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## **Meeting Minutes - UEMS Section and Board of Nuclear Medicine National Delegates Assembly**

### **AGENDA**

Venue: hybrid (online and in person)

Date: Friday, November 05, 2021

Time: 12:00 - 13:30 CET

Participants:

UEMS/EBNM: Executive Committee:

S. Mirzaei – UEMS/EBNM President

R. Hustinx – UEMS/EBNM Secretary, Treasurer (online)

A. Boubaber - UEMS/EBNM Member

Z. Ozcan – UEMS/EBNM Fellowship Committee

M. Farsad – UEMS/EBNM CME Accreditation Committee

J. Prior – UEMS/EBNM Accreditation Committee of NM Centers and Training Programs

H. Silber – UEMS/EBNM Office

M. Zieglmeier – UEMS/EBNM Office

UEMS/EBNM National Delegates and Deputies

#### **1. Welcome and approval of Agenda**

President Siroos Mirzaei (SM) opens the hybrid meeting by approving the previous agenda.

#### **2. News of the UEMS/EBNM President**

SM states that the website has been renewed and the committees are presented. The EANM increased their fee by 10%.

There have been 30% less live events in 2020 due to the pandemic but more online exams.

The UEMS Bank accounts will soon start with 0.5% rate of negative interests, so Projects are welcome. SM states, that freely accessible Journals will soon be made available on the UEMS website.

Some new publications came in 2020 and the focus shall lay on educate young medicals to be clinicals.

SM states, that at the UEMS Council, ETR's have been approved, apart from one "Training Requirements for Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery"

The Nuclear Medicine Guide is available on the Website and will be updated probably.

SM states, that forming a multidisciplinary joint committee for therapy shall be established, as therapy in the UEMS is growing and growing. Projects for the future shall be defined. SM prepared a draft question on this and sent it to RH for further discussion.

Regarding Oncology, a “group on demand” shall be formed, as there is no Oncology section at UEMS.

Ariane Boubaker (AB) asks about ESMIT - for ESMIT, a collab with UEMS seems to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> priority now.

The Hungarian delegate asked the committee to give their opinion on Tele nuclear medicine.

SM prepared the following draft for this (and asked MF for his opinion on it):

#### **UEMS-Position on the use of Telemedicine in Nuclear Medicine**

Medical justification for the use of radionuclides is limited to nuclear medicine physicians.

The UEMS standards additionally require that at least one nuclear medicine physician be present in a nuclear medicine facility.

Therefore, performing telemedicine without a nuclear medicine physician presence at a NM facility does not meet the minimum standards of the UEMS-EBNM.

### **3. Finances 2020**

Roland Hustinx (RH) presents the 2020 financial numbers. The member countries call for contribution brought in an amount of 17.150€ during the COVID year. Overall, the NM section collected a plus of 17.224,46€ and RH also expects a positive balance for 2021.

Mohsen Farsad (MF) asks about the missing payments coming from EACCME – they paid in 2021 but not on 2020. RH states, that EACCME also did not pay every year, MF asks about previous payments from previous years to be found out, so to calculate the amount, EACCME shall pay to UEMS NM section.

SM states that the UEMS NM Section could have more expenses, as meetings did not happen due to the pandemic, but will happen again.

RH states, that Lithuania, Bulgaria, and Ireland stopped paying their membership fees. The next step would be sending them a document from the Executive Committee before temporarily exclude them. Ariane Boubaker (AB) states that adjusting the fee could be an option, but RH states that he does not understand why they do not pay that fee.

Romanias Delegate raises a question regarding regulations in Romania and RH will send her official letters regarding regulation problems.

Italy’s delegate asks about the independency from the UEMS NM Section, what is confirmed by RH and SM. There shall be no merge between Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. The EANM is also aligned with this position.

#### **4. Committee Business – news/prospects of the future**

##### **a. Fellowship Examination Committee – FEBNM**

Zehra Özcan (ZO) presents the FEBNM Committee report and starts by presenting the committee team. ZO gives a review of the 2020 exam which featured just one MCQ session, while in 2021 there has been a MCQ session as well as an online oral session for the first time.

For the MCQ, the instructions, regulations and the prep course material has been updated, as usual there is a high number of attendees from India.

For the oral exam, ZO states that this online format will be held for the first time, as there has not been guidance by the UEMS, the team drafted everything alone with MZ. There was a prep session on October 27 with 19 attendees.

ZO states, that delegates and deputies shall increase the awareness for the FEBNM exam around Europe, to increase the number of European attendees. In Cyprus for example, the FEBNM exam is recognized as national exam.

##### **b. Education and Syllabus Committee**

RH moves on to the Education and Syllabus Committee and states that the ETR's need to be updated for 2022. Therapy shall be emphasized and focus on training centers will be pointed. Also, Artificial Intelligence in that field should not be ignored.

##### **c. CME Accreditation Committee (CME credits are mandatory for events requested under the auspices of the EANM)**

MF praises that gender equality happens within his committee and starts with his slides.

There have been less live events due to the pandemic. All events decreased, EANM had the most events still, as they are very active.

EANM and ESMIT had 18 Live events accredited, there were also live events from Spain and Greece. MF asks countries to perform more live events.

Also, MF asks delegates and deputies to promote ESMIT events more and thanks ESMIT for their work. They also performed 10 live webinars.

##### **d. Accreditation Committee (Nuclear Medicine Clinical Practice and Training Centres)**

John Prior (JP) starts his report by stating that 11 new sites have been accredited in 2020.

Also, he praises the QUADRant initiative to improve the overall quality of NM. There has been a three-day webinar in December 2020. A return on a large survey on the state of Implementation of clinical audits in member states will be performed in 2022 within this initiative.

JP also points out two publications on Quality in NM (a study from IAEA on image optimization in pediatry nuclear medicine <https://doi.org/10.2967/jnumed.120.244616> and its accompanying Editorial by UEMS two members <https://doi.org/10.2967/jnumed.120.254193>).

SM thanks the committee chairs for their reports. SM urges the delegates and deputies to further promote the UEMS NM section activities within their home countries and colleagues.

MF also points out and tells delegates and deputies that he'll be available if they need any type of help.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next Assembly shall be held at the EANM Congress in Barcelona in 2022. Also, on a further note, Pakistan will recognize the FEBNM Exam as national exam after talks with Dr. Bashir from Pakistan.

15 delegates/deputies attended the online meeting. SM thanks the delegates and deputies for attending and ends the meeting as no further questions occur.