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UEMS 2022/16

MEETING OF THE UEMS COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Saturday 30th April 2022
10:00 - 16:25 CET

Meeting held at:

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre
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UEMS Council meeting, 30th April 2022

Welcome

Prof. Papalois - UEMS President

Prof. Papalois welcomed everyone and explained that the status of the organisation was very strong and safe. The UEMS navigated the pandemic successfully thanks to the great amount of work done by all UEMS colleagues, to whom the UEMS owes an immense debt of gratitude. What is important to remember is that the UEMS is an organisation of volunteers, where our most precious and perhaps the only resource we have is simply each other. The second reason the organisation is flourishing is that we were able to go through the road of evolution, with learning, adapting to new situations and changing what was necessary without negating any of our principles.

Prof. Papalois talked about the vision and actions of the organisation along the three main challenges ahead of us, not only in our organization, but in medical specialist practice in Europe and way beyond:

- The first big issue and challenge we face is that specialist practice as we know it, and medical practice altogether post-pandemic, changes direction completely.
- We are a European organisation, and European values and way of life are questioned and threatened constantly nowadays. What happens in Ukraine is not only an attack on the country, but an attack on European values and identity. We need to protect and build on this European identity.
- We live in a world where we have the massive threat of the environmental catastrophe. The UEMS will respond to these challenges in the years ahead of us, starting, first of all, with the function of the organization – the time has come to use our massive financial reserves, we will do it with an extreme prudence and carefully by investing, and the process will be inclusive, with proposals coming from the ground. In the office, we want to invest in more people. Investment are also needed in IT and technology all together. And last but not least, it is evident that two meetings a year are not enough anymore for the work of this organisation. We need communication over time during the course of the year and we also need smaller targeted meetings to address very specific issues.

When it comes to ETR, the UEMS flagship project, it is in constant evolution. There will be an ETRs UEMS conference in April 2023, alongside the Council Meeting, where we will have a main brainstorming session and presentations of what we do plan for the future.



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When it comes to exams and assessments, they have been through an evolution through the pandemic. We see the role of assessments as paramount and central in helping us to plan the guidelines for the next level of our assessments and put into place a stronger quality assurance; CESMA will have a very central role to play.

For the accreditation of centres, we are entering a new era. The work starts on revising and updating the charter that sets the scene for the accreditation of centres.

Regarding EACCME, UEMS President evoked three major matters:

- We presented during the EACCME conference in Sevilla for the first-time evidence-based CME-CPD planning based on the scientific research and analysis of 6000 events of EACCME. And this from now on will be the modus operandi;
- EACCME 2.1, designed by the Secretary General and his team, is open for consultation;
- The broadening of the EACCME family, we are welcoming today the Netherlands. This is thanks to the great work of the Dutch Medical Association and the Dutch Delegation to the UEMS led by Prof. Cense, who over the last few years worked tirelessly to be able to make this happen. The UEMS is also working closely in developing a CME CPD collaboration and agreement with CONFEMEL.

When it comes to the issue of new bodies in UEMS: TF for equality, diversity and inclusivity – every European feel included and part of what we do – TF for medical ethics that would allow us to dive into medical deontology. TF for humanitarian response for medical practitioners will be discussed in Athens. Wish to enhance collaboration with NMAs – projects that they want us to push at the European level. One massive effort is to enhance the link between Sections and NMAs.

Another aspect tackled by UEMS President is the mass of under-utilised resources, such as the great potential of fellows who pass UEMS examinations, who can feed in our projects and can become our biggest ambassadors. Prof. Papalois stated that we must find a way to engage them.

Further on, UEMS President expressed the wish to extend work with ESS and announced a conference for December 2022. The Sections have been called to advance proposals on topics for engagement. Prof. Papalois listed 3 examples in that sense:

- EFFORT and Section Orthopaedics & Traumatology
- Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and Section Surgery
- MJC RUD and major players in the field.



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Whatever is being achieved must be communicated across UEMS. There will be regular updates through webinars and enhanced dialogue.

