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# The Newsletter of European Medical Specialists

## European Accreditation Council for CME EACCME® Annual Report

### Summary:

- UEMS Council will meet on 18 March 2006 in Brussels
- MJC on Sport Medicine met for the first time
- EU funded projects on fertility and skin cancer
- Health information project aim to provide more and better sources of information on health issues
- UEMS Executive proposes amending the Rules of Procedure



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**T**he European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) has known a steady progress since its establishment in 1999. The 2005 Annual Report (UEMS 2006/02) sets out the recent developments in the field of European CME accreditation during the previous year. In 2005 again, the number of accredited events surged to 654 (+65%).

Progress was particularly made with the mutual agreements. An increasing number of countries and

Sections feel that this tool offers all the guarantees to implement a trustful and transparent flow of operation. In 2005, agreements were signed with Malta and Ireland as well as the Sections of Dermatology & Venereology and Paediatric Surgery.

An agreement signed in 2000 with the American Medical Association also provides for the recognition of European CME Credits in the United States. Contacts were made with AMA's Executive Committee as this mutual agreement will need to be prolonged at the end of 2006. The AMA has recently clearly stated that it will only trust the CME events accredited through the UEMS-EACCME.

Discussions were also held with the UEMO ("Union européenne des médecins

omnipraticiens") as GPs requested to be involved in European CME-CPD as well. Instead of creating a distinct but similar structure, the UEMO preferred benefiting from the UEMS-EACCME know-how and submitting their applications under the EACCME process.

**An ultimate goal of the UEMS-EACCME® is to establish a world-wide network of commonly accepted quality requirements**

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## Draft Directive on services in the internal market Provisional version

The provisional version of the European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on **services in the internal market** is now available on the web site of the European Parliament: [http://www.euro.parl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?SAME\\_LEVEL=1&LEVEL=0&NAV=X&DETAIL=&PUBREF=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2006-0061+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN](http://www.euro.parl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?SAME_LEVEL=1&LEVEL=0&NAV=X&DETAIL=&PUBREF=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2006-0061+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN)

The meetings of the Board and Council will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2006

## UEMS Council Meeting - Brussels, 18.03.2006

*The Council of UEMS will convene for its first annual meeting of 2006 in Brussels on Saturday 18 March.*

The provisional agenda for the meeting (UEMS 2006/04) was sent to the Members at the beginning of last week. The following items were notably included:

- The entry of Bulgaria as Associate Member;
- Specialist issues related to S&B activities;
- The reports from the different working groups and more particularly on CME-CPD and postgraduate training;
- The proposed amendment to the ROP (See page 4);
- The update regarding several European issues. Comments and proposed additional items can be contributed to the UEMS Secretariat. *The Secretariat of UEMS is at your disposal for any further information you might require with regard to this meeting.*



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## Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Sport Medicine

*Following the initiative of the European Olympic Committee and the European Federation of Sport Medicine Associations (EFSMA), the Sections of Pneumology and Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine requested the creation of a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Sports Medicine.*

On its meeting in Munich

on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005, the Council of UEMS decided to set up this MJC.

The first meeting was organized in Brussels on 26<sup>th</sup> February last in order to fix the formal details of collaboration between the different Sections in-



involved.

The next meeting is scheduled in Brussels on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

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quality control of CME events. During the November Advisory Council Meeting, several national authorities proposed implementing such redistributing system with them as well. Pilot projects are already carried with the interested national authorities.

For the year to come, much work was already

laid with regard to setting up an integrated computerised system which will provide a single web portal where a harmonised request form will be available and documents could be uploaded. This will immensely facilitate the procedure as well as the transfer of information.

***This constant development of innovative activities must contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of a fully integrated system of mutual recognition of CME across the EU and abroad. This quest is part of the UEMS commitment to continuous knowledge renewal and practice improvement of all European Doctors for the benefit of European citizens.***

***Extensive coverage of these issues is provided in the EACCME Annual Report (UEMS 2006/02).***

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## EU funded projects related to Health

### DIALOG - Fertility behaviour

*A fertility behaviour project funded by the European Commission shows that more than half the people questioned would on average like at least two children. However, a great number of couples actually have fewer, due to worries*

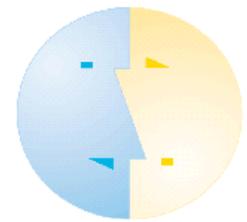
*about the future and the cost of raising children.*

The DIALOG project collected data from 30,000 people in 14 European countries on their attitudes and opinions concerning family numbers, fertility behaviour and demographic change. Financed with €1.5 m

from the Sixth Framework research programme, the project provides a useful snapshot of European fertility behaviour for policy-makers at national and European level.

