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Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Bureau of the Radiology Section, please find your copy of the Newsletter.

As the first issue of 2017, we have decided to share with you a summary of the most significant steps taken by the Section in 2016. In addition, you will find the main outcomes of the last UEMS events, such as the CESMA winter meeting, as well as details on the incoming European Congress of Radiology 2017 in Vienna.

I wish to remind you that free registration to the ECR 2017 has been granted to all the Full Member delegates of the Section thanks to the kind support of the ESR Executive Director, Mr. Peter Baierl.



Vienna - The Rathaus

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Alongside the interesting ECR sessions (the central theme of this edition is Youth), we

have planned the next meeting with delegates of the Section, to be held on Saturday 4th

March 2017 from 2pm to 3.30pm. Please also note that the ESR-UEMS Joint Session will

take place on the first day of the Congress on Wednesday, 1st March 2017 from 4pm to

5.30 pm.

I wish to remind you that, according to what has been approved in Rome during the past

meeting, the website of the Section - http://www.uemsradiology.eu - will undergo a

radical transformation in the course of 2017 to become more attractive, up-to-date and

coordinated with the webpages of the Divisions: please make sure to visit it on a regular

basis, discover the news and give us your feedback.

Best greetings for a fantastic and successful new year!

With warmest regards,

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The year 2016 in review

January 1st, Barcelona: ACI - Accreditation Council in Imaging - starts its activities.

January 9th, Brussels: UEMS Advisory Council on CME.

January 30th, Stockholm: Meeting with Delegates of the Neuroradiology Division.



March 5th, Vienna: Meeting with Delegates of the Section. Dr. Jean-Paul Joris is elected the new Secretary, Dr. Remy Demuth the new Treasurer. ESR offers an administrative support to the Section.

April 22nd, Brussels: UEMS Spring Council Meeting.



May 6^{th} , Bucharest: CESMA meeting hosted by the Presidency of the Romanian Republic.

June 18th, Brussels: signing of the amended UEMS-EBR joint agreement.

September 11th, Barcelona: Meeting of the Interventional Radiology Division on the occasion of CIRSE 2016.

October 21st, Brussels: UEMS Autumn Council Meeting. Adoption of the UEMS Future Structure proposal. Bulgaria is re-admitted to the UEMS, Serbia will join as an Associate, Arab Board for Health Specialisation in Iraq as an Observer. Creation of the European Board of Phlebology. Adoption of EACCME 2.0 strategic points.

October 29th, Rome: Meeting with Delegates of the Section. New board structure with inclusion of IR and NR Division Presidents, call for candidacies to UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committees, Thematic Federations and European Boards.

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October 29th, Rome: Meeting with Delegates of the Neuroradiology Division. Prof. Marek Sąsiadek from Poland follows Prof. Olof Flodmark as President of the NR Division.

November 12th, Amsterdam: UEMS Third Conference on CME/CPD. Presentation of EACCME 2.0 criteria.

December 3rd, Brussels: CESMA Winter Meeting in Brussels.

3rd UEMS conference on CME/CPD

The President of the Section - Prof. Paolo Ricci - attended the third UEMS conference on CME/CPD held in Amsterdam on 12th November 2016 which has seen the participation of UEMS Secretary General - Prof. Vassilios Papalois - and of the EACCME Coordinator, Ms. Nathalie Paulus.

After presenting the main goals of the UEMS in the field of continuing medical education, Prof. Ricci illustrated the development and functioning of the EACCME (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) and mentioned the credit equivalency agreements with the AMA (American Medical Association) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, as well as the collaboration with EBR (European Board of Radiology). He also made a speech on the new accreditation criteria of EACCME 2.0,

whose implementation will start in January 2017, giving an overview of the most important activities and innovations, and informing about general principles and rules of the EACCME system.



CME conference in Amsterdam

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Key aspects of EACCME 2.0:

Application-review-accreditation process is now made faster and more efficient.

Brand new IT platform.

Accreditation portfolio enriched with new forms of CME/CPD activities.

Implementation of "Trusted Providers" status to speed-up the entire accreditation process.

More emphasis on quality control. Engagement with other healthcare professionals (e.g. nurses, pharmacists and radiographers).

Outcomes of CESMA Winter Meeting

During the last CESMA meeting, held at the Domus Medica Europaea in Brussels on Friday, 2nd and Saturday, December 2016, CESMA Chairman - Dr. Zeev Goldik from Israel - has highlighted how the Council for European Specialists Medical Assessment has been playing an excellent role for all those specialties wanting to harmonise contents and teaching practices: ambitious an objective which is far beyond the modest expectations of CESMA founders, a decade ago. In the last five years, in fact, not only European Examinations have been adopted as official State examinations in several EU countries (e.g. Poland) to encourage the free movement of doctors within the Union, but they have been highly appreciated in China, as well as in North Africa and the Middle East.



