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**To     The Members of the UEMS Council  
       The UEMS National Member Associations  
       The Presidents and Secretaries of the UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards**

Dear colleague,

We are writing to you further to the UEMS Council meeting which was held in Brussels on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013. This meeting was very busy and very productive. We would like to thank all of you who participated in it for contributing to its success.

The UEMS Council adopted several key documents of importance to our organisation as a whole and particularly to our Specialist Sections. Please find below the necessary background information about these outcomes as well as the potential follow-up that you, as a Member of the UEMS, will be likely to give:

- **UEMS Statement on promoting Continuing Professional Development in Europe**

The UEMS considered the recent developments relating to the revision process of the EU Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC), particularly its Article 22 related to “continued education and training” and adopted a statement in order to highlight the need for appropriate consideration of CPD by European Member States.

- **Creation of the Specialist Section in Clinical Genetics**

A request to create a Section in Clinical Genetics was submitted to the Council given its status of independent specialty in many European Member States. Its creation was decided by the UEMS Council and the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee in Clinical Genetics was dissolved.

- **Creation of the Specialist Section in Thoracic Surgery**

A request to create a Section in Thoracic Surgery was submitted to the Council. Thoracic surgery is an independent specialty in more than 1/3 of European Member States. The Council created a Section of Thoracic Surgery.

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## - **Policy Statement on Emergency Medicine in Europe**

The UEMS Section in Emergency Medicine and the European Society in Emergency Medicine drafted a Statement aiming at setting the basis for robust and coherent approach in Emergency Medicine in Europe. The Council endorsed the Statement on Emergency Medicine in Europe.

## - **European Training Requirements for Medical Specialties**

Several Specialist Sections and their European Boards drafted the European Training Requirements for their Specialty using the template adopted in Larnaca, Cyprus in October 2012. The Council adopted the European Training Requirements in:

- Anaesthesiology
- Occupational Medicine
- Radiotherapy
- Surgery

Other decisions regarding activities of the UEMS Sections were:

- The change of name of the Section of “Radiotherapy” into “Radiotherapy and Radiation Oncology”
- The winding up of the MJC in Emergency Medicine

Some documents were presented for information and are to be further discussed and elaborated before being submitted for endorsement at the next meeting of the UEMS Council:

- The European Training Requirements in Neurology
- The European Training Requirements in Orthopaedics
- The European Curriculum in Radiology
- The explanatory note on the functioning of UEMS Sections, Divisions, Multidisciplinary Joint Committees, Thematic Federation and European Boards
- The Glossary of Terms in Postgraduate Training and Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development

The UEMS Board approved financial report for year 2012 and decided to continue negotiations with Brussels Authorities to obtain work permit for the UEMS House – Domus Medica Europaea.

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We once again to thank delegates of National Medical Associations Members of UEMS and representatives of UEMS Sections, Multidisciplinary Joint Committees, Boards and Thematic Federation who contributed to these meetings for their hard work and support.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you might require and look forward to our next meetings.

Dr Romuald Krajewski  
*President*



Dr Edwin Borman  
*Secretary General*

