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## Press Release

### Harmonisation of medical qualifications: First pan-European pilot test of knowledge assessment

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2011, the UEMS organised the first pilot test of knowledge assessment for medical trainees in Intensive Care Medicine. Twelve candidates from Ireland, Norway, Portugal and UK took part in this test. In the coming months, the UEMS will run similar tests assessing knowledge of medical trainee in three other specialties.

This pilot was carried in the framework of the ECAMSQ® (the European Council for the Accreditation of Medical Specialists Qualifications) which was established by the UEMS in October 2010. The ECAMSQ® aims at assessing the knowledge, skills and competence in medical training. This assessment is supported by an e-platform which keeps track of the medical trainees' achievements and progress in the light of harmonised European standards of medical training developed by the UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards.

Twelve candidates from Ireland, Norway, Portugal and UK took part in this test. Thanks to fruitful collaboration between the UEMS, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee in Intensive Care Medicine and the Swedish company Orzone, this first experience was a success.

The success of this first pilot test will now pave the way to the effective deployment of the e-platform which will eventually support the full implementation of the ECAMSQ®.

This demonstrates UEMS commitment to address the harmonisation of Medical Special-



**Trainees in Intensive Care Medicine  
taking part in the pilot test**

ists' Qualifications and guarantee Doctor's competence and fitness to practice throughout Europe.

In the coming months, the UEMS will run similar tests assessing knowledge of medical trainees in three other specialties; i.e. Anaesthesiology, Cardiology and Radiology. The UEMS will also further deploy the current e-platform to other countries or specialties while at the same time integrate two other components, i.e. skills and professionalism. Ten years after the launching of the EAC-CME® in the field of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development, the ECAMSQ® addresses the issue of harmonisation of medical training according to the highest standards of care for the benefit of European citizens. The UEMS has committed itself to improving the quality of care provided to patients through the improvement of doctors' competence and fitness to practice.

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The UEMS is a non-profit organisation which promotes the free movement of Medical Specialists across Europe through the harmonisation of the highest level of training for European doctors. The UEMS currently represents 1,5 million European Medical Specialists through its 35 National Member Associations and its 38 Specialist Sections and Boards which collaborate together in order to set common standards for high quality healthcare practice. Through its activities at the European level, the UEMS is committed to ever-improving the quality of care provided to European citizens.

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