Treasurer of IR Division, the Bureau of the NR Division, V. Iranzo - Executive Manager of the European Board of Radiology, M. Hierath - Director of ESR European & International Affairs department - and a delegation of the European Junior Doctors. After the financial report and the internal affairs, two recent surveys on Interventional Neuroradiology and CME-CPD have been presented. A third international survey on the Radiology Workforce in Europe is under preparation. Alongside the reports of the two Divisions, the partnership projects conducted with the European Society of Radiology and the European Board of Radiology were described into detail. To conclude this short summary (detailed information and supporting documents are available in the reserved area of the Section website), we should mention the important topic of the use of Ultrasound by other Specialists. A short survey distributed before the meeting has demonstrated the necessity for training and certification in Europe, including some guidelines for the training of non-Radiologists in Ultrasound performance, limited to their field of expertise. The Section will advocate for specific legislation and board certification in Ultrasound method and competence required by law. As suggested by Dr. C. Tziakouri - who collected the outcomes of the survey and reported on the risks of unregulated Ultrasound performance - it is suggested at least one year of practice for subspecialties, because - considering the subjective nature of Ultrasounds - credibility relies on the medical adequacy of the examiner. The Section aims for mutual collaboration with European Scientific Societies (as it is already happening with the ESR Subcommittee on Ultrasound), but it was also decided to proceed at UEMS internal level with the request of creation of a Thematic Federation.

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Meeting of the NR Division

The meeting of the Division was held alongside the meeting of the parent Section, chaired by Prof. Marek Szaśiadek, assisted by Dr. Francesca B. Pizzini and Prof. Gerhard Schroth. It has been possible to reach the quorum through multiple proxies. One of the most important items to have been discussed during this meeting was the European Training Curriculum in Interventional Neuroradiology, recently endorsed by the UEMS and already considered a milestone in the history of European Neuroradiology. It will be published on two of the most notable European journals in the field: "Neuroradiology" (official ESNR Journal) and "Journal of NeuroInterventional Surgery" (official ESMINT Journal). Moreover, Dr. Pizzini updated the delegates on the submission of the Advanced NeuroImaging (ANI) proposal to the ESMRMB Board and Educational & Workshop Committee. The Division will seek for ESNR and ESMRMB support on a prospective new Neuroradiology Curriculum on ANI. To conclude, Prof. Szaśiadek presented the new proposal of the Division to work on some Standards of Practice and Training in Neuropediatrics and to form a working group composed of UEMS delegates and ESNR experts.

Meeting of Grouping III – Multidisciplinary

The meeting of Grouping III of the UEMS Specialist Sections was held in London on October 18, 2019, chaired by Prof. Paolo Ricci with the assistance of Prof. Thomas Griesbacher (Secretary), and a very high participation of Sections. The main outcomes have been:

- Group discussion on the ETRs pertaining to the Sections involved; the ETRs for Pathology, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Radiation Oncology and Radiotherapy have been endorsed by the Grouping.
- Discussion on financial aspects, Management Fee and accounting. Each internal body has been required to make a budget and a financial plan, and to store resources for future needs; the Internal Fund can also be used by Sections like Radiology which have contributed to its creation in the past. Sections have been required to comply with the obligations related to the Management Fee by December 01, 2019 at the latest. A new

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interactive administrative platform will soon be implemented, and financial documents will be uploaded directly by Treasurers: it will come to an additional cost shared among the internal bodies.

Meeting of the Advisory Board

The meeting of the Advisory Board took place in London on October 18, 2019, straight after the meetings of the Groupings, chaired by Prof. R. Gans. As per UEMS recent rules, only the Sections are allowed to cast a vote during the Advisory Board, with exclusion of NMAs and of other multidisciplinary bodies (MJC, TF). In April 2019, it has been decided the ETRs should be necessarily discussed during both meetings (Advisory Board and Council meeting), otherwise they will be dropped from the agenda. The Advisory Board has expressed a preliminary opinion on the following European Training Requirements:

- ETRs in Paediatric Urology: not discussed as the Section was not present
- ETRs for Allergology: approved
- ETRs for Pathology: approved
- ETRs for Paediatric Emergency Medicine: unanimously approved
- ETRs in Radiation Oncology and Radiotherapy: unanimously approved
- ETRs for Sports Medicine: unanimously approved

As regards the constitutional issues, the activities of the MJC in Adolescent Medicine have been presented: unfortunately, only a minority of European countries have a specific training in this field. Dr. Jeannette Kraft is the representative of our Section in this MJC. Furthermore, it was informed the MJC in Immune Mediated Disease, first created in 2005, has been reactivated and ready to start its activities: candidacies can be addressed to the Secretariat of the Section.

