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Celebrating Excellence Together – UEMS Awards 2026 🏆

- A heartfelt thank you to all **UEMS Members and UEMS Bodies** for your invaluable recommendations and continued support in helping us recognise the outstanding laureates of the **UEMS Awards 2026**.
- Your engagement makes these Awards truly meaningful—strengthening their prestige and shining a spotlight on **excellence, dedication and achievement in specialist medical care across Europe**.



UEMS Award Laureates



Dr Wim Janssen

UEMS Commendation of Honour

Key roles within the UEMS : Long standing Dutch delegate to UEMS Section and Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine since 2014, Treasurer of the Section and member of the Board and Committee for Education.

Main contributions:

- Contributed to the harmonisation of PRM specialist training and CME across Europe
- Supported the development of the European PRM Examination and educational standards
- Contributed to international “Train the Trainer” initiatives
- Promoted sustainable European cooperation and continuous improvement in PRM education and encouraged international orientation within specialist training.





Dr. Wagih Aclimandos

UEMS Gold Badge of Honour



- **Key positions held within the UEMS:** UK representative to EBO (2005-2013), EBO President (2011-2013), President of the UEMS Section of Ophthalmology (2018-2026).
- **Contributions and awards:**
 - He pioneered the concept of Subspecialty Exams in Ophthalmology and set the foundation of European Fellowship in Ophthalmology.
 - Under his leadership, the Section delivered a high quality ETR.
 - Chair of the Residency Review Committee (2009–2010), contributing significantly to the harmonisation of ophthalmology training across Europe.
 - A highly regarded team player, he has successfully brought colleagues together and inspired their contribution to European ophthalmology. His achievements have received significant international recognition, including the ICO Golden Apple Medal (2017), Peter Eustace Medal (2019), and Henkes Medal (2025).



Dr. Ruth Brown

UEMS Gold Badge of Honour



- **Key positions held within the UEMS and beyond:** Member of the Emergency Medicine Section representative of UK 2012-2020; President of the EM Section from 2020-2024; Chair of the Education Committee of the European Society for Emergency Medicine from 2024.
- **Contributions to UEMS and European Emergency Medicine:**
 - As Chair for EMERGE Committee (2014–2019) – led the delivery and development of the European Board Examination in Emergency Medicine (EBEEM);
 - Led the revision and UEMS approval of the ETR in Emergency Medicine – 2024
 - Developed educational initiatives helping young EM doctors align their specialist training with the European ETR
 - Contributed to the development of the ETR in Paediatric Emergency Medicine
 - Long-standing commitment to harmonising specialist training, assessment and educational standards in Emergency Medicine across Europe



Dr. Patrick Magennis

UEMS Gold Badge of Honour



- **Key positions held within the UEMS:** longstanding UK delegate to UEMS Section of OMFS, Past President of the Section OMFS (2018-2026) and Past Chair of UEMS Grouping II, Chair of UEMS WG for Finance.
- **Contributions:**
 - Long-standing commitment to the UEMS and European specialist medicine
 - Dedicated service and leadership within the UEMS Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
 - Significant contribution to the development and harmonisation of European training standards and the OMFS ETR.
 - Strong advocate for high-quality postgraduate education, professional standards and specialist recognition
 - Promoted collaboration between national professional bodies and European medical organisations.
 - A valued contributor to the UEMS community, fostering dialogue, cooperation and a shared European vision for specialist medical practice



Dr. Ute Moog

UEMS Gold Badge of Honour



- **Key positions held within the UEMS:** German representative to the UEMS Section of Medical Genetics; President of the Section between 2023-2024 and member of the ETR Review Committee.
- **Main Contributions:**
 - Leadership & Revitalisation of the UEMS Section - strengthened governance, transparency and European collaboration; led the major revision of the ETR in Medical Genetics, adopted by the UEMS in October 2023
 - European Certificate of Medical Genetics & Genomics (ECMGG) – Spearheaded the establishment and development of the European specialty examination, providing a common European benchmark for specialist competence. CESMA Accreditation – Achieved UEMS-CESMA accreditation of the ECMGG in 2024, reinforcing its quality, credibility and European recognition.
 - Strategic European Partnership – Strengthened cooperation between UEMS-SMG, EBMG and ESHG, including a formal Memorandum of Understanding, creating a shared framework for education, training standards and specialist accreditation.



