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UEMS/Section of Radiology MEETING with DELEGATES

Saturday, 06th October 2018, 09.30 pm – 16.30 pm

Dipartimento di Scienze Radiologiche, Aula A.77 - Policlinico Umberto I - Rome

MINUTES

1) Welcome, apologies, proxies, acceptance of agenda

The President of the Section – P. Ricci – welcomed all present to the meeting, in particular B. Maillat – UEMS Treasurer, L. E. Derchi – ESR President, M. Sasiadek – President of NR Division, F.B. Pizzini – Secretary of NR Division, A. Stipsits – Assistant to ESR Executive Director. F. Tanzi – from the Secretariat of the Section – was also present and responsible for the minutes. Roll Call of delegations: written proxies were given from Croatia to Hungary, from Estonia to Finland, from Iceland to Luxembourg, from Malta to Belgium, from Portugal to Italy. Apologies: M. Adriaensen, H. Vardevanyan, D. Floery, A. Langkilde, P. Vilares Morgado, T. Egge, J. Castberg Hellund, K. Šurlan Popovič, D. Kuhelj, V. Iranzo – EBR Executive Manager. The agenda of the meeting was approved. P. Ricci announced the quorum was reached. **Annex n. 1: List of participants.**

2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (March 03, 2018)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

3) Treasurer's financial report

R. Demuth presented the financial report of the Section, illustrating the balance on the bank account, sources of income and expenses. Balance amounted to € 131.548,65 (05/10/2018) with a slight increase in comparison to the previous meeting (€ 130.858,09). Incomes have been generated from subscription fees and EACCME back-up reviews, while expenses were mostly related to the organisation of meetings, travel expenses of the members of the Bureau and invoices for the previous web provider. Any financial supporting document could be provided by R. Demuth or asked to the Secretariat. With the exception of Slovakia, all Full Member countries were in good standing with the annual contribution. P. Ricci informed that the Serbian Medical Association had taken care of paying the contribution fee, but the validity of its delegates to the Section was currently under evaluation, as only the Serbian Medical Chamber was the official member of the UEMS and could appoint delegates.



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4) New UEMS financial regulations

P. Ricci - with the support of R. Demuth – informed the audience of the new UEMS management fee applicable to all the internal bodies and necessary to cover growing central administration costs and VAT processing, in compliance with Belgian fiscal regulations. Sections have been asked to choose among five different calculations: based on resources, based on number of transactions or a set of combinations of the two factors (2/3, 1/2, 1/3). P. Ricci highlighted the Radiology Section has opted for option II, while the NR Division was in favour of option I. The Chairs of the Groupings addressed a common letter to UEMS bodies – which has been judged well balanced by the Bureau of the Section - to reach a mediation between the different needs, taken into consideration that some bodies have turn-overs of <5,000€ others >100,000€. Common aim was to implement the principal of individual responsibility and attribute the administrative cost for the UEMS office to the body which had generated it. Since the financial regulations must be urgently taken, the final decision on the management fee will be adopted at the UEMS Council on October 19-20, 2018 and a future revision will be most likely granted. B. Maillet commented on the importance of more accurate financial procedures to avoid the risk of high fines from the Belgian tax authorities. Delegates approved the proposal of the Chairs of Groupings and R. Demuth will inform the UEMS office accordingly.

5) Update on Internal Affairs

P. Ricci updated on the Internal Affairs activities of the Section, starting with the UEMS Repartition Key adopted in 2018 to calculate the annual fees and based on the criteria of GDP, population and number of medical specialists. B. Maillet considered the repartition key in use in the UEMS well balanced, the only problems were linked to the sum à forfait asked to Associates and Observers. The delegates agreed to keep the expected annual budget for 2019 to € 20.000, subject to future revisions. Furthermore, P. Ricci explained the quota of the Internal Fund pertaining to the Section and the incomes generated from the back-up review activity within the framework of the UEMS-EBR agreements. The Section appointed its representatives in a number of UEMS bodies (MJC, TF, CESMA), and the current financial resources allowed to reimburse the travel expenses of delegates involved in those activities. Concerns have been raised for the inactivity of some of the above-mentioned bodies and insufficient engagement of radiologists (e.g. MJC Pain Medicine, MJC Paediatric Urology). In addition, the Section had representatives in several non-UEMS bodies: i.e. EDiR, ACI, ETAP 2.0 and EBNR committees.

