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# NEWSLETTER

### The Year 2018 in Review

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#### Dear Delegates,

As the year 2018 came to a close, it is time to reflect on what the Section of Radiology has achieved and what is still ahead of us for the incoming time. The year 2018 has been a busy, interesting, and very successful one for the Section and this special last issue of the newsletter is just a summary of the most relevant moments we have lived.



On behalf of Prof. Paolo Ricci and of the Executive of the Section, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and excellent cooperation and to formulate you the best greetings for a new joyful Year!

With warmest regards,

Francesco

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### January 13

Advisory Council on CME: on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in Brussels, the Section - with the support of Ms. Violeta Iranzo, Executive Manager of the European Board of Radiology - raised the important matters of recognition of ECMECs in different European countries and simplification of the application process for webinars.

### February 28 - March 04

ECR 2018: the latest European Congress of Radiology - "Diverse & United" - gathered 28.474 participants from 137 countries, 13.848 Congress attendees, 8.211 Industry representatives and 6.415 online viewers. The Section of Radiology was granted a booth in the International Village, and the experience will be replicated at ECR 2019!

#### March 01

Meeting of the NR Division: the Division organised the meeting at ECR 2019, same location and one day before the meeting of the parent Section. That important occasion has seen the participation of the IR Division President, UEMS Executive and representatives from ESNR and EBNR. The Interventional Neuroradiology Standards of Practice were unanimously approved and have been defended by the Division President - Prof. Marek Sąsiadek - at the meeting of the Section.

Signature of the ETAP 2.0 agreement: on March 01, 2018 the agreement on the ETAP 2.0 project has been signed between the Section of Radiology and the European Board of Radiology.

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Following the agreement, the Section and the EBR cooperate to organise the ETAP 2.0 assessment and certification of the training departments of radiology institutions, now an online process.

#### March 03

**Meeting of the Section:** the spring meeting of the Section was organised with an excellent participation of delegates and guests. After unanimous approval within the NR Division, the Section unanimously endorsed the *Standards of Practice* in INR. Furthermore, an excellent set of *Best practices in Infection Prevention and Control* in Ultrasound, the result of an ESR ad-hoc Working Group, were presented and endorsed by the delegates of the Section.

## **April 26-27**

**UEMS Spring Council:** for the second time, the Spring Council was held outside Europe, in the beautiful scenario of Marrakech, hosted by the *Collège Syndical National Des Médecins Spécialistes Privés*. Some interesting initiatives were presented at that Council session, as the EACCME agreement with the Spanish authorities on the recognition of credits and the outcomes of the meeting with the German NMA - SPIFA.

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The Council adopted the EMOs Statement on Role of Physicians that was already endorsed by other leading partner organisations in Europe. Finally, it was agreed to offer two distinctions within the UEMS family: the decoration of honor and the badge of honor. Prof. Ricci, Dr. Joris and Dr. Pizzini represented our specialty at the Council.

### **May 26**

CESMA Spring meeting: the meeting of the CESMA was organised in London, at the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Great Hall, an impressive and historical location. The new CESMA Executive has worked on a new approach for the meetings based on more discussions and interaction, while it was emphasised the importance of well-prepared European Training Requirements to underpin the process of European Examinations. At the meeting, the Board of Neuroradiology was awarded the appraisal certificate for the EBNR examinations.

#### June 06

Medical Imaging as an example for improving patient outcomes through technology adoption: the event has been organised by the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and hosted by Croatian MEP Dr. Biljana Borzan on June 06, 2018 at the European Parliament in Brussels. Bringing together representatives from EU institutions and health stakeholder organisations, policymakers and experts explored the role of technology in translating policies into practical benefits for patients and healthcare professionals. Medical imaging, a field always at the cutting edge of technology adoption, can lead the way in demonstrating the transformative impact of research and innovation in clinical

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practice according to the speakers. Dr. Jean-Paul Joris and Mr. Francesco Tanzi attended the event.

### September 22

Meeting of the NR Division: the meeting of the Division was scheduled in Rotterdam, at the De Doelen Congress Centre, on the occasion of the ESNR Annual Congress. It has been a very successful meeting, kindly attended by the ESNR President and the representatives of EBNR and ESMINT. It was the occasion to celebrate the cooperation with the Section and to illustrate the new website. Dr. Francesca B. Pizzini - Secretary of the Division - illustrated the preliminary draft of the future Guidelines for Training in Advanced MR techniques.

