Minutes Steering Committee on the e-platform

Ljubljana, 5th May 2012
Present:

Dr Romuald Krajewski, Dr Zlatko Fras, Mr Jean-Baptiste Rouffet, UEMS
Associate Prof. Hans Hjelmqvist, UEMS Working Group on PGT
Dr Umut Akyol, UEMS Working Group on PGT
Dr Zeev Goldik, UEMS Section of Anaesthesiology, CESMA
Prof. Alfred Tenore, CESMA

Apologies:

Dr Remy Demuth, UEMS Section of Radiology
Prof. Peter Mills, UEMS Section of Cardiology, British Cardiovascular Society
Prof. Hans Flaatten, European Society of Intensive Care Medicine

1. Follow up on OLIMPE

Mr Rouffet updated the members of the Steering Committee on the application for EU-funding submitted in March.

He notably pointed to the fact that this application was based on a previous one but was improved in terms of content and quality. Mr Rouffet expressed his gratitude to Prof. Mills for his valuable contribution to the rewording and rephrasing of this application.

Mr Rouffet also provided details about the consortium created to submit this application and welcomed the involvement of the University of Maastricht which brought added value to the project. The expected answer from the Commission was expected by July 2012.

In any case, the application for European Funding was seen to be useful in order to better define the scope of the e-platform supporting the assessment of medical competence.

Dr Fras requested that the application package be sent to all members of the SCeP.

The situation in various countries was discussed. Dr Fras also notably pointed to the German Medical Association which was opposed to European assessment of medical competence as it was allegedly seen as questioning their competence at the national level. He stressed the fact that the GMA was in close contact with DG Markt from the European Commission and expressed UEMS intention to meet with them in order to discuss this issue further.
Dr Fras pointed to the aim of UEMS to introduce the concept of a competence-based training in the revised version of the Professional Qualifications Directive. Should the UEMS be successful in its endeavours, it will have to prove itself as competent accreditation institution.

Dr Krajewski referred to the need to present the e-platform as a pilot project in order to avoid any misunderstanding from European Member States. He also suggested to look for other source of European funding or try to join other organisations receiving funds for similar projects.

**DECISION:**
Send the application documents for OLIMPE to all members of the SCeP

**Task assigned to:**
Mr Rouffet

2. Agreement with Orzone

Dr Goldik expressed the wish of the Section of Anaesthesiology to continue developing an e-portfolio supporting the assessment of medical competence. He highlighted the good collaboration EBA had with Orzone and pointed to their good understanding of the concerns and expectations of physicians’ assessments.

Dr Goldik wished that a European e-portfolio supporting the assessment of medical competence was developed under the aegis of the UEMS. He strongly advocated for developing a flexible and user-friendly tool fitting the needs of each specialty.

During the CESMA meeting (Ljubljana, 5th May 2012), several Sections expressed their interest in organising on-line European examinations and were contacted by Orzone. Dr Fras added that another agreement with Orzone would have to be discussed in order to further continue the work done and ensure coherent approach within the UEMS constituency.

**DECISION:**

a) Receive written reports on the pilot tests from Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care.
b) Contact Orzone to discuss the renewal of the agreement signed in 2010.

**Task assigned to:**
a) Dr Goldik and Prof. Vallet
b) Dr Fras and UEMS Executive
3. UEMS policy Documents

Dr Fras expressed the need to revise the UEMS Charter on Post Graduate Training which had been adopted in 1994. The Chapter 6 of this Charter should also be revised and include the UEMS policy with regard to competence-based training and the assessment of knowledge, skills and professionalism. He also proposed that the core competencies of physicians were included in the revised Charter as well as the glossary of terms.

The e-platform and notably the assessment of knowledge and skills of medical trainees should be evaluated on the basis of the criteria laid down in these documents.

Dr Krajewski suggested to rename the Chapter 6 as it was not understood by people outside the UEMS Family. He therefore proposed that the Charter was circulated among members of the SCeP in order to receive comments, recommendations and advice on the improvements proposed for this policy document.

**DECISIONS:**

Disseminate the UEMS Charter on PGT to SCeP members and provide recommendations on how to modernise it.

**Task assigned to:**

Mr Rouffet for dissemination, All SCeP for review

4. Guidelines for MCQ

Mr Rouffet reported on the discussion he had with Prof. Catalano from the Section of Vascular Medicine. This Section intended to organise a European online examination on 29th November in Milan and requested guidance on how to draft high quality MCQs and also how to organise from a practical viewpoint the examination. The newly created Section of Emergency Medicine was said to be willing to organise European examinations in October 2012.

Dr Fras proposed that a guidance document on MCQ drafting will be created and suggested that Prof. Mills worked on this document as decided during the previous SCeP meeting in Vienna. Prof. Tenore added that he could help in drafting this document.

**DECISION:**

Create a guidance document on elaboration of high quality MCQs

**Task assigned to:**

Prof. Mills and Prof. Tenore
### Key decisions and Action points

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