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Dear Delegates,

Autumn 2016 has brought many interesting facts and changes to the Section of Radiology, in particular the creation of this periodical newsletter aiming at keeping you informed on the most important aspects of our Specialist Section.

The last meeting with delegates held on Saturday, October 29th at the Policlinico Umberto I in Rome has been a real success and the Board of the Section wishes to thank you all for your kind participation and your highly constructive contribution to the discussion. The minutes have been circulated attached to this newsletter and will also be published on the Section website in the area dedicated to "Meetings".

During the same meeting, Prof. Zlatko Fras, UEMS representative, gave a speech on the future challenges for the UEMS family, which had been previously discussed during the last Council meeting in October. You can find the highlights summarised in a specific article below.

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http://www.uemsradiology.eu_on a

regular basis as it is the fastest

way to involve you in the Section's

daily range of activities.

With warmest regards,

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ESR and UEMS to closely collaborate during ECR 2017

Prof. Paul Parizel, chairman of the Antwerp University Hospital Department of Radiology and full professor of radiology at the same university is the current ESR/ECR president. Through this combined presidency, Prof. Parizel will also chair the ECR Program Planning Committee, the structure officially in charge of the scientific programme of ECR 2017.

The central theme of the European Congress of Radiology (ECR 2017) is "youth," and this focus on young people will be reflected throughout the entire meeting by providing young radiologists with new educational platforms and innovative ways to share the outcomes of the congress on social media. Among the highlights of this new edition, some Interactive Teaching Sessions and European Diploma Preparatory symposia will also figure.

"ECR 2017 will be dedicated to YOUTH, die Jugend, la jeunesse, la giovinezza, la juventud, молодежь. It is my intention to bring this message to young radiologists, throughout Europe and across the world. The scientific programme will reflect this focus on a new generation in radiology: there will be more interactive sessions, a more prominent role for social media, and we will have topics that are of interest to young people, because they represent the future of our profession."

According to Prof. Parizel, in fact, radiology specialty is undergoing a metamorphosis and international radiologists should not be afraid to explore new diagnostic pathways and cutting-edge techniques. "We should not forget that the average age of participants has been decreasing steadily" - the President added.

Furthermore, specifically conceived "ESR meets" moments, dedicated to a

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selected range of countries (US, Peru and Belgium) will allow attendees to better know the internal debates of the national radiological societies, but also provide the opportunity to taste the culture diversity of the radiological world gathered at the ECR.



Prof. Paul Parizel

Moreover, ECR 2017 will see an even more intense collaboration with the UEMS via a joint session on CME, accreditation and certification titled

"ESR and UEMS: a strong professional partnership », to take place on March 01, 2017, at 16:00. Recently, the European Society of Radiology has established the Accreditation Council in Imaging (ACI) as the primary body for accrediting radiological events (including e-learning courses) in partnership with the UEMS - EACCME.

Finally, special attention will be devoted to the European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR), which was created to establish quality standards for the independent practice of general radiology, as laid out in the ESR European Training Curriculum for Radiology (http://www.myesr.org/education/traini ng-curricula). In this respect, radiology students and residents in their fifth year of training are encouraged to participate in the examination for better career opportunities in a transnational job market.

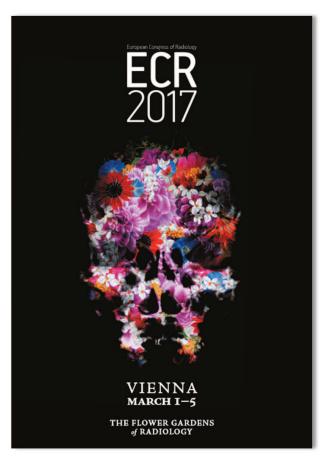
Please be sure to visit the Radiology Section booth at the next ECR 2017 in Viennal

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ECR 2017 is fast approaching

The ECR - European Congress of Radiology - is the annual meeting of the European Society of Radiology and the second largest radiological meeting in the world. It is a trend-setting, dynamic congress, well-known as one of the most innovative meetings within the scientific community, embedded in a unique and inspiring ambience.



Basic facts & figures: 26,000m² exhibition, 25.540 delegates from 122 countries, 300 different exhibitors.