UEMS President further mentioned about the collaboration with EMOs and European Union, enlisting the achievements obtained so far. Prof. Papalois had a meeting with CPME and other EMOs and emphasised on the intention to have everyone sit around the table and define models as how to work together and provide mutual support. UEMS welcomes this prospect. Regarding the *Clinical Leadership* project, the first fruits will be seen in May. CPME has signed a letter inviting the National Medical Associations (NMAs) to be part of digital programme EU4Health. CEOM partnership will evolve with TF Medical Ethics. UEMS has a collaboration with European Junior Doctors (EJD), which wishes to further extend by identifying colleagues interested.

As for EU projects, the aim is to identify colleagues in order to extent political lobbying. The role of the Liaison Officer is expected to increase and its office to advance into an external affairs office.

Another crucial subject on the agenda is the need for sustainable green medicine. Prof. Papalois underlined that the focus will be integrating sustainable and green element in everything with do. In order to better coordinate these efforts, the start off aimed is the creation of a small WG, extensible to a TF, who's core mission will be the reduction of carbon footprints and green operating policies in the UEMS, discussing a strategic approach regarding a greener future for specialist medical practice, and engaging with international organisations and initiatives aiming to advance the green agenda.

Prof. Vassilios Papalois expressed his gratitude and appreciation, thanking everyone for their fantastic work within the organisation, stating that he is always available to support work. He also mentioned that the UEMS offers a priceless feeling, that being part of this wonderful legacy helps making a difference for the life of patients and medical practice together.

Report on the situation of doctors in Ukraine

*Prof. Svetlana Yaremchuk - Secretary of the Ukrainian Medical Association
Dr Krajewski – UEMS Liaison Officer*

UEMS President introduced the topic about Ukraine's ongoing crisis, referring to the attack of Russia on Europe and European values.



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UEMS Council's special guest was Prof. Svetlana Yaremchuk from Ukraine, the Secretary General of the Ukrainian Medical Association, who honoured UEMS Spring Council with her exclusive presence right from the heart of the ongoing war, Kiev. Prof. Yaremchuk made a moving presentation of the actual situation in Ukraine, under Russian military attack. From an insider perspective, she presented the real field situation in Ukraine, from both civilian and medical-professional angles. Prof. Yaremchuk detailed the extraordinary situation back home, portraying it with self-explanatory pictures from before and after the Russian invasion: hospitals and research centres destroyed, blasted universities and city centres, subterranean adapted medical-care et pre-natal care etc. The acute crisis that the Ukrainian medical system is confronted with is being severely fuelled by shortage of supplies, shortage of portable equipment, electricity disruptions, logistic problems, and lastly, loss of human lives among medically trained personnel or their inability to freely move and pool expertise and medical care. Prof. Yaremchuk also withdrew attention on the situation of the millions of displaced Ukrainians, out of which more than 2 million are children.

Prof. Yaremchuk addressed a public plea in order to support Ukrainian doctors and facilitate their free participation to various European conferences and workshops, given the current circumstances and the fact that all clinical trials and scientific activity have been frozen by the war. The Ukrainian head of delegation thanked UEMS for its support and for having invited her.

UEMS Liaison-Officer, Dr Romuald Krajewski, emphasised on the 5 million Ukrainians refugee's crisis, out of which 3 million are currently located in Poland. Dr Krajewski spoke about the intense border dynamics (Poland-Ukraine) and offered some examples. UEMS Liaison-Officer also evoked the general need for help; the Foundation Doctor for Doctor can still send aid. UEMS contribution is used to buy food supplies and has send an ambulance to Ukraine. Dr Krajewski called for help, whether that consists in funds or goods, and emphasised on the fact that we should generally be prepared for a long sustainable effort.

Prof. Papalois thanked Dr Krajewski and made a promise as to further discuss how can UEMS provide support.

Roll-call of delegations and introduction of new attendees

Dr Grenho - UEMS Secretary General

Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia



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Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom

28 Full Member Associations were present or represented - 15 vote majority.

1 Associate Member Association was present: Ukraine.

1 Observer Member Association was present: Tunisia.

1. Approval of the agenda **

26 – 100%

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last UEMS Council Meeting **

22 – 100%



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The minutes were approved.

3. Report of the Secretary-General

*Dr Grenho - UEMS Secretary General
UEMS 2022/07*

Dr Grenho presented the report of Secretary General.