Professor Alenka Škerjanc

UEMS Gold Badge of Honour



- **Key positions held within the UEMS:** representative for Slovenia to the UEMS Section of Occupational Medicine (2005–2023), Secretary (2009–2013) and President (2014–2021), Prof. Alenka Škerjanc dedicated nearly two decades to strengthening the Section's continuity, visibility and development at European level.
- **UEMS and European Contributions :**
 - Contributed to the development and harmonisation of European specialist training standards in Occupational Medicine.
 - European Assessment in Occupational Medicine (2020–2021) – supported its launch as an important instrument for quality assurance and harmonisation of specialist competence across Europe.
 - European Working Time Directive (2011) – contributed to UEMS work addressing doctors' health, patient safety and safe medical practice.
 - European Occupational Health Policy – led and supported UEMS positions on workplace prevention, occupational diseases, workers' health and professional standards, including landmark statements in 2014 and 2018.
 - COVID-19 & Occupational Medicine (2020–2021) – strengthened the European voice of Occupational Medicine during the pandemic, including UEMS work on the recognition of COVID-19 as an occupational disease.



Professor Peter Turnpenny

UEMS Gold Badge of Honour



- **Key positions held within the UEMS:** long standing UK representative to the UEMS Section of Medical Genetics from 2013 – 2024 and Secretary of the Section.
- **Contributions and awards:**
 - As Secretary of the UEMS Section of Medical Genetics, he was instrumental in building the Section's infrastructure and governance.
 - He contributed significantly to the development and successful launch of the ECMGG.
 - He has strengthened collaboration and professionalism within the European medical genetics community. He contributed to the ETR for the Specialty of Medical Genetics.
 - He has made important academic contributions in areas including spinal segmentation disorders, fetal valproate spectrum disorder, and hypermobility/Ehlers-Danlos spectrum disorders.
 - He developed longstanding international links in Palestine, leading to the Rare Disease in Palestine Project, reflecting his commitment to global health and equitable access to genetics services.
 - He has long demonstrated commitment to ethics, education, and humanitarian values in medicine.



Professor Nada Čikeš

UEMS Honorary Membership



- **Key positions held within the UEMS:** Professor Nada Čikeš (Croatia) has dedicated more than two decades to the work of the UEMS, serving in numerous leadership positions, including President of the UEMS Section and European Board of Rheumatology, UEMS Vice-President (2020–2024), UEMS Representative to EULAR, and, most notably, Chair of the UEMS European Training Requirements Review Committee (ETR RC).
- **Main Contributions :**
 - **Unwavering commitment** to the advancement of postgraduate specialist medical education and the harmonisation of training standards across Europe.
 - **Architect of the modern UEMS ETR framework** – established the governance, methodology and key guidance underpinning today's European Training Requirements review process.
 - **Led the transition towards competency-based specialist training**, promoting the integration of **CanMEDS roles and Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)** across Europe.
 - **Strengthened and harmonised European postgraduate medical education**, aligning UEMS training standards with evolving international best practices.
 - **Provided strategic leadership as UEMS Vice-President**, fostering collaboration between Sections, Boards and National Medical Associations.
 - **Pioneered the first open UEMS ETR Conference in April 2023**, creating a European forum dedicated to the future development of specialist training standards.



Professor Romuald Krajewski

UEMS Honorary Membership



- **Key positions held within the UEMS:** Transformational UEMS Leadership – as Vice-President and subsequently President of the UEMS (2012–2020) , guided the UEMS through a major period of development and consolidation, culminating in the completion of the Domus Medica Europaea, establishing a permanent home for UEMS and strengthening its institutional presence in Brussels.
- **Main Contributions :**
 - **Pioneered a harmonised European Training Requirements (ETR) framework**, laying the foundations for consistent specialist training standards across UEMS specialties.
 - **Supported the modernisation of the EACCME[®] accreditation system**, strengthening quality assurance in Continuing Medical Education across Europe.
 - **Strengthened collaboration across UEMS**, fostering dialogue and consensus among Sections, Boards and Multidisciplinary Joint Committees.
 - **Led the revision of the UEMS Statutes, Rules of Procedure and Explanatory Notes**, aligning UEMS governance with updated Belgian legislation.
 - **Created a lasting legacy in European specialist medicine**, advancing UEMS governance, education, professional cooperation and harmonisation across Europe.



Our warm congratulations to all the laureates!

Thank you for your nominations and votes!