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**To UEMS National Medical Associations
UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards
European Medical Organisations**

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to you further to the UEMS Council meeting held in Brussels on 11th and 12th April 2014. This meeting was very busy and very productive, despite the challenges of the lighting and the venue. We would like to thank all colleagues for contributing to this very good meeting.

The UEMS Board approved the financial report for the year 2013 and agreed how best to continue renovation works for the UEMS House – Domus Medica Europaea. It is expected that these extensive renovations will be completed by the end of 2014.

The UEMS Council adopted several documents of key importance to our organisation and particularly to our Specialist Sections. Please find below the background information regarding these documents, and further information about activities that will follow the decisions and proposals made during the meeting:

- **Criteria for Frequent Applicant for Accreditation by the EACCME®**

The EACCME® taskforce presented a document detailing the criteria for Providers of Live Educational Events to be recognised as a Frequent Applicant and to be able to submit applications for EACCME accreditation 10 weeks prior to the event's date.

- **Document on MCQ Writing**

The Steering Committee on e-platform presented a document that provided guidance on how to write high quality Multiple Choice Questions. The UEMS Council adopted the document with amendments proposed by national delegations.

- **European Training Requirements:**

UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards presented Training Requirements for their speciality, or updated Training Requirements, detailing the recommendations for training at the European level, in order to ensure high quality care to patients. The European Training

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Requirements endorsed at the Council meeting were based on the UEMS template of Training Requirements adopted in Larnaca (October 2012) in order to ensure consistency between the specialities' requirements.

The Council endorsed Training Requirements in the following specialities:

- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Paediatric Surgery
- Paediatric Urology
- Rheumatology

- **Position paper on the EU Strategy on Safety and Health at Work**

The Section of Occupational Medicine presented a Position paper on the European Commission's strategy on Safety and Health at Work. This paper advocates for the involvement of Occupational Physicians in addressing the issue of Health and Safety at Work at national and European levels. The Council adopted the Paper.

- **Isernia Declaration on Diet**

At the Isernia Conference (June 2013), the Declaration on Diet was adopted by the participants and later by FNOMCeO (Italy). The UEMS Council endorsed this declaration, that aims to raise awareness of the need for consuming healthier food. It is based on the assumption that a more healthy lifestyle, and especially greater health consciousness regarding food, will pave the way to better health and can contribute to reducing the prevalence of chronic diseases.

- **EBCOG Document on Standards of Care for Gynaecology**

The European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG) presented a comprehensive document detailing standards of care in Gynaecology. EBCOG plans a public launch of an awareness-raising campaign and will publish this document in the coming weeks. The UEMS Council endorsed this document with some amendments raised by national delegations.

- **The UEMS Council created two Multidisciplinary Joint Committees:**

- MJC in Phlebology
- MJC in Clinical Skills Training and Assessment

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The document “Explanatory notes on the functioning of UEMS structures” was presented and its role was discussed. This document will be updated on a regular basis and should be used in everyday activities of the UEMS.

Other important items were presented or discussed and were to be elaborated further, before being submitted for endorsement at the next meeting of the UEMS Council.

- Amendments to the UEMS Rules of Procedure establishing a procedure to confer the title of UEMS Honorary Membership
- The Madrid declaration on Molecular Pathology
- Application from Morocco to be an Observer Member of the UEMS Council

At the meeting many further interesting initiatives and ideas were raised and debated.

We would like once again to thank delegates of National Medical Associations Members of the UEMS and representatives of UEMS Sections, Multidisciplinary Joint Committees, Boards and Thematic Federations who contributed to these meetings with their hard work and support.

Please do not hesitate to write to us with your comments, proposals and questions.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you might require and look forward to our next meetings.

Romuald Krajewski
President



Edwin Borman
Secretary General

