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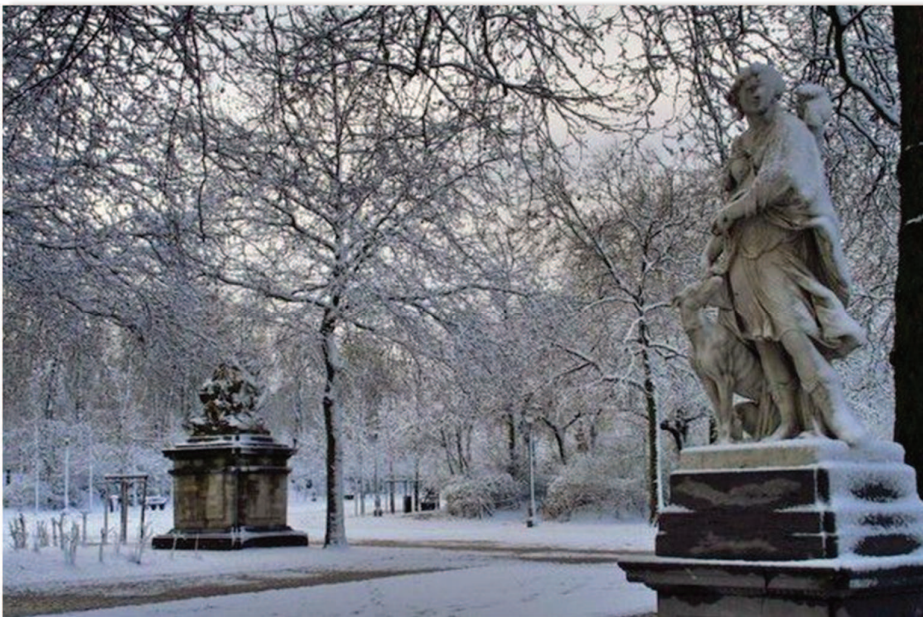
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**Dear Delegates,**

On behalf of the Bureau of the Section, please find your copy of the periodical Newsletter. As the first issue of 2018, we have decided to summarise with you the most relevant events in the life of the Section during the past year. In addition, you will find some news on ETAP 2.0, a brief report on the Advisory Council on CME-CPD, a summary of the CESMA Winter Meeting and a list of upcoming events, including the next meeting with delegates - which will be organised on the occasion of the European Congress of Radiology. As in the previous year, free registration to the Congress has been granted once again to all Full Member delegates of the Section thanks to the generosity of the

ESR.



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I wish to remind you that, following a grant of the same ESR - *European Society of Radiology* - the website of the Section - [www.uemsradiology.eu](http://www.uemsradiology.eu) - will undergo a radical transformation in the first quarter of 2018 to become more attractive, up-to-date and coordinated with the webpages of the UEMS and of the Divisions: please make sure to visit it on a regular basis, discover the news and give us your feedback.

Finally, on behalf of Prof. Paolo Ricci and of the entire Bureau of the Section, I would like to formulate once again our best greetings for the New Year!

With warmest regards,

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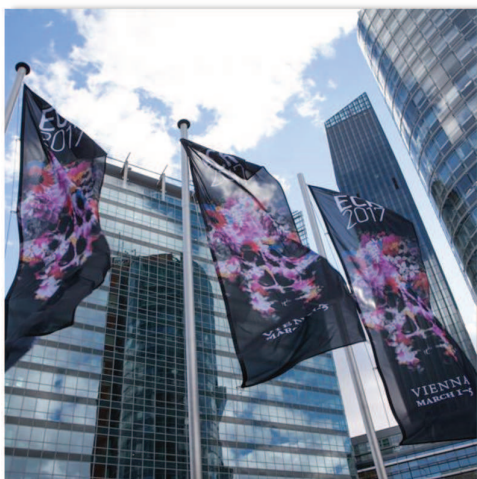
### The year 2017 in review

**January 14:** UEMS Advisory Council on CME - CPD in Brussels.

**March 1:** Official launch and implementation of the revised 2.0 EACCME accreditation criteria.

**March 04:** Meeting of the Section in Vienna during the ECR 2017.

**March 05:** Prof. Paolo Ricci appointed new ACI Scientific Director.



**April 27-28:** UEMS Council in Tel Aviv. The amended UEMS Rules of Procedure were approved.

**May 13:** CESMA Anniversary in Glasgow.

**June 1:** Official launch of the new platform for the accreditation of e-learning materials.

**September 16:** Meeting of the Neuroradiology Division in Malmö during ESNR Annual Congress.

**September 17:** Meeting of the Interventional Radiology Division in Copenhagen on the occasion of CIRSE 2017.

**September 30:** Meeting of the Section at the Policlinico Umberto I in Rome.

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**October 19:** 1<sup>st</sup> UEMS meeting with the representatives of European Scientific Societies. ESR and EBR participated to remark the positive cooperation with the Section.

