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# UEMS SECTION OF RADIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Delegates,**

On behalf of the Bureau of the Radiology Section, please find your copy of the Newsletter, almost entirely dedicated to the outcomes of the Meeting with delegates of the Section, to the two meetings of the Internal Divisions and to the last UEMS Council.



As mentioned during the last meeting in Rome, please do not hesitate to send us content you would like to share, suggestions or any feedback from your daily activities in the Section and in the other UEMS internal bodies.

With warmest regards,

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### Fall Meeting of the Section

The last Meeting with delegates of the Section was held in Rome, at the Policlinico Umberto I on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 attended by a satisfactory number of delegates and with the participation - among others - of Dr. Bernard Maillet - UEMS Treasurer, Prof. Paul Parizel - ESR Chairperson, Prof. Marek Szaśiadek and Dr. Francesca B. Pizzini from the Neuroradiology Division, Ms. Violeta Iranzo - Executive Manager of EBR, Mr. Arnold Stipsits from the ESR CME department and Dr. Antanas Montvila, newly appointed representative of the European Junior Doctors to the Section.

- The minutes of the previous meeting - held in Vienna on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 - have been unanimously approved by the delegates.
- As confirmed by Dr. Maillet, the UEMS is now in solid financial shape and the future is now brighter than ever, the Domus Medica becoming an important asset of the organisation in the very heart of Brussels.
- The most updated version of the UEMS Official Repartition Key (based on GDP, population and number of specialists) will be used to calculate the subscription fees for 2018. The established budget for the next year is € 20,000.00, subject to eventual revision at the next meeting.
- European Training Assessment Programme (ETAP) 2.0 has been illustrated to the delegates: a brand-new concept, from on-site to on-line assessment and a new partner of the Section, EBR - European Board of Radiology. The project will be expected to start at ECR 2018.
- Dr. Jean-Paul Joris presented the current framework of the important *Euratom* directives to become effective among EU Member States by February 6, 2018. Quality control associated to the Directive by the *QuaadriL* (*Quality Assurance Audit for Diagnostic Radiology Improvement and Learning*) application was issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The Section will stay focused on the implementation of *QuaadriL*.
- The European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR) - illustrated by Ms. Violeta Iranzo - has seen an extremely positive growth in the number of candidates, from 64 in 2011 to 760 in 2017.
- Prof. Paul Parizel and Prof. Paolo Ricci presented the most fruitful examples of the excellent collaboration between ESR and the Section, from the administrative support of the Secretariat in Brussels, to the Joint Session at ECR 2018, and the

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dream of a future joint strategy to defend together the interests of European radiologists within the EU institutions.

- A newly designed, more attractive and user-friendly website of the Section is set to be realized by the end of the year, thanks to the generous grant of ESR.



### Meeting of Neuroradiology Division

The meeting of the Neuroradiology Division was held in Malmö on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 during the ESNR Annual Congress and saw the participation, among others, of Prof. Pia Sundgren - ESNR Congress President, Dr. Alex Rovira Cañellas - ESNR President, Prof. Majda Thurnher - ESNR Past President, Prof. Turgut E. Tali - EBNR Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Paul Parizel - Chairperson of the ESR and of our President, Prof. Paolo Ricci. Their presence has been a sign of the enhanced collaboration between the Division, the parent Section and the most relevant Scientific Societies.

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During the meeting, the *Recommendations for Education and Training programme in Interventional Neuroradiology* have been extensively discussed and an amended version could be presented soon to the UEMS ETR Review Committee with the support of the Section. The approval of the *Interventional Neuroradiology Standards of Practice*, instead, will be postponed in order to reach a consensus with the Division of Interventional Radiology and with the Scientific Societies.

Prof. Turgut Tali presented the update of the EBNR activities, including the information of the last EDiNR exam, which was held in Malmö. Furthermore, Prof Tali emphasized EBNR works in close cooperation with UEMS-Division of Neuroradiology, with Division's representatives being members of the EBNR committees.

The next meeting will be organised alongside ECR 2018: date and time will be communicated in due time.

## **Save the date**

**UEMS CESMA meeting:** Brussels, 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**UEMS Advisory Council on CME-CPD:** Brussels, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

**Meeting of the Section (alongside ECR):** tbd

**Meeting of the NR Division (alongside ECR):** tbd

**European Congress of Radiology (ECR):** Vienna, 28<sup>th</sup> February - 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

ESR will offer free registration to the entire ECR in your function as delegate of the UEMS Section of Radiology. You should already have received an email from the ECR Registration Department. Please be so kind to log into your account in the ESR *MyUserArea* to finish the registration process and to claim your free ticket.

