**UEMS CME-CPD Working Group**

**London, BMA House**

**Friday, October 18, 2019**

**11.00 – 12.00**

**Minutes of the meeting :**

1. *Welcome and presentation of the participants*

Chairman of the WG, Dr. Hannu Halila opened the meeting and welcomed the 34 participants. A round of presentation was performed.

1. *Approval of the agenda*

The agenda of the meeting was approved.

1. *EACCME progress report, wishes from the WG for the next phase.*

Prof. Vassilios Papalois, Secretary General of UEMS, gave a report of the EACCME development. The four earlier Working groups will finish their work by the end of 2019. (*1. Development of a training module for reviewers  2. Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms  3. Expansion of recognition of professional qualifications 4. Collaboration with other healthcare professionals*.) Their proposals will be operational in the beginning of 2020.

Further prof. Papalois introduced three new areas of development for the future of EACCME :

*Identifying needs of the participants*

*Fees of EACCME*

*New forms of CME/CPD*

Regarding the fees of EACCME, there was discussion whether the length of the conference, not only the number of participants, should be taken into consideration in the fees. Also, the present 3 x 1/3 division of EACCME fees between the three partners (UEMS office, National accreditation authority, UEMS Section) can be reviewed. The participants of the WG were invited to comment on these three areas.

## *UEMS 5th CME/CPD Conference, Evidence Based CME-CPD and Practical Workshops Sevilla, Spain. March 6-7, 2020.*

## The first invitation to this important conference has been circulated. The program will have more workshops based on the feedback from the 4 th Conference. Wide participation is expected. There will also be a possibility to send abstracts. UEMS office is conducting a systematic analysis of the EACCME applications.

## In the conference the new concept of the UEMS Council of CME-CPD with many central stakeholders will be introduced.

<https://www.uems.eu/news-and-events/events/upcoming-events/fifth-cme-conference2>

1. *Renewal of the EU Professional recognition directive – Article 22, CME-CPD.*

Dr. Halila informed that according to EU principles the directive should be under revision in 2020 (every 7 years). There may well be stricter rules regarding the requirements of CPD for health care professionals. It was stressed that there have to be requirements also for governments and employers. The EU Commission has expressed that they have no plan to introduce mandatory CME / recertification at European level. They are however responding to possible pressures from Member States.

Dr. Halila reminded that the policy of UEMS still is against mandatory systems.

In relation to the review of the directive, UEMS wants to renew the names and minimum training lengths of medical specialities in the Annex V of the directive. Furthermore, UEMS wants to move from time-based training to competency-based training.

1. *Reports of recent developments in the field of CME-CPD in the UEMS member countries (from participants of the working group)*

Dr. Rydgren Stale from Sweden informed that the Swedish Medical Association has just made a complaint to the European Commission against Swedish government about not ensuring doctors the needed possibilities for CME/CPD according the EU Professional Recognition Directive Article 22. The WG welcomed this brave initiative and was interested to hear of the EU response to this.

1. *UEMS and AMEE (Association for Medical Education in Europe)*

Drs. Halila and Maillet informed about the negotiations between AMEE and UEMS. There is a good chance that UEMS will be invited to have seat in the AMEE Executive Committee. AMEE is among other activities organizing a yearly conference with around 4000 participants world wide. The program is ,along with the interests of UEMS, now having more elements also from specialists training and CME/CPD in addition to basic medical training.

1. *Any other business*

There was good discussion about the European Reference Networks and their training elements in relation to CME/CPD. This links closely with the work of the UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases.

1. *Next meeting*

April 24, 2020, Brussels

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