UEMS PRM Section and Board activities
the General Secretary’s Perspective

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1957 EEC
Treaty of Rome

Foundation of the UEMS in 1958
by the professional organisations
of medical specialists of
Belgium
France
West Germany
Italy
Luxembourg
The Netherlands

Future

Objectives of the UEMS

The study and promotion of the highest level of
training of the medical specialists, medical practice
and health care within the European Union.

The study and promotion of free movement of
specialist doctors within the European Union.

Objectives of the UEMS

Harmonisation and improvement of quality of
medical specialist training and practice in Europe

Objectives of Sections of UEMS

Professional defence of their specialty
Harmonization of the profession at the European level

UEMS, early years

Establishment Specialist Sections
Focus on European legislation
Working towards mutual recognition of diplomas
coupled with basic quality requirements
Exchange diplomas effected 1975
Now

Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS)

How does it work?

National Member Associations
Sections and Boards – MJC’s
EACCME
CESMA

UEMS Structure

Council
National Member Associations
Executive Committee
President
Tresurer
Liaison Officer
Secretary General
4 Vice - Presidents

UEMS Structure

Sections and Boards
Based on the different Specialities
Fundamental organs-> influence policy on Training
Mutual Recognition for CME/CPD in collaboration with EACCME

UEMS Structure

EACCME

- Harmonize CME (~ CPD) in Europe
- Act as a clearing house to help Medical Specialists to exchange their credits
- Has an agreement on mutual recognition of credits with the AMA

EACCME

Purpose UEMS policy

- Contribute to quality and harmonization of CME in Europe
- To make life easier for our colleagues by facilitating access to international CME
- Develop quality guidelines
- Maintain national authority
Accreditation

Two major partners in the process:
- European Specialist Accreditation Boards
- National Accreditation Authorities

Organiser

Request > 3 months

UEMS - EACCME

N.A.A. Sections(Boards)

Evaluation < 3 weeks Evaluation

UEMS - EACCME

Certificate of Recognition

Organiser

Draft Flowchart
Accreditation in Europe

Event: International
- European Accreditation Bodies
  - Evaluate the value of the meeting
  - Propose a number of credits
- National Accreditation Authorities
  - Accept the scientific evaluation by the UEMS Sections and Boards
  - Apply the number of credits relating to the national rules

Draft Flowchart
Accreditation in Europe

50 Credits per year : UEMS Suggestion
- Full credits (E CME C)
- No weighted factors
- 1 ECMEC per hour of activity
- 3 ECMEC for a half day / 6 ECMEC for a full day activity
- Translation of these ECMECs to National credits can follow the rules of the National Accreditation Authority:
  - e.g. Spain: 1 ECMEC = 0.12 Spanish Credits
  - e.g. Germany: 6 ECMECs = 8 German Credits

Fees

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CESMA

Council for European Specialists in Medicine

Assessment

- Initiated in February 2007
- Started with 11 involved Sections and now 28 are participating
- Proposed the “Glasgow Declaration”
- Harmonization of the Assessment process in Europe
**Glasgow Declaration**

1. European Board Examinations have no Legal Value
2. To be considered as a Label of Excellence
3. European Board Examinations are complimentary to National Examinations
4. Promotion of the European Examinations
5. Clear Curriculum and Reference Book
6. Clear Eligibility criteria
7. Certificates for successful application

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**Council for European Specialists in Medicine Assessment**

- European Board Certification by Examinations or European Board Certification by Equivalence
- A Certified EU / EFTA citizen is called: Fellow of the European Board of his/her specialty (e.g. for PRM) FEBPRM
- 10 years later, following a successful Recertification based on CME/CPD participation, the Fellow becomes Senior Fellow (e.g. for PRM) Senior FEBPRM

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**Sections and Boards**

- 37 Sections
  - Divisions
  - Commissions
- 7 Multidisciplinary Joint Committees