UEMS president thanked him for the excellent job.

Dr Grenho further announced that the UEMS Office Managing Director, Mrs Bénédicte Reychler, will retire at the end of August and thanked her for her devotion and her years in service at the UEMS.

Signature of the EACCME – GAIA agreement

Dr Huib Cense, Head of Dutch Medical Association

Dr Cense (NL) spoke about the long road they had come along to reach this moment. He thinks that The Netherlands are doing a bold and important move to join this European movement.

The President of the Dutch Royal Society, Prof. Herman, mentioned that this is a memorable day and a milestone, as the agreement is being signed. Prof. Papalois expressed grateful thanks to both Dr Cense and Prof. Herman for their support and work, stating that he expects a fruitful collaboration.

Tribute to Dr Cees LEIBBRANDT, past UEMS Secretary General

Dr Hannu Halila - UEMS Past President

Dr Hannu Halila presented tribute to Dr Cees Leibbrandt.

UEMS President explained that Dr Leibbrandt was the architect of EACCME, that's why the conference was named after him. His passing saddened everyone present and, on this occasion, UEMS wishes to honour his memory.



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4. Constitutional issues

4.1. Training objectives for UEMS specialists pertaining to the care of adolescents and young adults **

*Prof. Michaud
President MJC Adolescent Medicine*

Prof. Michaud presented the training objectives.

Dr Firth (UK) stated that the involvement of UEMO is important and expressed his content to see that presented. He further asked whether it was possible to have a UEMO representative within the MJC and was affirmatively answered by Prof. Papalois, who explained that the MJC has the capacity to invite expertise, in an advisory capacity (no voting right though).

Prof. Michaud has connected with UEMO and WONKA, they have followed work during last couple of months.

Prof. Patil (IR) had previously suggested engagement with UEMO during the last Council. Prof. Patil stated that the definition of adolescent and young person is quite broad. Prof. Michaud replied that this was the term chosen for the document and that some meaning problems could last for many years. Prof. Patil expressed a second concern, related to the insufficient training and academic centres across Europe offering support in adolescent medicine, hoping to see progress in this field and potentially a separate relevant competence with an ETR.

Dr Bumbulut (RO) stated that UEMO position is to accept this document as a recommendation and not as something that imposes training. He further stated the preference for naming the family doctors specialist doctors, offering two reasons in that sense:

- It provides chaperon if wanted;
- Transition from paediatric to adult care (provisions should be made).

Prof. Michaud explained that some part of the document may apply better to some specialty than others and expressed his flexibility towards the way in which the document is being used.

Vote: 26 – 92% yes – 8 abstain – 0 no



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Training objectives approved.

4.2. Creation of a Thematic Federation for bioethics and medical deontology **

*Dr Papandroudis
Panhellenic Medical Association*

UEMS President announced that there were some changes in the name of the proposal and it had been agreed that Thematic Federation for Medical Ethics (TF ME) would better reflect the Body's mission.

Dr Papandroudis presented the creation of the TF for Medical Ethics.

Prof. Patil (IR) mentioned he was happy to support the concept, but unlikely the idea for *specialty bioethics* stating his preference for the latter term, *medical deontology*. Prof. Papalois clarified the matter and stipulated that the focus of the said TF will be exclusively on *medical ethics*.

Dr Klausen (DK) suggested they are very inclined to consider collaboration with WMA, idea also supported by Dr Papandroudis.

Dr Ramuscello (IT) asked for a clarification as in the presentation it is mentioned that treatment guidelines are sometimes based on doubtful data. Dr Papandroudis stated that it was due to covid-19 pandemic situation and the aim is to create the TF in order to have guideline for every situation. Prof. Papalois intervened and clarified that the TF was exclusively meant for dealing with ethical challenges.

Dr Jose Santos (PT) saluted the creation of this TF, saying that CEOM works together with WMA and expressed his enthusiasm towards the collaboration with UEMS during a time of challenging ethical conditions.

