

Presentation of Dr. Maillet for the election for the position of Treasurer of the UEMS at the UEMS Council meeting in Warsaw



Bernard Maillet graduated from the Antwerp University as an MD and did his postgraduate training in Surgical Pathology at the Academic Hospital of the Free University of Brussels (VUB). During his training, his research topic was the pathology of the gastro-enterologic tract and more precisely the pancreas. Soon he was involved in the Professional Organisation of Pathology in Belgium, first as a member of the Board and then as one of the Secretaries. This was the introduction for involvement in the Belgian Medical Specialist Organisation GBS-VBS, first as a delegate for the Pathologists in the General Assembly, then as a Deputy Secretary-General and now he is the Treasurer of the VBS-GBS. This organisation proposed Dr. Bernard Maillet as candidate Secretary-General for the UEMS in 2002. He has been reelected since

then by the UEMS Council until October 2011. Since then he has been proposed as Head of Delegation representing Belgium in the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), the World Medical Association (WMA) as well as the European Forum of Medical Associations (EFMA) for the ABSyM-BVAS and the CNOM-NROG. At CPME Dr Maillet is Vice-Chair of the Working Group on eHealth and was elected CPME Vice-President for the upcoming Executive committee mandate 2016-2018. This can be important to improve the relationships between the different EMO's in the future.

Vision for the next term of the UEMS Executive.

The financial situation of the UEMS is for the moment a real challenge but it is clear that the finances of the UEMS are sound and there are a lot of resources in the organisation.

The UEMS has different “branches” such as the National Medical Associations which contribute to the UEMS through their subscription fee every year. Obviously an other very important part of the UEMS are the UEMS Sections, Boards, MJC's and Thematic Federations which are the “backbone” of the UEMS and also contribute in a very important way to the activities of the UEMS not so much through a subscription but through their input to EACCME and in the future ECAMSQ.

The fees for the NMA's have not been changed for many years and may-be an indexation should be considered, with the aim to review it when the UEMS budget is again in balance. Concerning the Observer Member countries, they seem to have major problems to pay the 1000 € and may-be setting to fee to a more symbolic amount would be more realistic and pragmatic and it is better in my view to ask 100 € and at least get it and have those countries involved in the work of the UEMS, than getting nothing and have to exclude them.

Concerning EACCME there are some possible developments as agreement could be achieved with for instance UEMO, the sister organization of UEMS for the GP's, but also with other Accreditation Authorities in the world, which would strengthen the position of UEMS-EACCME globally.

Another challenge will be the real harmonization of the EACCME process including the fees and the procedure as it is not understandable for any clever person why some specialties have different procedures and/or fees while they are part of the UEMS family and enjoy the benefits for instance of the international agreements. Obviously, if the fee issue is a problem, discussions can be organized to look at the fee structure for the whole UEMS-EACCME. Clearly, when you join a club, one of the first things you have to agree on is to follow the rules of that club and not start by changing the rules.