As pertains to the 4 UEMS Working Groups (dedicated to Quality of Patient Care, E-health, CME-CPD and Postgraduate Medical Specialist Training), their periodical reports of activities have been examined. Since the Working Groups seem not to have reach significant goals (mainly due to the very limited time for meetings), several Sections have proposed to intensify the number of virtual meetings and teleconferences, to assign a budget (calculated according to the Repartition Key) and to attribute a clear and well

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defined task, which has to be achieved within three years. We will follow-up this proposal at the next Council in Spring 2020.

Fall Council Meeting 2019



The UEMS Spring Council took place in London, hosted by the British Medical Association at the historical BMA House in Tavistock Square, on Saturday, October 19, 2019. The Section has been represented by Prof. Paolo Ricci, Dr. Jean-Paul Joris and the British delegate, Dr. Amy Lecomte. This Council meeting has been marked by the election of UEMS Enlarged Executive for 2020-2024, the traditional UEMS awards ceremony and the approval of a new set of European Training Requirements. In addition, an important agreement with the National Accreditation Body of Slovakia has been signed, and a timeslot was assigned to the Arab Board of Health Specializations in Iraq (an Observer member) to present their activities.

Elected Chairs

President: **Prof. Vassilios Papalois** (United Kingdom/Greece)

Secretary General: **Dr. João Grenho** (Portugal)

Treasurer: **Dr. Othmar Haas** (Austria)

Liaison Officer: **Prof. Romuald Krajewski** (Poland)

Vice-Presidents: **Prof. Nada Cikes** (Croatia), **Dr. Marc Hermans** (Belgium), **Dr. Tomas Cobo** (Spain), **Dr. Andreas Papandroudakis** (Greece).

The Section of Radiology congratulates the newly elected Chairs of the UEMS!

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European Training Requirements

Training Requirements in Paediatric Urology: *not presented at the Advisory Board*

Training Requirements for Allergology: *adopted*

Training Requirements for Pathology: *adopted*

Training Requirements for Paediatric Emergency Medicine (first presented at the Spring Council 2019): *adopted*

Training Requirements in Radiation Oncology and Radiotherapy: *unanimously adopted*

Training Requirements for Sports Medicine: *adopted*

UEMS Awards

Silver decorations of honour have been conferred to: J. Cannata-Andia, J. Mineiro, M. Zampolini, J. Ramet (ad memoriam). Gold decorations of honour have been conferred to: J. Albert, I. Barrison, D. Bax, N. Christodoulou, G. B. Parigi, A. Rowland. The decoration of honour in gold or in silver of the UEMS is an extraordinary honour, granted to a medical doctor, who is adjudged to have made extraordinary contributions to the work and development of UEMS or in recognition of outstanding achievements for the benefit of the medical profession.

European Affairs and projects

It has been decided to significantly increase the UEMS presence at EU level, as to cast a stronger voice in Europe together with the main partner organisations like CPME, FEMS, EJD and EMSA. This future strategy should not be limited to a permanent presence at top-level meetings hold in Brussels, but also to the participation in grants and funding programmes for research and innovation, such as Horizon Europe. Although the Sections cannot play a direct role in these projects (only the Executive can represent the UEMS and sign agreements with third parties), they are welcome to suggest any topics of interest. As an example, the UEMS has recently taken part as a stakeholder in AMR Network (Antimicrobial Resistance), EU Joint Force on Healthcare Workforce, Coalition for Vaccination. We also wish to remind the Section of Radiology often collaborates with the European & International Affairs department of the European Society of Radiology,

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to cover the most relevant EU dossiers and join forces on the protection of the professional interests of radiologists and high quality of training. On November 06, 2019 - for instance - the European Society of Radiology, the European Respiratory Society and Lung Cancer Europe are hosting a breakfast roundtable at the European Parliament to discuss lung cancer's role in the European Commission's ambition to draw up the 'Europe's Beating Cancer Plan' to support cancer prevention and care.

Save the date

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

UEMS Advisory Council on CME-CPD: Brussels, 11 January 2020

UEMS Conference on CME-CPD: Sevilla, March 06-07, 2020

ECR 2020, "A Clear Vision for Radiology": Vienna, March 11 - 15, 2020



ESR-UEMS Joint Session
"Visibility of imaging professionals in the EU": March 12, 2020
alongside ECR 2020.

Spring Meetings of Section and NR Division: both meetings will be scheduled during ECR 2020. Stay tuned for the precise date!