*For more information on the DIALOG project:*

<http://www.bib-demographie.de/ppa/Main.htm>



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European Public Attitudes for Birth (EPAB)

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### ESOPE - Cost-effective treatment of localised skin cancer tumours

*The EU-funded project ESOPE developed a new treatment, based on electrochemotherapy, which proved to be highly effective for cutaneous or sub-cutaneous tumours resistant to conventional cancer therapies.*

This project also produced new low-cost appa-

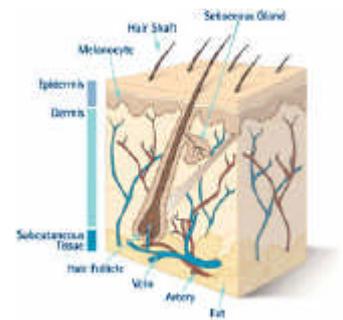
ratus and operational procedures that make this technique available for immediate application throughout Europe. Several hospitals already use these new devices in Spain and Italy as well as in the clinics participating in the project itself.

The ESOPE project carried out studies on 110 pa-

tients with cancers for whom no other treatment was available. Of the 170 tumour nodules treated, 74% disappeared completely, while a further 11% partially regressed, giving an 85% objective response rate.

*For more information, please consult the following website:*

[www.cliniporator.com/first.asp](http://www.cliniporator.com/first.asp)



Source: [www.rnanswers.org](http://www.rnanswers.org)

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## European Commission launches health information project

*The European Health and Consumer Protection Commissioner Markos Kyprianou recently launched the "European Health Information Platform" or "Health in Europe" project. This health information system, which is co-financed with €1.4 million from the EU Public Health Programme and managed by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), is a multimedia initiative aiming to*

*create a network of public broadcasters and other media across Europe, and foster the exchange of reports, including television documentaries, radio broadcasts and press and internet articles on health issues.*

All information will be available on the project website, where participants in the project will also exchange information. Television still being the medium of choice to

reach the largest possible audiences, the project will be based around the production and distribution of television reports with contributions from across Europe on health issues facing Europe's citizens. The broadcasting of these reports in the various European languages will be promoted and complemented through EBU members' own radio, web and print media, but also through the media at large. European broad-

casters and associated media will be encouraged to create their own health magazines; to include health themes in existing consumer, youth and – for instance – breakfast magazines; to report on breaking health stories in their current affairs and news programmes, and to do so across "old" and "new" media.

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## Proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure

**On its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January last, the Executive of UEMS decided proposing the March Council Meeting amending the Rules of Procedure.**

This amendment aims to officially create annual meetings with the Presidents and Secretaries of the UEMS Sections & Boards. During these meetings, each Section would have the right to cast a vote on issues put on the agenda.

This voting right would also be reliant upon every Section's fulfilment of its duties, i.e.:

- Communicating the dates of meeting and the agendas to the Secretary-General of UEMS;
- Distributing the minutes and other relevant documents (resolutions, opinions, studies, etc.) to the UEMS SG;
- Informing the UEMS SG of every concern in the specialty with a

view to possibly propose appropriate lobbying, which shall be coordinated by the Executive.

***This amendment aims to keep a clear understanding of the rights and duties of every body within the complex structure of UEMS. The UEMS Executive remains at your disposal for any further detail in this respect.***

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*If you have any views with regard to the issues covered in this Newsletter, do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of UEMS.*

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## Events

### Workshop on eHealth and eInclusion in IST

Kalkara (Malta), 26 May 2006

*This one-day workshop is aimed at organisations interested in participating in IST activities of the European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP6).*

*For further information: [www.pim.com.mt/events.asp](http://www.pim.com.mt/events.asp)*

### Conference on ePrescribing & Medication Management

Ljubljana (Slovenia), 19-20 June 2006

*For further information: [www.ehtel.org](http://www.ehtel.org)*

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## Speeches

### José Manuel Barroso

*President of the European Commission*

"2006 European Year of Workers' Mobility", Brussels, 20.02.2006

### Vladimir Špidla

*European Commissioner in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities*

"Launch of the European Year: Roundtable on free movement", Brussels, 20.02.2006

### Markos Kyprianou

*European Commissioner in charge of Health and Consumer Protection*

"The European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health - One year on", Brussels, 21.02.2006

### Charlie McCreedy

*European Commissioner in charge of Internal Market and Services*

"Priorities for the Internal Market", Brussels, 21.02.2006

"Global competitive challenges and the role of the Internal Market", Dublin, 23.02.2006

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## Publications

**Commission report on "The impact of ageing on public expenditure: projections for the EU25 Member States on pensions, health care, long-term care, education and unemployment transfers (2004-2050)"**

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/economy\\_finance/publications/european\\_economy/2006/eespecialreport0106\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/economy_finance/publications/european_economy/2006/eespecialreport0106_en.htm)