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*Highlights from the personal **CURRICULUM VITAE***

Place and Date of Birth: Maribor, Slovenia, August 18, 1963

Education and Postgraduate Training: Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana

Fellowships / Honours: European Society of Cardiology – FESC, American College of Cardiology – FACC

International Training & Research Collaboration: Imperial College London (UK), University of Medicine & Pharmacy Timisoara (Romania), Duke University (NC, USA), University of Washington, Seattle (WA, USA)

Scientific Merits: author / co-author of 380 scientific units – the list available online at COBISS.SI, URL address: <http://izumbib.izum.si/bibliografije/Y20151008130123-A3539811.html>.

Current positions: (1) Medical Director - Division of Medicine, UMC Ljubljana, (2) Professor - Chair of Internal Medicine (Cardiology), Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, (3) President - Slovenian Society of Cardiology, (4) Chairman – Slovene National CVD Prevention Programme.

Past positions (professional): (1) President & Liaison Officer – UEMS (2006 – 2015), (2) Chairman – UEMS WG PGT (2001 - 2006), (3) Chairman – Postgraduate Specialist Training Board, Medical Chamber of Slovenia (1998 – 2012).

MANIFESTO - to the campaign / elections for the position of the UEMS Liaison Officer – 2016 – 2019

There are **5 core areas** where I would like to put my professional expertise and experience further to serve for the purpose and the mission of the UEMS, and to argument my nomination:

1. **specialist postgraduate training and continuous education of the young medical workforce** on equal foundation across Europe – in accordance with the highest international educational standards and based on the implementation of:
 - a. the harmonized UEMS Curricula & European Training Requirements, and
 - b. universal access to the common education/training/qualification e-platform the UEMS is plan to develop;
2. preservation and strengthening of the **professional autonomy of specialist medical doctors** in Europe:
 - a. by the reliable assurance of the leading, but autonomous professional role of the UEMS at the EU level,
 - b. by assuring the chance of transparent and equal access to funding from various, mainly EU grants;
3. collaboration in and/or creation of the active **alliance of the UEMS and other professional medical organizations**, both at the European as well as the national levels – mainly to strengthen the joint role in the areas of appropriate **international accreditation** of core activities (through UEMS EACCME[®] and UEMS ECAMSQ[®] systems);
4. **strengthening of the relations with European Union bodies** - through the strong representation of the UEMS and advocacy in Brussels – all in order to promote competence based specialist postgraduate training, continuous medical education / continuous professional development and to raise quality standards of specialist care across Europe;
5. active participation in continuous assurance of **cost – contained (lean) management of the UEMS** as a whole, despite of its continuous growth, and the ways for the best investment and/or re-allocation of its resources to those parts / areas of the constituency which mostly lack the necessary funding.

Having the credit of being probably the most powerful European professional medical organization, I believe UEMS is able significantly to contribute for the **more balanced access to various types of scientific and professional resources** for the whole European medical society. As the Liaison Officer of the UEMS I would like actively to strengthen the relations to build essentially stronger bridges between North-Western and Central-Eastern part of Europe.

One of the priority challenges for the UEMS in the very near future is to be more active in decreasing the large inequalities in daily clinical practice in different European countries, particularly evident in technology driven areas of specialist medicine. This can be achieved by our more active procurement for greater political awareness and financial support to assure the high quality, evidence-based medical care all around Europe – by continuous stepwise progress in less well developed regions as well. The UEMS have recently got the chance to take the lead in creation of various **specialist reference networks** introduced by recent EU regulations. With the opportunities envisioned and offered by the EU, I trust UEMS can significantly help in practical implementation - for the best of our patients.

There are many more opportunities for constructive **synergic activity among different medico-political stakeholders in Europe**, rather than competition and power-game play. I trust my knowledge and experience of the immediate Past-President & Liaison Officer of the UEMS can help in creation of even better visibility and the leading role of the UEMS. In case of my election, I will honorably and proudly do my best efforts not only to preserve the current status, but further to improve the functioning and the credentials of the UEMS.

Zlatko Fras

in Ljubljana, Slovenia – October 5, 2015