**October 20-21:** UEMS Council in Brussels. Tunisia was admitted to the UEMS.

**December 9:** CESMA Winter meeting in Brussels.

### **ETAP 2.0 at the starting gate**

The **European Training Assessment Programme (ETAP)** was originally established in 2001 as a joint initiative between the EAR (European Association of Radiology) and the UEMS/Radiology Section. The revised version 2.0 - which is now characterised by online assessment - is conducted as a partnership project between the Section and the European Board of Radiology (EBR), an initiative of the European Society of Radiology. The concept has been presented to the delegates during the last meeting of the Section on September 30, 2017 and aims at:

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- improving and harmonising the standards of radiology training in Europe.
- providing institutions that offer postgraduate education with objective and external assessment.
- developing assessment systems and guidelines for use by postgraduate education authorities at a national level.

The assessment visit - which last around two hours - is organised jointly by the host institution and the assessors from the ETAP Committee, with an approximate preparation time of six months. The assessors should meet online and have discussions with the Head of Department, the Head of the education programme, one of the tutors, one figure involved in the training programme, the Head of the trainees and at least two of them.

The assessment is designed to discover how well the training function is being delivered - in conformity with the ESR *European Training Curriculum for Radiology* - and the trainees' perception of the efficacy of their training, including facilities and resources (e.g. book and computer-based library, audio-visual aids etc.). Notes on weaknesses and strenghts of individual centres are attached to the final report as appendices.

Concerning the Section, Dr. Miraude Adriaensen, Hannu Aronen and Jean-Paul Joris are members of ETAP Working Group. The project will be officially launched during ECR 2018.

## UEMS Advisory Council on Continuing Medical Education

The last UEMS Advisory Council on CME-CPD was held in Brussels at the *Maison des Associations Internationales* on Saturday, January 13, 2018 chaired by the UEMS President Dr. Romuald Krajewski and Secretary General Prof. Vassilios Papalois; Dr. Jean-Paul Joris - supported by Mr. Francesco Tanzi - represented the Radiology Section. In addition, some important matters related to the recognition of ECMECs (European CME Credit) and the inclusion of CPD activities in UEMS-ESAB agreements have been raised by Ms. Violeta Iranzo, Executive Manager of the Accreditation Council in Imaging (ACI), on behalf of the Scientific Director and President of our Section - Prof. Paolo Ricci. A



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few months ago, ACI conducted a very comprehensive survey on the recognition of credits in Europe, which revealed that almost 40% of respondents do not have a clear knowledge of the equivalency scheme in their native country and the overall definition of CME-CPD activities varied across EU Member States. The suggestion of having a UEMS position paper on these topics has been well received by the UEMS Executive.

In addition, the outcomes of EACCME Working Groups were presented by the relative chairs and will be translated into EACCME action plans as soon as possible. In particular, the *WG on the collaboration with other Healthcare Professionals* - led by Dr. Augusto Machado of the Section of Laboratory Medicine - identified general practitioners as an ideal target group for future collaboration, as they belong to a specific category different from other healthcare professionals (pharmacists, nurses etc.) and are even allowed to enjoy the specialist status under particular national regulations (e.g. Spain). In order to assure UEMS delegates against the risk of future menaces to the boundaries of their specialist activity and potential replacement of clinical specialists in some kind of activities (including radiology), Secretary General Prof. Vassilios Papalois confirmed EACCME will remain a registered trademark - sole property of the UEMS - and will not provide accreditation activities directly to these professional bodies, but will support them in terms of expertise and principles. A proper name will be chosen to identify this specific type of credits and mark the difference to the ones assigned to medical specialists.

Finally, a 4<sup>th</sup> UEMS Conference on CME-CPD will be organised in Brussels November 23-24, 2018 and it will be characterized by the celebrations of UEMS 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as by some specific panels dedicated to reviewers, providers and accreditation bodies whose outcomes will be later reported in a plenary session.

## CESMA Winter Meeting

On December 9, 2017 CESMA delegations met in Brussels for the annual Winter Meeting of the *Council for European Specialists Medical Assessment*. The Section of Radiology was represented by its President - Prof. Paolo Ricci and its Secretary - Dr. Jean-Paul Joris, while Dr. Bernard Maillet attended on behalf of the UEMS Executive.

