UEMS Board & Council convened in Munich on 21 & 22 October 2005. These meetings were the opportunity to address a certain number of important issues for medical specialists at the EU level.

In Munich, UEMS Council (new Management Council):

- elected a new President and Executive (as from 01.01.2006) and conferred the title of Honorary Member to Dr. Len Harvey, UEMS Past-President and Liaison Officer.

- adopted new Statutes and Rules of Procedure in compliance with the requirements of the new Belgian legislation with regard to non-profit making associations.

- approved the reintegration of France as a full Member following the agreement found on their outstanding contribution.

- adopted an European Definition of the Medical Act.

- agreed upon the creation of two Multidisciplinary Joint Committees on Sport Medicine and Immune Mediated Diseases.

- decided to start collaboration with Guidelines International Network in order to increase the visibility of the work carried out by the Sections & Boards of UEMS in the field of guideline development.

In Munich, UEMS Board approved the budget for 2006 and endorsed the new contribution key adapted to UEMS Membership for 2006 (See N 0513).

The members of UEMS Executive would like to thank the delegates present last week in Munich for their fruitful collaboration and convey their best wishes to their newly elected successors.

Outcomes of the UEMS Council Meeting (Munich, 21-22.10.2005)
UEMS new Executive

The members of the current Executive of UEMS would like to congratulate their successors. They would also like to acknowledge the first election of a woman as well as the entrance of representatives from the ten new EU Member States in UEMS Executive.

The newly elected members of UEMS Executive are:

- **Dr. Zlatko Fras**
  - President
  - (Slovenia)

- **Dr. Bernard Maillet**
  - Secretary-General
  - (Belgium)

- **Dr. Vincent Lamy**
  - Treasurer
  - (Belgium)

- **Dr. Gerd Hofmann**
  - Liaison Officer
  - (Germany)

- **Dr. Giorgio Berchicci**
  - Vice-President
  - (Italy)

- **Dr. Edwin Borman**
  - Vice-President
  - (United Kingdom)

- **Dr. Gunilla Brenning**
  - Vice-President
  - (Sweden)

- **Dr. Zoltan Magyari**
  - Vice-President
  - (Hungary)

UEMS new Executive will commence office as from 01.01.2006

The European Union of Medical Specialists awarded the unique title of UEMS Honorary Membership to Dr. Leonard Harvey, “hereby expressing their great gratitude for his dedicated service and continuous efforts, made over 24 years including the Presidency, on behalf of all European medical specialists, for their full recognition and independence with the ultimate goal of enabling the highest standards in quality of care for all European citizens”.

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UEMS to address the issue of European exams

On the occasion of the UEMS Council Meeting in Munich, the issues of European exams and European fellowships were discussed by the delegates from national member associations.

In the course of the discussion and on proposal from the delegates from the Sections & Boards of UEMS, it was decided to hold a working session in May in the framework of the usual Meeting with the Sections & Boards on various issues of interest for European medical specialists, notably the harmonisation of quality in medical training.

The working groups on postgraduate training and relations with Sections & Boards will be involved in the organisation of this meeting in order to achieve an optimum integration of the Sections & Boards’ experience.

This meeting will aim to clarify the situation of examinations carried out at the European level, especially towards national standards. In Munich, UEMS Council together with the representatives of the Sections & Boards agreed that these European exams should not be given any legal value nor should they supplant national certification.

UEMS new Statutes and Rules of Procedure

UEMS Council, at its October Meeting in Munich unanimously adopted its new Statutes and Rules of Procedure in compliance with the new requirements of the Belgian legislation on non-profit making associations.

In accordance with the statements of the Statutes and ROP, these texts will soon be sent to all national member associations and Sections & Boards of UEMS as well as to the Belgian Ministry of Justice.

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