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**Structure of a Section**

Membership of a Section
- 2 specialists doctors of the EU / EFTA countries
- Appointed by their National Professional Monospecialist Organisation
- nominations approved by the National Medical Association representing the country at the UEMS Council
- Appointment for 4 years, can be renewed twice

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**Voting Rights in a Section**

Full member countries where the speciality is officially recognised
Subject to payment of the subscription to the Section the others and the Associated Member Countries or the Observers acting in an advisory capacity

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**Sections and Boards**

- Are a fundamental and specific structure
- Is the backbone of the UEMS
- Propose minimal training schemes for specialisation
- Facilitate the harmonization of training
- About 2000 specialists active in the work in Europe
UEMS – How does it work?

Executive*
- Council: President, Secretary General, Treasurer, 2 members (one per specialty)
- Special Committee: 2 delegates per specialty by the national representative organization
- EACCME: 2 delegates per specialty

Council:
- Annual decision
- 2 delegates per country

Special Committee:
- 2 delegates per specialty

UEMS Lobbying

UE – How does it work?

European level
- European Commission*
- National Ministries (+ Commissioner)
- National governments

National Organisations
- National level
- EU citizens

UEMS Sections and Boards

Each specialist Section may create its own European Board as a working group with the aim to guarantee the highest standards of care in the field of the specialty in the countries of the European Union, by ensuring that the training is raised to the highest possible level.

(RoP Art 21 § 4)

Section & Board of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine

- The European Board of PRM was created before the Section & has its own statute as a legitimate body.
- The European Board of PRM is not just a working body of the Section but the two structures co-operate
- At least one delegate per country serves as delegate for the Section and Board.
Section & Board of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine Executive committees

Section:
- President
- Vice President (Board Pres.)
- Secretary General
- Deputy Section Secretary
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer
- Past President of Section
- CAC chairperson
- PPC chairperson

Board:
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary General
- Deputy Board Secretary
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer
- Past President of Board
- Board Certification Director
- General

UEMS Sections and Boards mandates

Each mandate lasts for 4 years and may be renewed twice, except that of the President, he may only be re-elected after an interruption of four years. The President and the Secretary being elected with an interval of two years.

After each election, the General Secretary of the UEMS, shall be informed without delay of the composition of the Specialist Section and its Bureau.

(Statutes, Art 24, IX)

UEMS PRM Section & Board General Secretarial structure

- Secretary General of the S&B
  - Deputy Board Secretary
  - Deputy Section Secretary
  - CAC Rapporteur
  - PPC Rapporteur

UEMS PRM Section & Board General Secretarial work

- Follow the provisions of the Section Action Plan
- Organize twice annually a meeting of S&B
  - Agendas & Minutes
- Organize monthly Ex. Com. Teleconferences
  - Agendas & Minutes
- Report to the UEMS Secretary General for the activities, elections and Council affairs

UEMS PRM Section & Board Secretarial work for the Board

- Certification by Exams: Fellowship
- Certification by Equivalence: Fellowship
- Recertification: Senior Fellowship
- Certification of Trainers
- Certification of Training Centres
- Accreditation of Scientific Events
  - Mutual agreement with EACCME
  - Web-based application form: www.eaccme.eu
- Web site Educational Activities helping trainees
  - www.euro-prm.org
  - www.euro-prm.org/ elearning
UEMS PRM Section & Board
Additional Secretarial Duties

- Co-operation with the:
  - European Academy of Rehabilitation
  - European Society of PRM
  - International Society of PRM
  - WHO – DAR – ICF
  - European School of Marseille
  - Haim Ring Euro-Mediterranean PRM School
  - Mediterranean Forum of PRM
  - Baltic Forum of PRM

UEMS PRM SECTION
Efforts to create a Division on Medical Balneology

- Application - UEMS Council – April 2008 – failed
- Analysis of Failing reasons – prepare of arguments
- New strategy to convince national delegates to vote in favour or abstention at the next Council discussion
- Convince UEMS president for the necessity of the Division of Medical Balneology
- Plan for new application in October 2010

Thank you for your attention