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The meeting was preceded by some introductory thematic workshops, in particular the one dedicated to open-book exams; Dr. Jan Kuks from the European Board of Neurology focused on the difference between open book and open questions, explaining how questions from open book are rather complicated to formulate and need much more time for completion. Therefore, examinations including open book questions are expected to require a larger venue, a calm environment and an appropriate amount of time. Despite that, open book exams do have a couple of significant advantages, as candidates are not forced to compress definitions learned by heart and questions can be real-world problems where a simulation of clinical practice could be performed.

During the meeting, the elections of the two most relevant Executive Chairs were held. British cardiologist Dr. Mark Westwood was elected Chairman, while Dr. Maeve Durkan - endocrinologist from Cork Diabetes & Endocrinology Clinic is the new Vice-chairwoman. The Section congratulates the new Chairs and looks forward to a promising collaboration with the CESMA leadership.



Dr. Mark Westwood

Concerning internal affairs, the CESMA financial situation is encouraging, with a balance of approximately € 17,205.00 (December 1, 2017), two-thirds of which comes from the annual fees and the remaining part from the contributions of the external scientific societies. Expenses are limited and almost all are related to the travel arrangements of the small Executive Board, which has opted for a separate budget in order to better emphasize its independence from the different UEMS Sections.

Among the criticalities related to the intense appraisal activity of European examinations, some participants have stressed the bad habit of intimidating candidates with body language and expressions, while other examiners face the risk of involuntary teaching while assessing candidates. All the participants have stressed the importance of the permanent involvement of UEMS Sections and Scientific Boards in the appraisal procedures of those examinations which are organised by external societies, in line with the original scope of CESMA.

Finally, coming to a more in-depth scientific debate, the new approach of teaching medicine in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been presented by Dr. Alfred Tenore, who shared his

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academic experience in California. Professionalism – according to Tenore’s speech – is a core value to be taught to students from an early age, as it will later affect their professional conduct, humanism and cultural competence. Evaluation of skills and attitude are fully part of CESMA’s goals, using multiple assessment tools and formats, starting before enrolment in medical schools.

### Save the date

- ECR 2018: Vienna, February 28 - March 4, 2018. During ECR, the following meetings and events will be organised:
  - Opening ceremony: February 28, 2018 (17.45 - 19.00)
  - ESR-UEMS Joint Session: March 1, 2018 (08.30 - 10.00) room Z
  - ESR-UEMS Leadership Meeting: March 1, 2018 (10.15 - 11.15) Board Meeting room 1
  - Meeting of the Neuroradiology Division: March 1, 2018 (13.30 - 15.30) room 0.96
  - Quality, Safety and Standards Committee Meeting: March 3, 2018 (12.00 - 13.00)
  - **Meeting of the Section: March 3, 2018 (13.30 - 15.30) room M6 - M Building.**
  - While visiting ECR 2018, please do not forget to pay a visit to the booth of the Section, M Building, ground floor - ECR International Village.
- UEMS Spring Council: Marrakech, April 27-28, 2018
- UEMS CESMA Meeting: London, May 26, 2018



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### **Voices from Brussels: meeting of the Health Policy Platform**

The second edition of the Health Policy Platform (HPP) meeting took place in Brussels at the Centre Albert Borschette on November 27, 2017. The meeting - chaired by Dr. John F. Ryan, Director of Public Health, Country Knowledge and Crisis Management of DG SANTE - was well attended, with more than 130 participants from the Institutions, NGOs, Patient Associations and Scientific Societies.

A special session has been devoted to an exchange of views with HPP members on recent priority files, including the initiatives to promote high vaccination levels in the population, the health dimension of the European pillar of social rights and the State of the Health in the European Union.

The Section of Radiology was present at the meeting in order to support the joint statement of the Thematic Network on Medical Training & Professional Development for Patient Safety, launched by the European Society of Radiology. The final text of the statement has received the valuable contributions of all the stakeholders involved, including our Secretary, Dr. Jean-Paul Joris who received the mandate to represent the *European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)*.

Endorsed by 14 organisations - including *European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR)* and *European Patients' Forum (EPF)* - the support for the joint statement demonstrates that the issue of education for all professionals involved in healthcare has top priority.

Through the statement, the European Society of Radiology has made to the European Commission the following proposals in order to increase patient safety and quality of care:

- Develop a policy for maximising the educational benefits of IT-based clinical decision support systems, e-learning tools and IT-supported programmes and guarantee integration of technological developments in medical education.
- Patient safety and quality of care should be embedded as cross-cutting issues throughout the duration of medical education and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

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- The principle and practice of patient empowerment needs to be integrated in medical education to meet the latest standards for managing patients' medical conditions.
- Take initiatives to further harmonise medical curricula, establish mandatory standards for CME and CPD systems, and continue to streamline the recognition of qualifications in view of the next revision of the Professional Qualifications Directive.

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