P. Ricci illustrated the most recent promotional activities of the Section (booth at ECR, brochures and gadgets) and the newsletter, a valuable channel to keep the delegates constantly informed. The list of incoming UEMS meetings was discussed, in particular the Fall Council, the CME-CPD Conference, CESMA and the Advisory Council on CME-CPD. F. Tanzi informed the Section initiated a review process in late 2017 with an aim to verify the letters of appointment for all national delegates of the Section and of the Divisions. He also reminded the requirements for a correct appointment and summarised the outcomes of the review. P. Ricci remarked the importance of formally correct letters of appointment, in particular for the validity of the quorum during the meetings and the correctness of the Chairs elections, as occurred to the NR Division in 2016. Finally, P. Ricci presented the pathway of the European Training Requirements in Radiology in front of the UEMS ETR



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Review Committee. P. Ricci - a member himself of the ETR RC - reminded that reviewers could not enter the contents of the ETR, but checked consistency and formal aspects of the Curriculum.

6) UEMS report

B. Mailet - UEMS Treasurer - presented goals, facts and figures of the organisation, including history and recent milestones, following the Councils in Tel Aviv (April 2017), Brussels (October 2017) and Marrakech (April 2018). He stressed that Radiology was mentioned in the Annex to the Directive 2006/100 as *Radiology* but also as *Diagnostic Radiology*: while Diagnostic Radiology was recognised as a basic specialty in the 28 Member States, Radiology was recognized only in 12 Member States. The minimal length for training mentioned was for both 4 years. Concerning the changes in UEMS structure, an Advisory Board has been implemented in April 2017 to allow the Sections – gathered in three Groupings – to express their opinion on the most relevant issues later discussed and voted in the Council. P. Ricci - Chair of Grouping III - highlighted the importance of the creation of the Advisory Board which has finally ensured better engagement of the specialist Sections. In addition to the recent financial developments discussed above, B. Mailet remarked the necessity to improve the flow of financial information as email communication revealed to be not efficient enough (time consuming, overlooking information etc.) and to keep uniform reporting and history of all transactions, to save time and ensure consistency. A centralised financial platform (cloud) – already tested by some pilot Sections - will become operative in a short time and treasurers will receive adequate training before the end of the year. In a near future, centralised accounting and administration procedures will conduct the organisation to a more professional management level and reduce the tasks of treasurers.

7) UEMS – EACCME activities

Activities, facts and figures of the EACCME – *European Accreditation Council for CME* – were presented by P. Ricci. The interference of commercial companies in the organisation of the events has been excluded as their collaboration must necessarily take the form of an unrestricted grant without possibility to influence the content. P. Ricci also mentioned the ACI proposals on the accreditation of webinars, suggested to the EACCME office but not yet implemented. The webinar format had a growing popularity, and it could be positive for UEMS Specialty Boards to increase that format, facilitating its accreditation to the providers and avoiding to lose its potential profit. The main problems signalled by the providers have been related to the workflow as webinars fell under the category LEE instead of ELM. Finally, P. Ricci mentioned the promising negotiations EACCME was conducting in Italy with FNOMCeO - the National Medical Authority - and AGENAS – National Agency for Regional Health Services dedicated to the recognition of credits - aiming at reaching the full accreditation of events. A solution could be identified among two options: equivalence between Italian credits and ECMECS or double accreditation (AGENAS for Italy and EACCME for Europe), with AGENAS playing the role of NMA for back up reviews.



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8) Interventional Radiology Division updates

P. Ricci presented the latest activities of the IR Division, which were kindly sent on behalf of the Bureau of the Division. A lengthy process of review of delegates' mandates has been performed by the IR Division in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Section. Elections of the Executive Chairs have been held in Lisbon on September 25, 2018 and P. Ricci congratulated with M. J. Lee – new President, J. A. Reekers, past-President and elected as Secretary, and A. Ryan, new Treasurer.

9) Neuroradiology Division updates

M. Szaśiadek summarised the outcomes of the last meeting of the NR Division – held in Rotterdam on September 22, 2018 and illustrated the most recent activities. M. Szaśiadek pointed out the excellent cooperation with the parent Section, the increasing collaboration with the two most relevant scientific societies for Neuroradiology – ESNR and ESMINT – and the CESMA appraisal of the EBNR examinations, which will be valid until September 2022. He also mentioned the freshly revised website of the Division, an unrestricted grant from the ESR, and reported on the financial situation and budget of the Division. It was informed that – after reaching consensus on the Standards of Practice, the INR Training Curriculum, resulting in over three years of negotiations between the two Divisions and the scientific societies, could be finalised in the incoming months. In addition, F. B. Pizzini – Secretary of the Division - was developing a set of *Guidelines for training Charter in Advanced MR techniques (Functional NeuroImaging, FNI)*, with the scope to provide a clinical training in Advance Imaging and to offer a Certificate of Added Qualification - CAQ, approved in the future by EBNR, ESNR & UEMS, with potential CESMA appraisal. The Division will later report to the Section on the occasion of the next meeting at ECR 2019. A short exchange of views on the possibility for non-radiologists to perform neurointervention in Europe followed: in most countries, this competence has been reserved to radiologists. L. E. Derchi - ESR President - emphasised that unity and collaboration in the radiology profession was of utmost importance for him.