Visit ECR 2017 official page: http://myesr.org/ecr-2017

March 1-5, 2017 (Wednesday to Sunday)

Austria Center Vienna Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1 1220 Vienna

The Congress will be held in English and each ECR delegate has access to

confirmation of all activities attended (CME confirmation and record of attendance). In addition, for the first time this year, there is a programme created especially for radiographers which will also be simultaneously translated into German, Spanish, Italian and Polish! The ECR 2017 is proud to be a green and eco-friendly meeting!

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Are you looking for travel arrangements and accommodation in Vienna? Please find all the useful information you need at: http://myesr.org/congress/travel-accommodation

Autumn UEMS Council 2016

The last Autumn UEMS Council took place in Brussels at the *Maison des Associations Internationales* from 20th to 22nd October 2016. The official minutes of the Council meeting will be made available on the UEMS website: https://www.uems.eu/media-and-library/documents/adopted-documents



The main outcome of the meeting was the report of the Working Group on Future Structure, discussing major changes the UEMS will undergo in the future.

Key proposals have been:

- The elected Chairs of the three Groupings of Sections will become de facto members of the UEMS Enlarged Executive Committee; in the eventuality of the proposal's adoption, a new election must take place for the re-appointment of the Chairs.
- Chair and the Secretary of each Grouping can only be elected out of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Sections of this Grouping who actually hold the respective position in the Section. The term in office of a Grouping's Chair is 4 years, but they can be re-elected for a second term of 4 years.

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Establishment of the UEMS Advisory Board (AB) where all Sections will be represented by their Presidents and Secretaries. Multidisciplinary Joint Committees and Thematic Federations will have the right to participate in all discussions, but without voting rights. The AB will have a preliminary meeting the day before a periodical UEMS Council meeting to discuss matters figuring on the agenda. Two votes will consequently take place: the members of the AB will vote first and each Section will be entitled to cast one vote.

This will be followed by the usual vote of the National Medical Associations (NMA) representatives. The vote of the AB will not be binding for the NMAs, but it will carry a very significant moral value and weight that NMAs need to consider when they cast their votes: if the outcome of the voting of the NMAs for a specific topic is the opposite to the vote of the AB, then the matter will be brought to the following Council meeting. However, the vote of the NMAs this time will be the definitive one.

- Only in very urgent cases, for which there is discordance of the voting of the NMA and the AB, the UEMS Executive can facilitate a second and definitive vote during the same Council session. Once again, the vote of the NMAs this time will be the definitive one.
- The time between the Council meeting in October of 2016 and the one in April 2017 will be used to take the necessary steps for the implementation of the abovementioned proposals.
- Next UEMS Council meeting will be held in Tel Aviv (Israel) on 27th 28th April 2017.
- Bulgarian Medical Association (BuMa) has been admitted as a Full member of the UEMS. Serbian Medical Chamber has been admitted as an Associate member. The Arab Board for Health Specializations in Iraq has been welcomed as an Observer.

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EU news - Health Technology Assessment open consultation

On 21st October 2016, EU Commissioner for Health & Food Safety - Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis - officially launched a public consultation on how national healthcare systems should embrace the digital era and use Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in a responsible, anti-discriminatory and sustainable way. All citizens and organisations are welcome to contribute to this consultation.

In particular, contributions are particularly sought from patient organisations, public authorities and government-appointed bodies responsible for commissioning or executing HTA reports, national health insurance and social security institutions and associations representing such bodies, companies developing pharmaceuticals, medical devices and other technologies as well as associations representing these industries, healthcare providers and professional associations, as well as academic institutions.

HTA is a recent term used to cover several aspects of healthcare products, devices and services, such as medical products, medical devices (e.g. X-ray machines), screenings, vaccination programmes and other measures for disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

HTAs are intended to measure the added value of new technologies in comparison to existing standards of care, to support decision makers at national and local level in their efforts to offer the best possible treatment while keeping health budgets under control, maintain welfare levels and encouraging further innovation.

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Period of consultation:

From 21/10/2016 to 13/01/2017.

The results of this public consultation will feed into the impact assessment process which the Commission services are currently

preparing on strengthening EU cooperation on HTA.

Link to the Consultation:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/technology_assessment/consultations/cooperation_hta_en.
htm