



CESMA Meeting

Domus Medica Europaea
Brussels, Belgium
Saturday 3rd December 2016
09:00 – 16.00

Draft Minutes

1. Apologies & welcome new delegates

Dr. Goldik, Chair of the CESMA opened the meeting and welcomed the participants (List of participants & apologies at the end of this report). There was then a round table and all the participants briefly introduced themselves.

2. CESMA Reports

- Chairman's Report

Dr Goldik presented the CESMA meetings set up, CESMA delegates meet twice a year:

- Once in Brussels in winter for two-day meetings, one day dedicated to a workshop and the second to the regular CESMA business meeting.
- Once in Spring in a country where there is possibility to meet the National Health authorities & discuss expanding European Examinations the first day, and regular CESMA business meeting on the second day.

In May 2016, CESMA delegates met with the representative of the Romanian Ministry of Health and with the representative of the Romanian Presidency in Bucharest. This meeting was a great opportunity to present CESMA work, outcomes and to assess the impact of the European Examination in Anaesthesiology that was adopted as the final exam in Romania six years ago. The Romanian authorities have contacted CESMA several times since the meeting to inform us that they are discussing the adoption of other European Examinations.

CESMA continues its action on appraisals thanks to Danny Mathysen who is the Liaison officer for appraisals (list of Examinations appraised by CESMA is available [here](#)).



The Medical Royal College of Physicians UK contacted CESMA Executive Committee with regard to appraisal of its exams. The CESMA Executive welcomed greatly this request, as it is the first time that CESMA received a request from a body outside of the CESMA. The Executive is currently discussing the practical and logistical aspects of this appraisal. In May 2017, CESMA will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Glasgow Declaration. It would be a great opportunity to discuss and review the declaration. PRAS Board have been invited to discuss the issues around participation of candidates from outside Europe during the Glasgow meeting.

On Dec.2nd 2017 the Second CESMA workshop took place in Brussels. Mark Westwood made a presentation on "how to write extended matching questions?". A demonstration of poor examiners' performance was presented by Dr. Goldik, Dr Parigi and L. Carratala. The video will be available for delegates. Dr Kuks presented the European examination in Neurology based on the rationale that oral exams are done to test things that cannot be tested during the written exam.

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- Treasurer's Report

Dr Parigi, Treasurer of CESMA presented the state of the CESMA account. On 5th December 2016, there were around 17,000€ on the CESMA bank account. The incomes of CESMA are membership fees and appraisal fees; the expenses are meetings and the expenses of Executive officers not covered by their boards.

3. Awarding of Certificates to Boards

Danny Mathysen awarded the Certificates to the Boards appraised by CESMA:

- Transplant Surgery
- Ophthalmology
- Hand Surgery
- Surgical Oncology
- Radiology
- Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery
- General Surgery
- Neurology

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4. Chairmanship of CESMA

Mr Sparrow recapitulated the rules applying to UEMS membership and officers: the Executive officers of the UEMS have to be Medical Specialists in active practice appointed by their National Medical Associations. For CESMA he assumes that they can



be appointed by the official Board representatives. The Brexit raises the question of UK officers within the CESMA Board, but as long as the UK status vis-à-vis EU has not altered, things will remain as they are within the UEMS. The mandate for CESMA officers is 4 years long. Dr Goldik would step down from CESMA leadership in 2017. Mr Sparrow suggested that Dr Goldik stays the CESMA Chair until elections are held and would then help the new elected Chair during the transition period, as his first term of office was only 3 years. The participants agreed that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will take place during Glasgow meeting on May, 13th 2017. A call for nominations will be launched in the coming months.

5. Results of Survey Exam Status

Mr Sparrow presented the results of the survey on CESMA members. Out of 22 Boards responding, 20/22 provide exams: 19 written; 14 orals; 13 both. 13 out of 19 Boards running written exams use an on-line commercial provider. Only 1 out of 14 Boards organising oral exams uses an on-line commercial provider.

Mr Sparrow summarised the results of the survey:

- There is a gradual progression towards on-line exams
- All but one of our exams are written, most also add an oral
- Commercial providers make on-line exams easier to manage
- Minimum candidate volume is needed for commercial providers to be viable
- In house solutions tend to use optical mark sheets
- Need advice from those who've gone down this route, before starting on-line.