UEMS Spring Council 2020: Brussels, April 24-25, 2020

UEMS Fall Council 2020: Limassol, October 16-17, 2020

UEMS Spring Council 2021: Brussels, April 16-17, 2021 (to be confirmed)

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Updates on CME-CPD and EACCME

UEMS Conference on CME-CPD

The 5th UEMS Conference on CME-CPD will be held on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March 2020 at the *Hotel Sevilla Melia*, Dr. Pedro de Castro 1, Sevilla (Spain).



Early registration fee (till 31st December 2019): 500,00 € (VAT included)

Late registration fee (from 1st January 2020): 650,00 € (VAT included)

The registration fee includes lunch/coffee breaks and any printed material relating to the two-day meeting. If you wish to attend the UEMS Conference, please register via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.nl/e/5th-uems-conference-on-cme-cpd-in-europe-registration-63102118134>

UEMS Working Group on CME-CPD

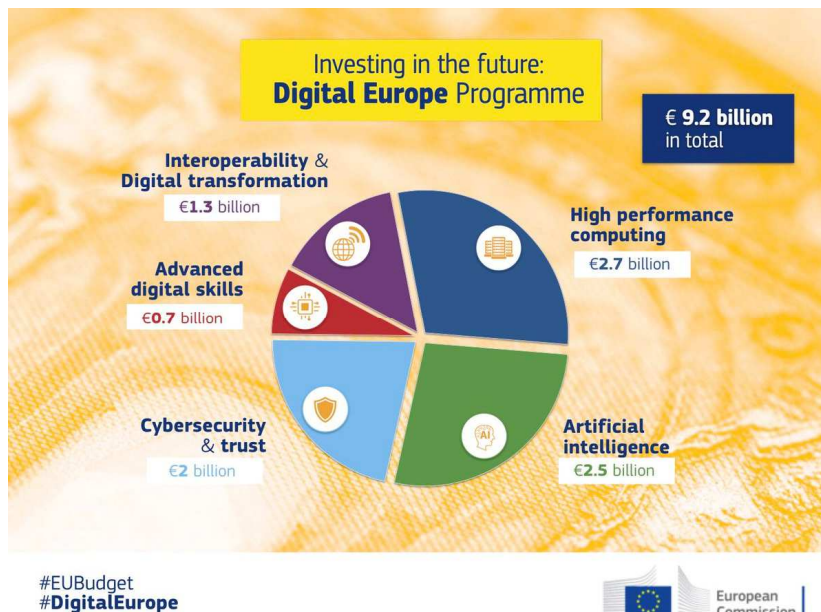
In the last months, the Working Group on CME-CPD has contributed to create a "conflict of interest" form which will be used by the EACCME office and another important item in progress is the recognition of professional qualifications. A third issue is the increasing collaboration with the organisations representing other healthcare professionals (radiographers, pharmacists, nurses etc); in the latter case, the process is running very smoothly and EACCME is transferring its vast experience. In any case, the EACCME will not become in charge of the accreditation of their specific events and credits. Some participants in the last meeting suggested to consider, for the calculation of EACCME fees, not only the number of participants, but also the length of the educational event. New EACCME Working Groups will soon enter into force and their strategic plans will be presented at the next UEMS Conference on CME-CPD. Concerning the European Affairs,

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the Professional Qualification Directive will be renewed in 2020, and that is not only of utmost importance for the specialty definition and duration of training (Annex V), but also in the field of CME-CPD. Article 22 - in fact - specifies the duties of health professionals and has an impact on continuing medical education. Finally, it has been informed the UEMS is actively collaborating with the AMEE - An International Association for Medical Education, a worldwide charity organisation with members in 90 countries on five continents and leader in the field of medical education. Closer collaboration between the boards of the two organisations is expected in the next months.

Voices from Brussels: Digital Europe

As part of the next long-term EU budget - the Multiannual Financial Framework - the Commission has proposed Digital Europe, a programme focused on building the strategic digital capacities of the EU and on facilitating the wide deployment of digital technologies. With a planned overall budget of €9.2 billion, it will shape and support the digital transformation of Europe's society and economy.



Digital Europe will complement other EU programmes, such as the proposed Horizon Europe programme for research and innovation, as well as the Connecting Europe Facility for digital infrastructure.

The programme aims to bring direct investment for the deployment of innovative digital technologies in the EU which could benefit

healthcare. The inputs received through a public consultation (the European Society of Radiology and other relevant Scientific Societies and patient organisations have participated) will help the European Commission finalise the Orientations for Digital

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Europe, of which a draft can be consulted online. These will then shape the work programmes and calls for proposals for the programme's first two years (2021-2022).

Find out more information on Digital Europe at:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/have-your-say-future-investment-europes-digital-economy>

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