Dr Sofia Rydgren Stale (Sweden) expressed her support as well. She however raised some concerns as not to double the work for Sweden, already engaged with WMA, and highlighting the importance of working very tight. Prof. Vassilios Papalois explained that the reason of coming up with this idea was in a way a response towards WMA, who contacted UEMS on numerous occasions for opinions and suggestions and that UEMS needed to create a designated vehicle in order to provide centralized feedback.



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Dr Joao de Deus (PT) echoed Portugal's support. The FEMS President mentioned that is essential to discuss about how to integrate remuneration and working conditions in an ethical framework. Dr Papandroudou admitted that discussion will span and it will shortly start off based on received suggestions. Prof. Papalois further said that the idea is to deal with ethical challenges coming to medical profession as ethics and welcomed all EMOs to take part.

Dr Tomas Cobo (SP) confirmed the fully support of the Spanish Medical Council on the matter.

Vote: 28 - 79% yes – 21% abstain – 0% no

The creation of the TF was approved.

4.3. Creation of the European Board of Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases (EBRUD) **

Prof. Melegh
President MJC RUD

Prof. Papalois explained the creation MJC RUD as an organised framework, in response to the European Commission project for Rare and undiagnosed.

Prof. Béla Melegh presented the creation the European Board for Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases. Dr Ramuscello (It) admitted that in addition to scientific support, financial and political support were necessary as well and that Italy votes in favour of this proposal.

Dr Koenig (GER) mentioned that following extended discussions, the creation of such board was critically seen. Prop. Papalois reminded that MJC had already been established, and stressed on the fact that the board will effectively serve as an educational arm.

Prof. Michalis, President of UEMS Cardiology Section, expressed his willingness to be part of the committee and his full support of the motion, stating his interest to join the MJC.

Dr Firth (UK) raised concerns with regard to the Genetics side of the matter. If the Board is established, he advised that the first statement addresses the Board support to the Ukrainian cause, for those suffering of rare diseases, in such critical times.

Dr Cense (NL) mentioned that that rare diseases were a typical example of cooperation in Europe and declared his support to the cause.

Vote: 28 – 68% yes – 19 % abstain – 12% no

The European Board of Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases (EBRUD) was established.



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5. **Specialist issues**

5.1. **Report from the Advisory Board**

Dr Durkan – Chair AB

Dr Maeve Durkan, Chair of Grouping I, presented the Report from the Advisory Board.

Dr Durkan reported on the outcome of the Advisory Board, where the process of approval of ETRs has been discussed, as well as the matter of terminology and consistency within Preamble. It has been agreed to plan for an ETR themed conference in order to brainstorm.

There were 3 presentations on ETRs: Neurology supported; Endocrine Surgery supported ; Anaesthesiology supported.

5.2. **UEMS Section of Medical Genetics suggested baseline of Genetics and Genomics for ETRs**

*Prof. Turnpenny
Secretary Section Medical Genetics*

Prof. Turnpenny presented the baseline of Genetics and Genomics.

Dr Grenho stated it was an excellent document.

Prof. Papalois expressed grateful thanks not only for the document itself, but also for the entire support of the Section.

5.3. **UEMS Section of Dermatology and Venereology suggestion regarding the process of approval of ETRs**

*Prof. Arenberger & Dr Jasaitiene
President & Secretary Section Dermatology & Venereology*

Prof. Arenberger presented the suggestion regarding the process of approval of ETRs. He further suggested it will be mutually beneficial to have a meeting with all interested parties.



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Dr Grehno agreed it was a very reasonable proposal.

Prof. Cikes stated that the matter was indeed of major importance and shared insights about her experience in reviewing the 3 ETRs earlier presented, through which she had a strong communication with the authors. She further emphasised that the matter is not yet solved, but the new ETR Timeline and referece document of work of ETR-RC have permitted a better communication and created a process basis. Prof. Cikes stated that she further awaits details about the future ETR meeting during UEMS Fall Council in Athens as well as expecting the expansion of the ETR-RC membership. She concluded by expressing her confidence towards the visible improvement of the process.

Prof. Patil (IR) stated that he strongly believes that the future of European healthcare lies in the hands of UEMS, thus enhancing communication and collaboration.

