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Outcomes of the UEMS Council Meeting Napoli, 6th-8th October 2011



From 6th to 8th October 2011, the Board and Council of UEMS –together with the UEMS Sections & Boards– convened in Naples.

These Meetings were the occasion to discuss major items of interest to the medical profession and currently active on the European agenda, particularly the EU Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications.

Elections for a new Executive were also held in Naples.



An extensive coverage of the main decisions taken during these meetings is provided in this issue. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the UEMS Brussels Office.

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The newly-elected UEMS Executive



Prof. Romuald Krajewski
President



Dr Edwin Borman
Secretary-General



Dr Zlatko Fras
Liaison Officer



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Prof. Jan Škrha (CZ) - Dr Hans-Peter Ulrich (DE)

Vice-Presidents

The new UEMS Executive will commence office on 1st January 2012.

Outcomes of the UEMS Council Meeting (Napoli, 6th-8th October 2011)

The UEMS meetings in Naples convened again all the components of the UEMS constituency (Council plus Sections). In spite of a full schedule, these three days were very productive with many issues being addressed and, most importantly, a new Enlarged Executive elected.

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We hereby intended to provide you with an overview of the key issues addressed and decisions taken on the occasion of these meetings. Please find hereafter the necessary background information about these outcomes:

The Discussion Forum on the first day of the meeting focused on the proposed changes to the EU Directive on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC), particularly in the context of the EC Green Paper which closed on 20th September 2011 and the

UEMS contribution.

The UEMS Board approved the submitted Interim Financial Report as well as the proposed budget for 2012.

Report was given on the developments relating to the newly purchased UEMS premises and decision was made to renovate the House in order to improve the building and also potentially enable it to accommodate sister organisations and larger meetings.

Further to recommendations from the UEMS-EACCME® Taskforce, the UEMS Council endorsed the document setting out new criteria for the “Accreditation of Live Educational Events by the EACCME®” (UEMS 2011/30 - See also below).

An additional set of decisions involved more directly the work and activities of the UEMS Sections & Boards, such as notably:

- Chapters 6 of the Charter on Specialist Training were

endorsed for the specialties of:

- *Emergency Medicine
- *Medical Microbiology
- *Neuroradiology
- *Oro-maxillo-facial Surgery

Additional endeavours are being made in order to take stock of the different existing Chapters 6, this with a view to feed into the development of the ECAMSQ.

- The creation of a UEMS Section of Emergency Medicine was agreed upon.
- The findings from the UEMS Section of Occupational Medicine relating to doctors’ working time were endorsed.

We would like once again to thank the participants to these meetings for their contri-



buton and support of the work of the UEMS. We remain at your disposal for any further information you might require before the minutes of our Meetings can be circulated.

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New criteria for the accreditation of live educational events by the EACCME®

In Naples, the members of UEMS Council endorsed a policy document which updates the criteria in use for the accreditation of live educational events (LEEs) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®). The document that has been adopted sets out the necessary criteria for evaluating and accrediting the quality of live educational events and will consolidate the UEMS-EACCME®’s position in this domain.

The document in question will serve as the basis for the UEMS-EACCME® to evalu-

ate and accredit CME events at the European level. In this paper, the UEMS-EACCME® describes the criteria and mechanisms for its accreditation of LEEs. The paper states what criteria will be applied for the accreditation of LEEs, and describes how the Provider of CME-CPD should apply for UEMS-EACCME® accreditation.

Key points are that Providers will be required to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and define expected educational outcomes prior to applying for UEMS-EACCME® accreditation. The target audience of the

materials will also have to be clearly identified. While the content of the submitted programmes will have to be evidence-based, fully referenced and scientifically balanced, no bias of any nature or advertising will be accepted. Accreditation criteria also include a full disclosure of funding and a declaration on potential conflicts of interest from the Provider. All programmes will need to demonstrate that they provide for active engagement with the learners. In addition, LEEs must include ways for learners to provide feedback. The document also encompasses the practical steps by which

an application will be reviewed as well as the criteria by which it will be granted accreditation. A new appeal procedure is provided.

The UEMS-EACCME® will now work on implementing this document. This will begin when the document is presented at the UEMS Conference on CME-CPD which will be held in Brussels on 18th November, with the planned “go-live date” on 1st January 2012.

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Full document: UEMS 2011/30 - The Accreditation of Live Educational Events by the EACCME®



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OTHER DOCUMENTS ENDORSED AND ADOPTED IN NAPLES



Chapter 6 for Specialty Requirements defined by the UEMS MJC and European Board of Emergency Medicine

UEMS 2011/36

This document drafted by the UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committee and European Board of Emergency Medicine was endorsed by the UEMS Council.



Chapter 6 for Specialty Requirements defined by the UEMS Section of Medical Microbiology

UEMS 2011/37

This document drafted by the UEMS Section of Medical Microbiology was endorsed by the UEMS Council.



Chapter 6 for Specialty Requirements defined by the UEMS Division of Neuroradiology

UEMS 2011/38

This document drafted by the UEMS Division of Neuroradiology was endorsed by UEMS Council.



Chapter 6 for Specialty Requirements defined by the UEMS Section of Oro-maxilla-facial Surgery

UEMS 2011/39

This document drafted by the UEMS Division of Neuroradiology was endorsed by UEMS Council.

UEMS Liaison Officer Dr Gerd Hofmann made Honorary Member

On 8th October 2011, at its Council meeting in Naples, the UEMS conferred the title of “Honorary Member” to Dr Gerd Guido Hofmann, in recognition of the long and distinguished service he has dedicated to the organisation. This began with his work for the UEMS Section of Internal Medicine and continued with his membership of the UEMS Enlarged Executive, where he successively held the offices of Vice-President and Liaison Officer. One of his most notable achievements was the coordination of the widely-acclaimed European Manual of Internal Medicine, which appeared as two volumes in 2002 and 2004.

