

**Presentation of Professor Vassilios Papalois (KJSJ, MD, PhD, FICS, FRCS, FEBS) for the election for the position of Secretary General of the UEMS, Council Meeting, Warsaw, 16-17.10.2015**

**Abstractive CV:**

Vassilios Papalois is Professor of Transplantation Surgery and Consultant Transplant and General Surgeon at the Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College, London, UK. He leads a Transplant Centre of Excellence focusing on high risk and extended criteria kidney and pancreas transplantation. He has been active in surgical research for more than 20 years and has published 170 papers in peer review journals, 15 book chapters and 4 books. He is Clinical Lead for Medico-Legal issues of the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (ICHT), Chairs the Ethics Committee of the ICHT, the Ethics Committee of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary and he is a member of the Research Ethics Committee of the UK Ministry of Defence. He is Secretary General of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) and a member of Council of the British Transplantation Society (BTS), the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) and the European Society of Surgery (ESS). Professor Papalois organises annually a series of advanced international courses on transplant training, clinical ethics and health policy and has given more than 100 lectures in international forums as an invited speaker. He has been awarded a Bronze National Award for Clinical Excellence by the UK Department of the Health, a Senior Clinical Investigator Award by the European Society for Organ Transplantation and a Teaching Excellence Award by Imperial College.

**UEMS Work and Positions:**

1. Chairman of the UEMS Transplant Working Group, 2004-2007, and then UEMS Division of Transplantation, 2007-2012.
2. General Secretary of the UEMS Section of Surgery, 2010-2012.
3. President of the UEMS Section of Surgery (12 Divisions and Working Groups), 2012-.
4. Member of the UEMS CESMA Executive, 2012-.
5. Chair of the UEMS Group II (Surgical Sections), 2014-.
6. UEMS Vice President, 2014-.

Over the last 11 years, I have developed in the UEMS a series of very successful projects that are always based on the principles of transparency, inclusiveness, consensus, collaborative work and innovation aiming to serve patients and medical professionals across Europe.

**Vision if I have the great honour to be elected Secretary General:**

1. An overall appraisal of the current statutes and rules of procedure at all levels within the UEMS to facilitate operational fluency, productive collaboration and project development.
2. A detailed review of the existing resources and business plans to identify areas where changes and improvements need to be made and of course advance much further the business development of the Domus Medica Europea.
3. Work in close collaboration with all Colleagues in the UEMS to get EACCME to the next level: operational efficiency, new areas of accreditation and new prospects of collaboration.
4. I strongly believe that we need to build an agenda for the UEMS that will be addressing the challenges and aspirations of medical professionals in Europe for the next 10 years. I would suggest a UEMS 2025 project where the agenda will be set following extensive and in depth consultation with ALL NMAs, Sections, Boards, MJs and TFs. It is the best way to engage Colleagues across Europe to progressive and productive UEMS projects which are truly meaningful and inspiring for all of us.