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Dear Sirs,

We are sending you a **short report** on the activities of the Section in 2013.

In the year 2013 we had two Section's meetings:

- in May 2013 in Dresden, visiting also the Volkswagen plant in Dresden, known as the "Transparent Factory", that is a production site of VW Phaeton and discussed about the occupational health services for the VW workers and

- in October 2013 in Luzern, visiting the largest European construction site of Gotthard Base Tunnel and its health and safety measures.

The most important goals we succeeded to achieve last year were as following:

- being granted the DGAUM Innovation Award 2013 in March 2013 in Bregenz,
- preparing European Training Requirements for the Specialty of Occupational Medicine, European Standards of Postgraduate Medical Specialist Training (old chapter 6), which was approved by UEMS Council in April 2013,
- preparing the Position paper on the European Strategy on Safety and Health at Work,
- the improvement of our website: <u>http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.org/</u>
- information exchange and support of international projects relevant for the section (e.g. EASOM, OSHA),
- information exchange on meetings of National Sections of occupational medicine and exchange of trainees,
- further contacts with ETUI on a new proposal of the request for an evaluation of the proposed "Directive on the minimum safety and health requirements for the aptitudes and competencies, role, functions and position of the occupational health services, the occupational physician and allied professionals".

In October 2013 the election of the new UEMS OM Board took place and the new members elected are as follow:

President – Alenka Škerjanc (Slovenia)

Secretary General – Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller (Switzerland)

Treasurer - Simon Bulterys (Belgium)

The Invitations and the Minutes were always sent to the UEMS Executive.

Sincerely,

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