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6. Recognition of European Exams: Our experience

Dr Goldik presented the ESA experience with regards to recognition of European Exams. There are several factors to take into account for the recognition of EU Exams. Authorities vary from one country to another. ESA started the negotiation by explaining to different stakeholders that EU Exams are an educational tool that would benefit the harmonisation of training in Europe. Many countries had problems with appeals, therefore, presenting them with a European Exam as a neutral exam was a great opportunity to encourage adoption of the European Exam. Dr Goldik presented examples of some countries: Switzerland, Hungary, Poland, The Netherlands, Malta, etc. ESA has created a reduced fee for candidates coming from countries that have adopted officially the examination. The European examination does help a lot to integrate different countries in Europe. Offering the examination in the national language is a big factor in achieving acceptance.

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7. Mobility in Healthcare – Dr Piha, - Head of Cross-border Healthcare and eHealth of EC

Dr Piha gave a presentation about mobility in Healthcare focusing on three topics:

1/ Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare:

The three aims of patients' rights legislation are the reimbursement of treatment in any EU country; the assurance about safety and quality of cross-border care; and the formal cooperation between health systems. It took time for Member States to implement the legislation. The patient mobility remains low due to low awareness of patients' rights on cross-border healthcare and obstacles in member state legislation.

2/ Health professionals' mobility as a fundamental right. The EU project is about increasing flow, mobility and diversity. The EC is currently working on how to improve healthcare professionals' mobility through three main actions.

3/ Telemedicine: The EC is currently discussing the creation of an EU 5th freedom: the mobility of data. The European Reference Networks have been created as patient centred, but clinically led. The idea is to have the best specialists from across Europe joining their efforts to tackle complex or rare medical conditions that require highly specialised healthcare and a concentration of knowledge and resources.

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) aims to facilitate E-prescriptions and exchanges of patient summaries.

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Dr Piha emphasised that the CESMA project and actions contribute to the mobility framework. CESMA delegates enquired about whether there was EC funding available to support European Examinations. Questions about the practicalities of patient's right in cross-border & European Reference Networks (ERN) selection procedure were also raised.

8. European Training Requirements Review Committee

Lise Carratala presented the ETR Review Committee aiming to help UEMS bodies developing ETRs. The ETR production process should encompass as many stakeholders as possible.

The newly established ETR RC will comprise:

- - The UEMS Secretary General (Chair)
- - Two UEMS Vice-Presidents
- - Representatives of each of the three Groupings of Sections
- - Three representatives from the National Medical Associations



- - Administrator from the UEMS office

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Dr Parigi explained that UEMS Secretary General suggested CESMA to act as an expert to help Sections/MJCs in the definition addition of any formative assessments into the ETRs.

9. Exam delivery methods: Paper, online, 'or' computer based

David Rozsa made a presentation about the different formats to be used to deliver exams with their pros & cons in terms of costs, reliability, speed, user-friendly use. The presentation cannot be published on CESMA's website due to his employer's contractual requirements.

10. How to disseminate CESMA-UEMS Exams: Angiology/Vascular Medicine perspective

Dr Catalano presented the Angiology European examination. The Exam is part of a broader educational offer, it was developed based on CESMA guidelines with the collaboration of several stakeholders.

The Angiology Division is considering ways to improve the dissemination of the exam. One obstacle to the exam dissemination is the absence of recognition by National authorities. Dr Catalano would like to ask bigger and more experienced Sections for help such as a template presentation on quality importance of European Exams.

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Dr Parigi commented on the Professional Card (for doctors) and the proposal that was made several years ago to have European qualifications listed on the Professional Card. The UEMS Executive could be requested to intensify efforts on that topic.

11. Manual of Exams

Dr Goldik presented the idea of a manual of exams (textbook) and invited delegates to reflect on proposals for this manual to be presented during the Glasgow meeting. What contents shall be included and in which formats.

12. CESMA Central MCQ Exam Office and interim European Exams

Dr Felicissimo presented the EBOT examination. Having passed the exam helps 68% of fellows to find a job in Europe. The Board of the exam tries to cut costs while centralising what is common, such as administration of exams for example. His board proposed



centralizing examination administration in the *DME* for as many exam boards as possible, to improve efficiency and reduce costs.

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Dr Kirschner (EBCOG) commented that ideally having results of all exams recorded centrally is a good idea but that the administration of the different exams has to stay separate, as exams very much differ from one another.

13. Should CESMA think about lifelong competence assessment

Mr Felice made a presentation about lifelong competence assessment. 'Assessment' is a wider term than 'Examination'. For all boards, it is difficult to assess professionalism, teamwork skills, expertise, communication, etc. Lifelong assessment of competencies is necessary, possible and desirable, because of the goals outlined. There are, however difficulties of accuracy and predictive value, even when results are presented quantitatively. Assessing performance rather than competence may be more useful. The impact of lifelong assessment on patient safety outcomes needs further and better investigation. Lifelong assessment needs input from certified skills labs, the operating theatre and allied environments to maximise validity.

