AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

On its meeting in Brussels on 18th March 2006, the Council of UEMS adopted the following amendment to the Rules of Procedure: (blue text)

Amendment to the Rules of Procedure

The Council of UEMS, constituted in plenary assembly deciding by the majority of two thirds of the full Members, can only change the hereby Rules of Procedure in the respect of the statutes under the following conditions:

- The proposal of amendment must have been introduced by the Executive or by more than a third of the full Members;

- All the Members must have been informed of the proposal at least one month ahead the meeting of the Council;

- The whole text of the proposal must be added, in toto, in the agenda of the convocation for the meeting in plenary assembly of the Council.

Modifications


**Article VI. Specialist Sections and their European Boards (Article X of the Statutes)**

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**VI.5. Functioning**

**A. Meeting and convocation**

Each Section shall normally meet once per year, at the instigation of its Bureau, its President or its Secretary, or, if they should fail to do this, of the Secretary General of UEMS, contingent on a request by, at least, a third of the members of the Section concerned.

The meeting shall be organised in such a way as to entail a minimum of expenses. They are programmed each year and announced in writing to the Secretary General of UEMS at least three months before the date arranged for the meeting.

Whenever it seems appropriate, a member of the Executive, or its delegate, may, on the invitation of the President of the Section, attend the meeting of a Section.

The agenda shall consist of subjects proposed by the Section’s Bureau and the members of the Section, but may be added to by the UEMS Council or its Executive. The agenda adopted by the Bureau of the Section shall be communicated to the Secretary General and each member of the Section at least two months before the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings of the Sections, as well as all resolutions, recommendations, opinions, studies and other documents must be sent to the members of the Section concerned, to the UEMS Executive via the Secretary General within four months after the meeting. The Council, or the Executive given a mandate for this purpose, shall have the exclusive right to authorise and submit to the authorities of the EU the conclusions of studies carried out by the Sections or the motions adopted by them. If necessary, the Council shall send back to the Section which issued them, the documents which the Council has considered to need further elaboration either in substance or form.

**B. Relations with the Council**

The Council may request the attendance of a Section to its meetings, any time it judges it useful. Each Section shall, on these occasions, be represented by one or two duly mandated delegates; the latter may be accompanied by one or two experts, insofar as these experts have been previously introduced to the Executive of the UEMS and authorised by the latter.

Similarly, a Section may request to present their view on a particular topic directly to a full Council meeting.

A Section may ask the Executive of UEMS to be consulted on a particular concern or ask for a simultaneous consultation with one or several other Sections.
Moreover, any full member of UEMS may propose to the President and the Secretary General that the delegates of a Section be invited to a meeting of the Council when a question placed on the agenda concerns the speciality of that Section.

C. Relations with third parties

Each Section exists solely as a group of specialist doctors in their specialty expressly mandated by the Council acting in the name of the UEMS.

Each Section develops its activities strictly within the terms of reference specified for it by the Council, initiatives which it is called upon to take, must directly or indirectly relate to the specialty which it represents. Direct relations with third parties external to UEMS, in particular the EU institutions, may be taken with agreement of the Executive or Council, who will act as the intermediaries and facilitators to the third parties. Actual representation to any such parties would be arranged by the Executive, including being accompanied by the Section representatives.

D. Relations between the Sections

The Council and the Executive of UEMS must take all steps to foster the activity of Sections and to resolve any conflicts which may emerge between them.

VI.12. Meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Sections and Boards

A meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of the UEMS Sections and European Boards will be held each year on the invitation of the Executive.

This meeting is legitimately constituted if the majority of the specialties, represented through a Section and/or a Board, are present or represented.

Sections and/or Boards can be represented within the Meeting by any other Section and/or Board by having given a special proxy to it. Each Section and/or Board can only have one proxy.

Each Section has one vote reliant on the fulfilment of the duties stipulated in Article VI.5.

Issues that are not included in the agenda cannot be decided upon except under exceptional circumstances.

Resolutions are passed by a simple majority of Sections present or represented.

All Sections and/or Boards must be informed of the decisions made by provision of the minutes of the meeting.

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