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*Brussels, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

**To:** Representatives of National Medical Associations  
Presidents and Secretaries of UEMS Sections & Boards

**Re:** Election of the Chairpersons and Secretaries of UEMS Groupings

Dear Representatives of National Medical Associations,  
Dear Presidents and Secretaries of UEMS Sections & Boards,  
Dear Colleagues,

The term of office of the Groupings' Chairs and Secretaries, which is 4 years, is coming to an end and new elections have to be organised during the 22-23 October UEMS Council.

According to the Rules of Procedure, the Chair and the Secretary of each Grouping can only be elected out of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Sections of this Grouping who actually hold that position in their Section. The nomination for the position of the Chair or Secretary of a Grouping can be a self-nomination or a nomination by another President of a Section within the same Grouping. This has to be done by a formal letter to the UEMS Secretary General along with a short statement presenting the nominee's work and contribution to the UEMS and his/her plans for the future.

The nomination should take place at the latest two weeks before the first day of the Council meetings, that is to say, 8 October 2021. The nominees must have at least 2 years remaining of their term as a Section's President or Secretary.

Please note that the Chairpersons and Secretaries have the right to be re-elected for another term of 4 years.

With this letter, we would also like to draw your attention to the election process and general rules:

- This election will be carried out electronically: a Doodle link will be circulated the day before the Council, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of October, and will remain open until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at midnight. The results of the election will be announced during the Council Meeting, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.



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- An Election Committee will oversee the election process – the members of this committee will be the UEMS Secretary General and two Vice-Presidents.
- The election will be announced at least 6 weeks prior to the Council meeting by the UEMS Secretary General.
- The Chair and Secretary of a Grouping will be elected by the Presidents of the Sections of this Grouping present at the Grouping meeting (registered to attend on site or virtually). The election is legitimate only if 2/3 of the Sections of the Grouping are present at the meeting. If the President of a Section cannot attend the Council meeting, the Secretary of the Section can vote as long as a formal proxy is issued by the Section's President.
- For both the election of the Chair and Secretary of each Grouping, a majority of 50% +1 of the votes cast is needed to be elected. If no one obtained 50%+1 of the votes in the first ballot, then the two who got the highest number of votes, will go to a second ballot where a majority of 50%+1 of the votes cast is needed to be elected.
- The term in office of a Grouping's Chair and Secretary is 4 years. Chairpersons and Secretaries have the right to be re-elected for another term of 4 years.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.

Sincerely yours,

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UEMS President

Dr João Grenho  
UEMS Secretary General