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1. Introduction

The CN section in 2014 comprises delegates of 13 European countries. There was one meeting in 2014, which took place in March, in Berlin (Germany), in combination with the international congress of Clinical Neurophysiology (ICCN), and organized by Karin Batelson (Chair) and Viviane van Kranen-Mastenbroek (Secretary). All other communication with the delegates was performed by e-mail.

2. Meeting of the Clinical Neurophysiology Section of UEMS Berlin, Germany

Delegates present:

Karin Båtelson (Chair); Satu Jääskeläinen; Kristin Ørstavik; Walter Paulus; Valerie Reid; Antonino Uncini; Vivianne van Kranen-Mastenbroek (Secretary).

Summary of the minutes of the meeting

1. Report from other UEMS countries (delegates) and discussion about the core-curriculum:

- Italy (Antonino Uncini): no independent specialty CN anymore. Now start with neurology training with 1 year of CN in the 4th year (same as Germany and Austria). They are starting a certification with a theoretical and practical exam.
- In Germany (Walter Paulus) there is also 1 year of CN max. Within the neurology.
- Satu Jääskeläinen (Finland) has doubts about the independent CN specialty after 1 or 2 years of clinical neurophysiology. There should be a kind of European certification for the real experienced persons in clinical

neurophysiology. The number of specialists is growing, which off course is very good.

- Walter Paulus: what knowledge do we need and what are the formalities? Who is responsible for the core curriculum? It will decline in a few years. We have to be careful to not push everybody towards Neurology.
- Ireland: very small CN, only 8 clinical neurophysiologists. Not all the countries are lucky enough to have a large group. We should not exclude groups e.g. people coming from neurology. Be realistic. Have broad-spectrum training. After this you have to do more specialized things. In Ireland there is no training program. No problem with others doing it. They have asked the government to have a training program.
- Kirsten Ørstavik (Norway), chair Norwegian society: maybe subspecialty in Neurology? No threat now. 10 year plan sent to all medical organizations.
- Sweden: Not threatened for the moment. About 55 specialists. Very strong. Neurologists don't want to do it.
- Finland: National standard for CN shall be given to everybody in the medical field. Recruit young people, medical students. Finland again??

There was a lively discussion on the core curriculum. The text will be sent to the ones who did not get it and we'll discuss by mail. If possible we will present it to UEMS board in October. Subspecialty or what other title, suggestions? We should try to be inclusive, not exclusive.

2. Financial status of the section: we are told to have some money from accreditations we have done but haven't seen them so far. However, we will need more money, to organize the meetings, rent the meeting rooms. Proposition again, as also decided in the Lund meeting, to send out a letter to the medical associations and ask money from the national scientific societies (e.g. €1 per member).
3. Attendance of meetings and planning of the next meeting of CN section: Proposal for the next CN section meeting during 15th ECCN Brno, Czech Republic, 30 Sept.4-Oct. 2015 is accepted.
4. Questions before closure of meeting:
 - Valerie Reid makes the suggestion to have also virtual meetings.
5. Closure of the meeting and thanks to everyone.

3. Clinical Neurophysiology Core Curriculum

One of the most important tasks of the CN Section still is the update of the Core Curriculum. A proposal for a new curriculum was presented at the meeting in Lund and accepted. The proposal is now being discussed with the UEMS section / European Board of neurology and the IFCN EXCO.

4. UEMS sections and board meetings

The UEMS section & Board meetings in Brussels (April 2014) were attended by the CN section Chair and Secretary. The meeting in Brussels April 2015 will be attended by our chair Karin Båtelson. Unfortunately none of us was able to attend the meetings in Granada in October 2014

5. UEMS CN section & European Chapter of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (EC-IFCN).

The CN Section of the UEMS and the EC-IFCN are at this moment exploring possibilities to work more closely together on Educational and Scientific subjects. Both the UEMS section and the EC-IFCN were very positive about closer cooperation. Further ways to accomplish this will be explored. Satu Jääskeläinen (Finland) and Vivianne van Kranen-Mastenbroek are part of the IFCN working party which is going to make a proposal for European Accreditation in Clinical Neurophysiology, that will be first presented during the European Congress for Clinical Neurophysiology in Brno, Czech Republic at the end of 2015.