10) ESR report

L. E. Derchi made a comprehensive presentation on the wide range of activities of the ESR-*European Society of Radiology*, including the activities of EIBIR, EuroSafe Imaging, ESOR – *European School of Radiology* and the scientific journals: *European Radiology*, *European Radiology Experimental* and *Insights into Imaging*. The next International Day of Radiology will be celebrated on November 08, 2018 and dedicated to Cardiac Imaging. The ESR – the World's largest radiological Society with 82.258 members from 161 countries – was mostly focused on four priorities: Quality & Safety, Education & Training, Research and eHealth, with the goal to raise the profile of the radiology profession and contribute to shaping international and European health policies and standards. P. Ricci thanked the ESR for the strong support to the Radiology Section by establishing an administrative Secretariat in Brussels, offering ECR free registration to the delegates, a promotional booth, and granting the new websites of Section and NR Division. L. E. Derchi invited all attendees to participate in the ECR 2019 and P. Ricci reminded the ESR-UEMS Joint Session and ESR-UEMS



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Leadership Meeting as two of the most utmost moments which will celebrate and improve the relationship between the two organisations.

11) External Affairs 1: update on UEMS-ESR cooperation

11a. European Training Curriculum in Radiology

P. Ricci presented the latest version (2018) of the European Training Curriculum - prepared in collaboration with the ESR Education Committee - and the structure. Main purpose was to achieve a standardised system of education in radiology across Europe, which in turn will enhance the quality of radiological care for patients. The previous version (2013) had already received the endorsement of the UEMS Council and the new one has been transmitted to the ETR RC and will be subject to the Council vote if approved by the delegates of the Section. Some comments - mostly related to the structure and not to content - have been formulated late September 2018 but, due to the impossibility of circulating a new printed version in such a short time, the Curriculum will be presented in its original form to the Council plenary session on October 20, 2018. If approved, the ESR will immediately begin making the more straight forward revisions and have them ready for online publication at ECR 2019. P. Ricci also mentioned the proposal formulated at the last Council to convert the *European Training Requirements* into *European Training Recommendations*, which has been rejected.

J. Kraft – delegate from the United Kingdom – summarised the objections of the British NMA which have been transmitted by letter before the meeting of the Section; in the United Kingdom the process of endorsement was regulated by the GMC – General Medical Council, not directly by the Royal College of Radiologists, which in any case appreciated the efforts. Assessment was judged not enough analysed and criteria too general and more outcome-based rather than knowledge-based. L. E. Derchi commented the assessment procedure varied so widely in Europe and within a single country (e.g. Italy) that it was not easy to reach a complete mapping. A. Montvila informed of the necessity for European trainee radiologists to receive additional guidance in leadership and management skills, aside from the most technical aspects of the discipline. In the absence of endorsement from the British NMA, future issues may arise in the post-Brexit era on the recognition of titles and diplomas. The Section approved the ETR in Radiology by large majority.

11b. ESR-UEMS Joint Session at ECR 2019

P. Ricci illustrated the programme of the next Joint Session - *Imaging Professionals in the EU: Radiologists without Borders* - to be held in Vienna on February 28, 2019 and to which a guest speaker from the European Commission has been invited.

11c. New Website

F. Tanzi presented the main features of the website of the Section, launched in May 2018, in particular the user-area accessible via registration and password. Minutes of the past meetings, internal documents, table of good standing with the annual contributions, will be made available in the private area, where delegates can also upload their clinical practice and contact information. Contributions and suggestions for the website would be more than appreciated and can be addressed to the Secretariat.