5.4. Comments from the Section of Paediatrics on issues of overlap within ETRs

Dr Russell

Chair of the European Board of Paediatrics

Dr Russel highlighted 2 issues that his section is facing:

1. Not all countries within UEMS recognise all specialties – matter especially applicable for Paediatrics (which covers 14 different specialties within). In that sense he would like to formalise or bring to agreement that specialty areas should be recognised outside of UEMS.
2. The Sections considers it essential that everyone who is a Paediatrician undergoes core training in Paediatrics.

Dr Grenho thanked Dr Russel for his presentation and warmly invited him to become a member of the ETR Review Committee. Prof. Papalois clarified the matter of UEMS recognized specialities, indicating Annex V. Dr Russel mentioned about an issue with ETRs external to UEMS and exemplified a case with the Paediatric Neurology Society in Europe, where the training requirements with regard to the paediatric core training does not correspond with UEMS terms. Prof. Papalois stated that as long as the publication makes no reference to UEMS ETR, it is external to our organization and summarized the main steps of an ETR approval, highlighting the fact that an ETR is an extensive dedicated work that spans over few years. UEMS President thanked Dr Russell and reinforced the Secretary General's invitation, given Dr Russell's extended knowledge and experience with ETRs.



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5.5. Update on the UEMS Survey on the issues faced by doctors in private practice

5 min

Dr Papandroudīs – UEMS Vice-President

Dr Papandroudīs presented the Survey on the issues faced by doctors in private practice.

Dr Grenho commented that one of the most important EMO to liaise with is FEMS, as they are well equipped to deal with issues related to medical professionals.

Dr Joao de Deus (FEMS) stated his availability to discuss and further develop the issue, and will partake in webinar.

UEMS President highlighted that the rationale behind this initiative are the colleagues who work in private practice (PP), without the back-up of massive institutions behind them. Prof. Papaloīs stressed on the fact that being an extensive organisation in the field, it is UEMS duty to pay attention to the doctors who profess in private practice, as it was long time disregarded and this is just the beginning in that direction.

5.6. Training Requirements

5.6.1. Preamble for ETRs **

Prof. Cikes - UEMS Vice President

Prof. Cikes presented the preamble for European Training Requirements.

UEMS President explained that ETRs are the final product of an enormous amount of work. He further stated that UEMS promotes ETRs as standards, but there is no intention to impose them as such.

Dr Klausen (DK) believes ETRs to be of importance, he thought however they would be re-circulated for comments and would have seen a revised produce. He claimed to have encountered difficulties in understanding the document and had some suggestions around terminology, as it makes the document difficult to read. He also stated there is room for improvement. Prof. Papaloīs replied to have never received any comment from anybody and affirmed that postponing it again would be unfair.



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Dr Rydgren Stale (Sweden) claimed there was a misunderstanding, as they thought that the document would be circulated again., in order to contribute with amendments. Dr Grenho suggested to proceed to vote during the ongoing Council and also to bring in light the open channels for changes during the next Council. Prof. Papalois took note of Dr Rydgren Stale comments, which he considered valuable.

Dr Klausen (DK) made a suggestion to UEMS Executive as to establish a deadline for comments and feedback and to allow time for exchanges before the final version of ETR gest published. Dr Grehno found the idea very useful.

Vote 26 – 69% yes – 31 % abstain – 0% no

Preamble for ETR has been approved.

5.6.2. Training Requirements for Neurology **

*Dr Cras
Doc – ETR NL*

Dr Cras presented the ETR for Neurology.

Dr Bisdorff (LUX) mentioned that Luxembourg had started residence programme and commenced to implement UEMS ETRs.

Vote 27 – 89% yes – 8% abstain – 4% no

ETR for Neurology was approved.

5.6.3. Training Requirements for Endocrine Surgery **

*Prof. Gimm
Doc – ETR ES*

Prof. Gimm presented the ETR for Endocrine Surgery.

Dr Firth (UK) acknowledged a positive response within UK and mentioned few reflections of the importance of MDTs in a future version. Prof. Gimm replied that this will be taken into account for next time.



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Vote 26 votes – 96% yes – 4 % abstain – 0 % no

ETR for Endocrine Surgery was approved.

5.6.4. *Training Requirements for Anaesthesiology* **

*Prof. Sabelnikovs
Doc – ETR AN*

Prof. Sabelnikovs presented the ETR for Anaesthesiology.

