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**CELEBRATING THE 25<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN PRM BOARD ANNIVERSARY**  
**INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES**

Dear Colleague,

We are proud to announce that the European Board in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its foundation, this year. Several initiatives have been taken, one of which concerns the **Campaign: "BECOME A EUROPEAN PRM BOARD FELLOW"** - special offers for 2016 ([click here for details](#)).

The campaign is aimed at promoting Certification and Recertification activities, and allowing PRM specialists from all European countries to demonstrate that they have achieved both knowledge and professional competences at a European standard level, and will be valid throughout this year and will end by December 31st 2016.

**By achieving the status of Fellowship of the European PRM Board you will benefit of several advantages:**

1. Board Certification is an acknowledgement of having attained the European standard in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.
2. A reduced group subscription fee to the official journal of the European Board (Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine) is available to certified members.
3. Participation in certain European programmes in the field of PRM is offered free-of-charge or at reduced costs to some Board-Certified persons at European venues.
4. Attendance at European Congresses in PRM is available at reduced registration fees.
5. Educational material can be downloaded for free from the [Board website](#)
6. *Eligibility for [recognition as a PRM trainer](#) is available to Board-Certified members.*
7. European board membership is considered a valuable asset when included in a curriculum-vitae for scientific and professional purposes.
8. Board certification is becoming a pre-requisite for an increasing number of appointments and the qualification will confer advantage in a competitive environment, all other things being equal.
9. The certificate itself is a manifestation of significant professional attainment and achievement at a European level. It presents as a visible level of achievement above a national certification. This is information that should be known to colleagues and patients alike.
10. The lists of [Board Certified PRM specialists](#) & [Trainers](#) are published on the Board website and are therefore available to organising committees of European or other international scientific events on request. However, those who do not wish to have their names made available have the right to withdraw from these lists.
11. From these lists experts may be sought and selected for knowledge and scientific contributions to congresses and other scientific meetings.
12. New opportunities including e-learning technologies will drive education and training programmes in PRM into new frontiers of knowledge when combined with accelerating translational research. European Board membership will increase the individual's capacity to access these opportunities.
13. ***If a Board certified member is a Department-head, s/he is eligible to apply to have their department [certified as a training centre](#).***

Certification can be obtained either by [Examination](#) or by [Equivalence](#) (this year at a **reduced fee of 200 Euro, instead of 300 Euro**).



Do not forget that Fellowship has to be renewed after 10 years. Therefore, if you have already attained the status of Fellow of the European PRM Board, you may be interested in keeping it and upgrade to the status of **Senior Fellow**.

The procedure for the Recertification of Fellows is relatively simple:

1. [Download the Application form](#) and follow the instructions regarding payment and calculation of CME credits. The review of your scientific and professional activity will be based on your CPD/CME activity during the last 5 years.
2. Send a payment of ~~100 euro~~ (**Reduced fee for 2016: 75 euro**) to the Treasurer by credit transfer with your name clearly written.

**Payment by bank**, in EUROS, account of the UEMS PRM Section: Account name: AISBL UEMS/S.PHYS.& REHAB., SWIFT/BIC GEBABEBB, IBAN BE57 0016 7441 7535, Brussels, Belgium

**Address of the Bank:** MONTAGNE DU PARC 3, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

3. Send the application for Recertification, the CME diary, and CME certificates to the National Manager together with the copy of the bank proof, all in electronic form.

The Application will be validated by the National Manager and sent to the Chairperson for Recertification of individuals, Prof Aydan Oral, who will submit it for approval to the Certification Committee of the UEMS PRM Board.

After 10 years of Senior fellowship, RECERTIFICATION IS MANDATORY to keep the title of Board Certified Specialist. Recertification in this case is free and is always based on CPD/CME activity of the last 5 years. Recertified Senior Fellows will become **Life Fellows**.

Looking forward to welcoming you in the large family of PRM Board Fellows!

Kind regards,

Maria Gabriella Ceravolo  
President

Alvydas Juocevičius  
Past President

Nikolaos Barotsis  
Incoming President