Dear Dr. Maillet, dear Bernard,

The UEMS radiology section would like to ask the UEMS Council to agree on the creation of a sub-section (division) of "interventional radiology". We believe that this branch of radiology fulfills all criteria for a sub-section, as set forward in Art. VI.9 of the UEMS’ Rules of Procedure.

The creation of a sub-section of interventional radiology has been discussed extensively at the plenary section meeting with the national delegates in Berlin on Oct. 27, 2007, and has been voted on during our latest plenary section meeting in Vienna on March 8, 2008. In an anonymous voting using anonymized ballot papers, an overwhelming majority of the delegates of the full members present (24 in favour, 2 against) chose in favour of creating such a sub-section.

In the October 2007 meeting in Bratislava, the UEMS Council has already approved the creation of a sub-section of neuroradiology within the radiology section. At the Vienna meeting, the delegates to the UEMS radiology section substantiated their wish to install such a sub-section, by majority vote (this was the first actual vote on the issue within the section).

It is our intention to now proceed to install a sub-section of neuroradiology under rules commensurate with the UEMS-Rules of Procedure. Subject to the agreement of the Council of the UEMS, we wish to also create a sub-section of interventional radiology.

Please let me know if the UEMS Council requests additional information from our part to make a decision on our request,

With best regards,

Peter Pattynama
President, UEMS radiology section