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12) External Affairs 2: update on the UEMS-EBR agreement

12a. Accreditation Council in Imaging

After the EACCME-EBR agreements, the ACI – *Accreditation Council in Imaging* became a leading force in the accreditation and ranked radiology among the three UEMS medical specialities with the highest number of accredited events: over 430 applications have been received since January 2016. Among the top five providers, two (ESOR and ESGAR) already reached the status of EACCME Trusted Providers, while CIRSE was in the process. ACI organogram was shown and the terms of office of ACI Scientific Director and Chairs of the ACI Reviewing & Policy Committees explained into detail. The mandate of P. Ricci as Scientific Director (2 years) will come to an end in March 2019 and - according to the rules of procedure - the next Scientific Director will be appointed by the EBR. Similarly, four members of the ACI Reviewing Committee and five of the Policy Committee (1 year, with a renewal maximum of 3 years) needed to be replaced and candidacies will be well accepted. It must be noted the Reviewing Committee was particularly active in the revision of more than 430 ELM and LEE. A survey on "The Future of CME" has been conducted in July 2018: a more extensive questionnaire has been addressed to Presidents of the ESR Institutional member societies (National Radiological Societies and subspecialty societies of European countries), Society delegates to the ESR Education Committee – to find out the specificities of the European accreditation systems. On the other side, a shorter questionnaire has targeted all ESR Institutional members. The majority of respondents were in favour of live meetings, however interest in e-learning activities was growing among the younger generation. Detailed results were made available on EBR website and will be circulated on the new periodical EBR Bulletin.

12b. European Diploma in Radiology

H. J. Lamb gave an update on the EDiR – *European Diploma in Radiology*, a certification of excellence open to radiologists and radiology residents in their fifth year of training stating that the candidate had a level of knowledge and competency in line with the European Training Curriculum for Radiology. EDiR could be considered a step forward in the harmonisation of European standards in radiology; to date, a total of 2500 candidates have sat the examination since 2011 and pass rate was 72%. To date, 67% of the candidates came from ESR Full Members (Europe), while 33% from outside. The Section played a strong role in EDiR and had two representatives on the EDiR Scientific Board: a UEMS Representative on the Standards Committee and a UEMS Observer.

12c. ETAP 2.0

H. Aronen presented the ETAP 2.0 – *European Training Assessment Programme* - a certificate of excellence for Training Programmes of Radiology departments in Europe and beyond. Established in 2001 as Joint initiative of the former European Association of Radiology (EAR) and the Radiology Section, the new ETAP concept was based on on-line assessment and officially launched at ECR 2018. ETAP promotional video was shown to the audience. Steps for the assessment of the training programme of a radiology department included: application and completion of the documentation, uploads to the ETAP platform of a video showing facilities and equipment and finally online interviews by the team of assessors designated with the Head of the radiology department, the Head of training/Residency director, the Tutors of the residents, Residents and different radiologists



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involved in training. After discussion and agreement of the team of assessors, centres will be granted the Silver, Gold or Platinum certificate. H. Aronen emphasised how the self-evaluation of the program was essential to the audit and that a comprehensive questionnaire covered a wide range of information about the structure and practice of the local resident training. The preliminary work before the external evaluation was of utmost importance. ETAP 2.0 could offer an objective method based on external systematic evaluation and self-assessment to develop radiological specialist programs in Europe and play a major role in the self-development, harmonisation and certification process of European training centres and in the protection of the radiology discipline by keeping standards of excellence in evaluation. The first training programme assessed was from the University Hospital Basel, which received a Platinum certificate. M. Serralonga – delegate for Spain – shared the experience of two clinical centres – different by size and range of activities - in the area of Barcelona.

13) Use of Ultrasound by other specialists

C. Tziakouri, with contributions from E. Eracleous (delegate of Cyprus) and P. Leonardou (delegate of Greece) made an articulated presentation on the increasing use of ultrasound by specialists other than radiologists. In the absence of a relevant regulation regarding the use of Ultrasound in Cyprus, radiologists were facing many issues and several discussions were conducted with the Pan Cyprian Medical Association and the Insurance Committee of the National Health System. Delegates confirmed the erosion of radiology competences was shared by several other countries, and the national peculiarities were mentioned. P. Ricci suggested to further elaborate on that topic by drawing a set of guidelines or Standards of Practice, but not a Curriculum, which could face the opposition of other specialists in the UEMS Council. Another option would be to establish a joint Working Group with the ESR QSSC and some delegates already expressed their interest to join. The subject could be raised at the following ESR-UEMS Leadership Meeting.

14) Election in March 2019: Call for candidates

P. Ricci reminded his mandate as President of the Section will come to an end in March 2019, therefore a call for candidates would be finalised in the following months and elections will take place at the next meeting of the Section. Interested candidates could contact the Secretariat of the Section for any further information.

15) Miscellaneous

Nothing was discussed under this agenda item.

16) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled in Vienna on Saturday, March 02, 2019 on the occasion of the European Congress of Radiology and after the meeting of the Division of Neuroradiology.

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