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## **UEMS Council Meeting** **Marrakesh** **27/28 April 2018**

Proposals presented by Alexandre Bisdorff, head of delegation, Luxembourg.

European Training Requirements (ETR)

### **I propose the renaming into: European Training Recommendations**

The term “recommendation” reflects more honestly what the documents represent. As we do not have a legal status, we cannot require, but recommend, with all the authority we have as a big representative European professional association of medical specialists.

We conceive ETRs as a definition of the minimum standard to achieve to become a European Specialist, as defined by the profession. We are the best forum to discuss and define what training a medical specialist should go through to achieve the desired professional level in Europe. We represent the heterogeneity of the realities of the training and practices on our continent, and join our efforts driven by the endeavor to harmonize medical specialty training by leveling upwards to best practice and shaping the future of our profession.

We know that the ETR are on a whole subject to national adjustments, some will go beyond these recommendations, some will diverge from them to fulfill local needs, some will strive to move upwards where they lag behind. Yet the ETR should be considered the “recommended” benchmark.

### **The mode of reviewing of the ETRs.**

Presently all the review requests are distributed to all members of the ETR review committee, each member who is willing to give comments, does it, all comments coming in will be forwarded to the respective section.



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Nobody is in charge to ensure that comments are given at all, to ensure the coherence of the various comments, the sections do not have a designated committee member to turn to discuss, it all goes to the pool of reviewers.

The reviewers have a range of backgrounds, some will be close or far from the ETR to review, the quality of the review they could potentially provide will be heterogeneous according the specialty under review.

I propose therefore the following:

For each ETR a main reviewer should be designated. The choice should be done on the basis of the proximity of the reviewers own specialty to the ETR to review. This main reviewer is the person of contact for the section which submitted the ETR, has to do and collect all the comments of the committee and synthesize the comments. He/she should clearly identify strengths and weaknesses of the ETR. He/she may request specific or targeted comments from other members of the ETR review committee or sections on contentious issues, and at large help to ensure that the sections can present a good quality ETR to the UEMS council with a high chance to have it accepted.