Vote: 25 votes – 39% yes – 4 % abstain – 0% no

ETR in Anaesthesiology was approved.

6. Report to Council of the outcomes of the Board Meeting

Dr Haas - UEMS Treasurer

Dr Othmar Haas, UEMS Treasurer, presented the outcomes of the Board Meeting.

Dr Haas presented the financial situation and mentioned the negative interest rate at the bank. UEMS Treasurer emphasised on the urge to have extensive discussions about projects in the future, as UEMS money have increased over 1 million EUR in the past year. Dr Haas expressed a very interesting proposal as to defy this challenge, by paying back loan 2 and 3. The Executive Committee (EC) will address an official letter in order to propose the creation of an internal fund to repay the loans.

In order to avoid negative interest, apart from paying back loans, Dr Haas called for the necessity to better use the funds for our organisation. Executive Committee Members expressed their unanimity on the financial considerations before them and called for proposals and suggestions. Another aspect to be considered remains solidarity within the organisation: whatever a Section is doing or achieving, it is always on behalf of UEMS and under its auspices. Legal entity is UEMS and the responsibility is therefore shared. Dr Haas further stated that the Board had unanimously approved presentation from OH the day before.

Prof. Papalois affirmed that having recorded finances of 1 million EUR surplus in 2021 denotes an excellent financial result; UEMS currently has 5.5 million EUR in cash reserve at



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the bank and has already paid 70% of the mortgage for the DOMUS, which itself values 4 million EUR. He further on stressed on the importance to invest in projects that are equally beneficial for all of us within UEMS. The proposal will follow in written and sustainable projects are to be considered.

7. Working Groups Reports

7.1. E-Health

Dr Bisdorff

Did not take place.

7.2. Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development

Dr Halila

Dr Halila presented the WG's latest activities and commitments, as well as their future prospects. The presentation began with the group's extensive work on a draft document – *UEMS Statement – Impact of Covid-19 on CME-CPD of European Specialties* - which targets to obtain a wider support from the employers regarding CME-CPD. Another point was the WG's fifth conference along with *Dr Cees Leibbrandt EACCME Conference* in Sevilla, which conducted to conclusive feedback within the group. Dr Halila evoked the WG talks about the EACCME 2.1 Criteria and announced new developments in the CME-CPD situation in the UEMS member states and specialities: the aim is to bring up to date the Basel Declaration and further define whether the CPD should have a mandatory or voluntary character.

Dr De Deus (PT) affirmed that also EMOs statement about CPD should perhaps be revised as well.

7.3. Postgraduate Medical Specialist Training

Dr Barotsis on behalf of Prof. Akyol

Dr Barotsis presented on behalf of PGT WG and evoked the various activities and commitments of the group. The first thing enunciated was the need of having a dedicated PGT WG page under the UEMS website, as to promote the work of the group and to enhance collective work. The second matter was related to the ETR process; the idea of facing some practical issues related to the application of ETRs was expressed and the thought of having "external" contributors should be perhaps welcomed. Another idea was to have a cross-country mentorship and to implement in-training assessment. The WG's vision is to harmonize ETRs procedure in practice. Furthermore, Dr Barotsis spoke about the group's intention to have a standardized terminology and the fact that the proposal of Prof. A. Felice was discussed. Another thing on their agenda is the creation of a cadre in UEMS for



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fellows of Sections and Bodie, considering their huge potential. Lastly, an important matter for PGT WG would be the evaluation of the training centres in Europe. In that sense, the group supports the proposal made by Dr Papandroudīs. Prof. Akyol and Prof. Kusec were praised by UEMS President for their intense work and for having such a dynamic group and referred as an example for their hard work and frequent meetings.

Dr Papandroudīs congratulated participants and colleagues who work in CME-CPD WG and PGT WG, stating that he has observed that the work has been enhanced.

7.4. Quality of Patient Care & Specialist Practice in current Health Systems

Dr Berchicci

Did not take place.