### September 25

Meeting of the IR Division: the meeting of the Division was organised in Lisbon on September 25, 2018 on the occasion of the CIRSE Annual Congress. Elections of the new Executive took place with the assistance of Prof. Ricci. Our congratulations to the new Executive: Prof. Michael J. Lee (President), Prof. Jim A. Reekers (Secretary) and Dr. Anthony Ryan (Treasurer). The Division is actively supporting the Section on some vital internal issues, notably the verification and review of the letters of appointments of national delegates.

#### October 06

Meeting of the Section: the second annual meeting of the Section was held in Rome, a very much appreciated location. With the support of the Section Treasurer - Dr. Remy Demuth and the guest speaker - Dr. Bernard Maillet - Prof. Ricci informed the audience of the latest financial developments occurred in the UEMS, in particular the administrative fee to cover central administration costs and the reserve policy, two relevant topics for the well-being of the UEMS finances. From his side, Prof. Lorenzo E. Derchi - President of the European Society of Radiology - made a comprehensive presentation on the wide range of activities of the ESR and invited the audience to ECR

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2019. We wish to thank Dr. Tziakouri and Dr. Eracleous who made an articulated presentation on the increasing use of ultrasound by non-radiologists in Cyprus.

#### October 22

**UEMS Fall Council:** the autumn edition of the Council took place in Brussels and was marked by the celebrations of the UEMS  $60^{th}$  birthday.



The Council was a very successful one for the Section, as the 2018 edition of the European Training Requirements for Radiology - a fruit of the collaboration with the ESR Education Committee - has been discussed and later approved. As regards the financial issues of the organisation, it was approved to adopt a percentage levy on the income of the internal bodies as the best way to distribute the costs of the administration platform and VAT requirements.

#### **November 12**

Annual meeting of the Health Policy Platform: Mr. Francesco L. Tanzi participated at the Health Policy Platform annual event in Brussels. In figures, 59 networks are actively promoting their initiatives and three of them have produced highly engaging Thematic Networks, endorsed by over 25 stakeholder organisations on average. Throughout the year, 700 different actors - including our Section - have participated in webinars and debates promoted in the Agora network. At the annual meeting, more than 250 participants joined on-site and online, boosting the discussion on the involvement of stakeholders in EU health policy.

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#### November 23-24

**UEMS** Conference on CME-CPD: the 2-day conference took place in Brussels on November 23-24, 2018. Prof. Paolo Ricci, Dr. Jean-Paul Joris and some delegates of Section and Divisions took part in this very special moment for the UEMS history, which has been an exceptional opportunity to discuss the future of CME in Europe.



Prof. Ricci gave а comprehensive presentation on EACCME Partnership, while the European Society of Radiology, represented by Prof. Miloš the Lučić, remarked extraordinary results of the cooperation between UEMS Specialist Sections and Scientific Societies.

#### December 07-08

**CESMA Winter meeting:** Prof. Ricci represented the Section at the CESMA Winter Meeting, this year kindly hosted by the European Board of Radiology in sunny Barcelona. The traditional CESMA meeting was preceded on Friday, December 07 by a workshop session. Prof. Laura Oleaga from the European Board of Radiology made a speech on the radiology exam experience (EDiR). On Saturday, December 08, elections of CESMA Secretary took place and Dr. Albert Mifsud - Section of Medical Microbiology - was elected.

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#### **Elections of next President**

On the occasion of the next meeting with delegates of the Section, elections of the next President of the Section will be held. Elections will be decided by simple majority voting in a secret ballot procedure. If you are interested in running for election, please be so kind to submit your candidacy and a short CV to the Secretariat at your earliest convenience, and by February 15, 2019, at the latest.

As per UEMS rules, only delegations in good standing which have been validly appointed by the national medical organisations will be able to vote in the election or present candidates. In case of impossibility to attend the meeting, a proxy can be forwarded to a delegation of another member country.

#### Save the Date

- UEMS Advisory Council on CME: Brussels, January 12, 2019
- 25<sup>th</sup> 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 at ECR 2019**: February 28, 2019 (08:30-10:00). The session will be dedicated to *Imaging Professionals in the EU: Radiologists without Borders*.
- Meeting of the Neuroradiology Division at ECR 2019: March 01, 2019 (11:00-13:00)
- Meeting of the Section at ECR 2019: March 02, 2019 (14:00-17:00)
- UEMS Spring Council: Brussels, April 12-13, 2019
- CESMA Spring Meeting: Nice, May tbc
- UEMS Fall Council: London, October 19-20, 2019

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