**UEMS Spring Council:** Marrakech, 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

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### Outcomes of UEMS Fall Council

This year, the traditional UEMS Council in Brussels has been preceded by a very interesting meeting chaired by UEMS Vice-president - Dr. João Grenho, and dedicated to the theme "*Maintaining Professional Development in the Hands of the Medical Profession*". The meeting has been a milestone in the history of the UEMS due to the presence of several representatives from the most important European Scientific Societies. After a significant presentation from Dr. Enrique Terol (DG SANTE) to share the European Commission perspective, Prof. Paolo Ricci and UEMS Honorary President - Dr. Len Harvey - co-chaired a Working Group specifically focused on EACCME 2.0 achievements, aspirations and existing criticalities. Prof. Miloš Lučić - from the Accreditation Council in Imaging - shared the deep expertise of the European Board of Radiology on this topic and the results of a recent survey on that same topic.



On Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 the meeting of the three groupings of specialties has seen the election of Prof. Ricci to the Chair of Group III, now re-labelled Multidisciplinary Group to better represent its nature. The President of our Section, therefore, will join Prof. Reinold Gans (Group I) and Dr. Patrick Magennis (Group II) to the leadership of the Advisory Board and will sit in an advisory capacity to the UEMS Enlarged Executive.

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Regarding the constitutional issues of the UEMS, you can find below the definitions of newly-approved European Training Requirements, and the list of new Multidisciplinary Joint Committees, Thematic Federations and other UEMS structures of relevant interest. Should you wish to get involved in these new organs, please do not hesitate to express your interest to the Secretariat of the Section.

- *ETR in Dermatology and Venerology*
- *ETR in Orthopaedics and Traumatology*
- *ETR in Clinical Neurophysiology*
- *ETR in Medical Oncology*
- *ETR in Phlebology*
- *Curriculum in Medical Microbiology*
- *MJC Infection Control*
- *Thematic Federation on Vertigo*
- *Division of Reproductive Medicine*
- *European Board of Paediatric Urology*

As explained during the ad-hoc Working Group on CME-CPD - attended by our President - the new UEMS Governance Board is working rapidly towards the next frontier of EACCME 3.0. The results of this important work-flow will be discussed at the Advisory Council on CME-CPD in January 2018 and approved by the Council in Marrakech. The UEMS welcomes the idea of having a unified speaker to cast a strong voice with the European Institutions and, at this purpose, the future documents will be circulated well before the institutional sessions of the Working Groups and on-line. As happened last year with the conference "CPD is more than CME", also in 2018 the Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) will organise an event dedicated to CME-CPD (Basel, 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> August). You are very welcome to participate.

Pertaining to the structure of our organisation, the *Conseil National de l'Ordre des Médecins* of Tunisia will join as Observer country, while Prof. Andrew Rowland in a touching discourse reiterated how the on-going Brexit process will not affect in any case the deep link United Kingdom has with the European continent and with the European Union of Medical Specialists.

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### **Voices from Brussels: EC Directive on a Proportionality Test before Adoption of new regulation of professions**

As part of the roadmap laid out in the Single Market Strategy, the European Commission released on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 several proposals that seek to fulfil its priority to create a deeper and fairer internal market, making it easier for service providers to deal with bureaucratic formalities and to help member states identify outdated and excessive requirements on professionals operating internally or across borders. In particular, this proposal introduces a general obligation for member states to carry out an ex-ante proportionality test assessment before adopting or modifying legislation restricting access to or the pursuit of regulated professions. This would have a considerable impact on regulated professions, in particular on the health professionals.

The proposal has to be seen in the framework of the EU Professional Qualifications Directive, adopted by the EU parliament and the Council in 2005. As a consequence, member states retained the prerogative to introduce restrictions for the access of a profession. The European Commission also launched a public consultation in May 2016 to identify stakeholders' views on the introduction of a proportionality test.

Even with the new proposal, released on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, member states may still justify restrictions to the access to regulated professions on the basis of public interest, including the evaluation of criteria such as the nature of the risks, the scope of the activities and the potential economic impact.

The regulation of health professions proves indispensable to guarantee patient safety and access to healthcare across Europe, and the directive seeks to increase the mobility of professionals across member states. The health profession is among the most mobile professions in Europe, since labour mobility had been increased by means of the Professional Qualifications Directive.

The other related initiatives concern the introduction of a new European services e-Card, guidance for national reforms in the regulation of professions, and adjusted notification of draft national laws on services. In the Parliament, the proposal was referred to the IMCO – Internal market and consumer protection committee – that will be in charge the Parliament's position and the final vote in the IMCO Committee has been scheduled on 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, after which the file will be referred to the plenary session

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for final approval (approximately early 2018). The Competitiveness Council (internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) leads the negotiations on behalf of the member states, and formal negotiations are due to be opened in autumn 2017.

It must be added that contrary to the parliament's draft, where a certain degree of willingness emerged among MEPs to push for the exclusion of the health profession, the Commission has repeatedly stated not to see any substantial reason to exclude health professions from the scope of the proposal.

Finally, among non-institutional stakeholders, the proposal has already set off alarm bells, with notable health organisations (CPME, dentists CED and pharmacists PGEU) and also the British National Health Service (NHS) joining forces to push for the exclusion of health professions. To this end, the organisations have already released a joint statement in December 2016 voicing the opposition to the outlook of the proposal and will certainly take further significant steps.

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