7.5. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Covid-19

Prof. Michalis

Prof. Michalis presented the report on the work of the WG, who has been divided in 5 sub-groups with precise research tasks; the WG is preparing several research documents in that sense which are soon to be presented. The Ad-Hoc WG on Covid-19 was congratulated by UEMS President, who added that the documents need to be consulted by the UEMS Council prior to being published.

8. The floor is open to representatives of UEMS Associate and Observer Members

Dr Bouzaouache, representative of the Tunisian associate NMA, spoke about the Tunisian resistance to change and the misunderstanding about educational requirements. Dr Bouzaouache revealed the plan to create a Board of Urology, stating that he would like to get in touch with UEMS Section of Urology. They are even considering establishing a Board exam in Tunisia.

In addition to that, Dr Bouzaouache specified that mutual recognition for EACCME is of major interest for them. In response, Prof. Papaloīs assured Dr Bouzaouache about UEMS support on the matter and with regard to the concerned specific collaboration with UEMS Section of Urology. Prof. Papaloīs expressed his content to have such agreement with Tunisia.



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9. The floor is open to representatives of European Medical Organisations

AEMH representative mentioned they will bring to their board request from Ukrainian colleagues and talked about project on clinical leadership. Prof. Papalois confirmed that first accreditation will take place in May and thus promote the project.

CEOM discussed about their involvement in clinical leadership project and coalition vaccination. They have also brought the subject of violence against doctors and expressed the idea of a WG creation on violence and burn-out, in a context of war. CEOM is also collaborating in TF medical deontology and CME-CPD WG and they have a meeting in May.

The Chair of PGT Committee, Ms Shruti Sharma, held a complete presentation of the EJD organization, which currently involves 22 European countries. Ms Sharma introduced the EJD online platform and offered a detailed insight of the organisation's work, out of which we remind their contribution in the minimum requirement for optimal learning and PGT in training centres; the biannual meetings online with EJD representatives within UEMS, presentation of abstract *Covid -19 Impact on PGT in Europe* at AMMEE 2022 etc. Ms Sharma encouraged UEMS to disseminate information across its bodies and welcomed junior doctors to apply for EJD. Furthermore, she evoked EJD's future goals and agenda. EJD's core mission is to share knowledge, expertise and promote collaboration. In order to enhance collaboration, Ms Sharma expressed EJD's requests towards UEMS: to consult their dedicated website, to contact EJD representatives among UEMS sections and bodies and to actively include EJD representatives when updating/creating ETRs. Prof. Papalois expressed his sincere thanks for the active collaboration and commitment.

FEMS – Dr Joao de Deus talked about the pilot project of FEMS, which is a *White book for European Doctors* framework, divided in 8 chapters. Amongst other activities, he highlighted the importance of commitment with other EMOs.

UEMO – Dr Calin Bumbulut – offered updates on UEMO extensive activities: he presented the importance of vaccine literacy and UEMO's efforts in that sense, which worked on 4 videos dedicated to vaccine promotion, disseminated via social media; he spoke about the exchanges with DG Santé with regard to UEMO's recognition at European level. Another matter presented was the segregation between general medical practice activities and specialised medicine. Dr Bumbulut reaffirmed UEMO's position to fight for the equality of all specialist doctors in Europe. Further on, Dr Bumbulut evoked UEMO's recent activities on the European affairs stage: the recognition of the UK Association *Arisen Europe*, having taken position and publicly condemning the aggression of the Russian Federation on



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Ukraine. Dr Bumbulut concluded his presentation by announcing that UEMO will resume all main activities that were hindered by the global context, the pandemic and the war in Ukraine. Prof. Papalois expressed his grateful thanks and praised Dr Bumbulut for all his efforts and for his excellent work within CME-CPD.

10. AOB

Dr Meiser (AU) announced that new elections will take place and that we will probably meet a new Head of the Austrian Delegation at the October Council.

11. Next Meetings

UEMS Council Fall 2022

*7-8 October 2022, Athens, Greece
Dr Papandroudīs – UEMS Vice-President*

UEMS Vice-President, Dr Papandroudīs, presented the UEMS Fall Council, on 7-8 October 2022 in Athens, Greece, mentioning about a special meeting taking place at a very symbolic and historical location.

Prof. Papalois thanked all attendees for their contribution and collaboration.