Mr Felice raised the question of CESMA involvement in such process.

Some delegates raised the role of EACCME is this proposal.

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14. UEMS News

Bertrand Daval presented the UEMS news with the outcomes of UEMS Council meeting held in Brussels, Oct. 2016: UEMS Future structure; ETRs adoption; UEMS Membership; *Domus Medica Europaea*; Finances in relation to internal loans/fund; next Council meetings & EACCME 2.0 and especially the recognition of credits for EU examiners.

Next UEMS Council meetings:

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| <i>UEMS Council Spring 2017</i> | Israel | <i>27-28 Ap. 2017</i> |
| <i>UEMS Council Fall 2017</i> | Brussels | <i>20-21 Oct. 2017</i> |
| <i>UEMS Council Spring 2018</i> | Morocco | <i>13-14 Ap. 2018 tbc</i> |
| <i>UEMS Council Fall 2018</i> | To be decided | <i>19-20 Oct. 2018</i> |

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15. CESMA News



The Council for European Specialist Medical
Assessment (CESMA-UEMS)
Rue de l'Industrie, 24 B-1040 Brussels, Belgium



Mr Sparrow proposed to prepare a survey on recognition of European Examinations by country. This would include recognition of components of an examination (e.g. only part 1)

As for the new Executive, it was agreed that elections for Secretary General of CESMA would be postponed to 2018 so the transition between the current Executive and the next one could take place. As this would effectively mean extending the term of the secretary into a second term, it, too, would be voted on at the next meeting.

16. Date & Venue of next meeting

Glasgow (13 May 2017)

Zeev Goldik (Anaesthesiology)
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Owen Sparrow (Neurosurgery)
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Alfred Tenore (Paediatrics)
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| Section/Board | Name |
| CESMA Chairman | Goldik, Zeev |
| CESMA Secretary General | Sparrow, Owen |
| CESMA Treasurer | Parigi, Gian Battista |
| CESMA Liaison Officer for Appraisals | Mathysen, Danny |
| UEMS EU Officer | Carratala, Lise |
| UEMS CEO | Daval, Bertrand |
| UEMS Treasurer | Maillet, Bernard |
| Angiology/Vascular Medicine | Catalano, Mariella |
| Angiology/Vascular Medicine | Wautrecht, Jean-Claude |
| Cardiology | Carrera, Celine |
| Cardiology | Westwood, Mark |
| Cardiology | Wright, Rob |
| Child & Adolescent Psychiatry | Jacobs, Brian |
| Clinical Genetics | Ramos, Feliciano |
| Dermatology and Venereology | Potocnik, Marko |
| Endocrinology | Durkan, Maeve |
| Endocrinology | Quinton, Richard |
| Endocrinology | Roberts, Graham |
| Gastroenterology | Cremers, Isabelle |
| Gynaecology & Obstetrics | Kirschner, Rolf |
| Hand Surgery | Richter, Martin |
| Infectious Diseases | Beeching, Nicholas |
| Intensive Care Medicine ESICM | Maggiorini, Marco |
| Nephrology | Cannata, Jorge |
| Neurology | Kuks, Jan |
| Neurosurgery | Whitfield, Peter |
| Oro-Maxillo- Facial Surgery | Schoenaers, Joseph |
| Oro-Maxillo- Facial Surgery | Kovacs, Blaise |
| Orthopaedics and Traumatology | Felicissimo, Paulo |
| Paediatric & Neonatal Intensive Care | Rozsa, David |
| Paediatric Urology | Kocvara, Radim |
| Paediatrics | Mercier, Jean-Christophe |
| Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine | Frischknecht, Rolf |
| Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine | Barotsis, Nikolaos |

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| Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery | Rado Zic |
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| Radiology /ESR | Tanzi, Francesco |
| ESRA -EDRA | Moka, Eleni |
| Surgery | Weerts, Joseph |
| Surgery | Felice, Arthur |
| Orzone | Park, Stefan |

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| UEMS WGP GT | Akyol, Umut |
| ORL-HNS | Albegger, Klaus |
| Anaesthesiology | Carmel Abela |
| Anaesthesiology | Gotz Geldner |
| Cardiology | Hall, Jim |
| UEMS Vice President | Hjelmqvist, Hans |
| UEMS Vice President | Joao Grenho |
| Internal Medicine | Palsson, Runolfur |
| UEMS Secretary General | Papalois, Vassilios |
| Emergency Medicine | Ruth Brown |
| Respiratory Medicine | Smeenk, Frank |
| CESMA Honorary President | Tenore, Alfred |