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Proposal for a Joint UEMS Project (Grouping III and open to other UEMS Sections and Bodies):
Collaboration of specialties involved (and those interested) in laboratory diagnostics

Requirement – UEMS Support for informal group collaboration, and UEMS web page location for information sharing

General outline of the project:

Several specialties are directly involved in various aspects of laboratory diagnostics and also use similar methods and techniques in their respective diagnostic activities.

The **aim of collaboration of specialties involved in laboratory diagnostics** is to work together on common standards in specialists training, identify common professional aspects in training process (competencies and EPAs), emphasize importance of functional overlapping in healthcare and also provide guidance for other specialties wishing to include selected topics of laboratory diagnostics in their respective ETRs.

Involvement is open to all UEMS Sections, MJC's and bodies. Primary expected interest and intensive involvement includes Laboratory Medicine, Medical Microbiology, (Anatomical) Pathology, Pharmacology and Medical Genetics. Expression of interest might come from Paediatric specialties, Internal Medicine specialties, Nuclear Medicine, Gynaecology and Obstetrics and presumably others.

We have initial support of the idea from Section for Pharmacology, Section for Medical Genetics, Section for Pathology and expecting also from Section for Medical Microbiology.

Depending on interest and involvement of Sections, 1-3 delegates (or more – President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc) are invited to join the work and share their views. No fees are envisaged.

Blueprint

Initial consultation on consent, good will of involvement and general direction of collaboration would be obtained by email and on-line meetings.

An agenda for a one day live meeting in Domus Medica would be proposed in order to discuss topics of joint interest and long- and short-term plan of activities. Work would be performed through regular email communication and on-line meetings, with a single live meeting annually.

Topics and areas of common interest to UEMS Sections and bodies

1. Cooperation of specialties/sections (MJC's) with the direct involvement in human samples and tissue handling and laboratory diagnostics, open to sections with similar interests;
2. Identify common areas of basic scientific knowledge that Trainees will acquire during training and related EPA and CanMEDs; and/or cooperation on ETR's contents related to common topics
3. Identify common topics, common interest, overlapping areas, diversities and specifics, healthcare outcomes or risks;
4. Networking within UEMS Groups and particularly within Grouping 3, discuss views and options related to UEMS activities;
5. Explore use of the UEMS webpage to promote professional issues of various aspects of laboratory diagnostics (for example, career and position statements on IVD Regulation, relevant ISO

(International Organisation for Standardization) standards, Direct to Consumer Testing, medical specialist as a prerogative for head of Medical Laboratories, etc.);

6. Proposals for UEMS cooperation with the European Commission and Patients Organisations (Myhealth medical record project; Direct to Patient Testing)

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Prof. Patrick Twomey, President Section for Laboratory Medicine / Medical Biopathology