Dr. Zeev Goldik

A funny, yet instructive mock examination has pointed out the good and bad attitudes of examiners during the evaluation of candidates, including psychological perspective, importance of dress code and role of technical facilities on the conduct of the examination.

CESMA will soon celebrate its 10th anniversary in Glasgow on Saturday, 13th May 2017 and elections of the new Executive Board will take place.

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The Radiology Section at ECR 2017 - Key Dates

Wednesday, March 1st: ESR press conference (9.30 - 11.00) ESR-UEMS Joint Session (16.00 - 17.30) with participation of Prof. Ricci and Dr. Adriaensen

ECR opening ceremony (17.45 - 19.00)

Friday, March 3rd:

10 years of ESOR (12.15 - 13.00)

NR Division - Meeting with Delegates (tbc)

IR Division - Meeting with Delegates (tbc)

Saturday, March 4th:

QSSC Meeting with UEMS Delegates (12.45 - 13.45)

UEMS/Radiology - Meeting with Delegates (14.00 - 15.30)

ECR Charity Dinner & Party (from 19.00)

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

Each delegate has access to confirmation of all activities attended (CME confirmation and record of attendance). For further information, please contact the ECR CME support at: cme@myESR.org

Venue:

Austria Center Vienna Bruno-Kreisky-Platz, 1 1220 Vienna



From the airport: Vienna International Airport is located directly on the A4 motorway. It takes around 25 minutes to reach the Austria Center by taxi or 30 minutes via Airport Shuttle (stop: Wien Kaisermühlen-Kagran)

From the city centre: It takes just seven minutes to reach the Austria Center Vienna from Stephansplatz in the heart of the city via Underground line U1 (red) - station Kaisermühlen, VIC.

Are you looking for travel arrangements and accommodation in Vienna? Please find all the information at:

http://myesr.org/congress/travelaccommodation

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



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Save the date:

The **UEMS Advisory Council on CME-CPD** will take place on Saturday, 14th January 2017 at the Maison des Associations Internationales, in Brussels.

NASCE - Network of Accredited Clinical Skills Centres of Europe - Meeting will be organised at the Domus Medica Europaea, in Brussels, on Friday, 24th February 2017.

UEMS Spring Council Meeting will take place in Tel Aviv on Thursday, 27th and Friday, 28th April 2017.



Tel Aviv seaside promenade

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Health Priorities of the Maltese Presidency

For the first time since its accession in 2004, Malta will assume the rotating presidency of the Council of the EU on 1st January 2017. The presidency is responsible for driving forward the Council's work on EU legislation, ensuring the continuity of the EU agenda and enhancing cooperation among member states.

Concerning health priorities, the Maltese EU presidency will seek more transparency in the way pharmaceutical companies negotiate with member states on medicines' pricing and promote campaigns in favour of a healthy lifestyle, including measures anti-obesity and guidelines for a balanced diet.

The implications of high-level obesity are enormous, like diabetes and severe cardiovascular diseases - Mr. Stephen Mifsud, Health & Consumer Affairs Attaché of the Maltese Permanent Representation to the EU recently explained. Malta, in particular, has a rising level of obese children and it has been estimated that 10% of its health budget goes to the direct consequences of obesity.

Malta, one of the tiniest Member States, is particularly concerned on the implementation of an excellent and fair cross-border healthcare system for European citizens, including those living

in the Europe's geographical periphery, where the average level of facilities and infrastructure could lack of efficiency. A third priority concerns the crossborder post-graduate training general practitioners and specialist doctors, aiming to extend the successful experience of the Erasmus mobility scheme to post-graduate professionals. Currently, doctors in need of a postgraduate training do not benefit from any structured mobility project or scholarship. Now Malta would like to start the discussion to implement a free movement framework between European hospitals and in March the Commission will launch the European Reference Networks. which are possibly significant step towards this direction. This will help EU doctors exchange best practices and therefore, offer better services to the patients.



Dar Malta, the headquarters of the EU Maltese Presidency in Brussels

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The newly inagurated Europa Building in Brussels

Furthermore, E-health plays a central role in Malta's agenda, as the country traditionally hosts the e-health week in Valletta. M-health, e-health and the new apps that are coming up are changing the

traditional way people take care of their health, but devices need to be accredited and reliable, while the storage of sensitive data could generate privacy and ethical issues.

Finally, the protection of the health of EU citizens remains a key pillar of the presidency, by fighting non-communicable diseases, making innovative medicines affordable for patients as well as providing preparedness in the event of cross-border health threats.

Link to *Malta EU 2017* webpage: http://www.eu2017.mt/en/Pages/home.a