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### Annual Report for 2014 for UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics (SCG)

The year 2014 was the first full year of function for the SCG, as it was formally established in April 2013 at the UEMS Council Meeting in Brussels and the first section meeting held in November 29, 2013. The board in 2014 included Ulf Kristoffersson (Sweden), president, Kristiina Aittomäki (Finland), secretary, Helen Kingston (UK), treasurer, and vice-presidents Milan Macek (Czech Republic) Béla Melegh (Hungary), Feliciano J Ramos (Spain), André Reis (Germany), and Alessandra Renieri (Italy) elected to the board in the Section Meeting May 31, 2014.

#### Delegates

In spring 2014 the board actively sought for UEMS member countries to appoint delegates to the new section. Altogether 19 countries have appointed delegates to SCG, these include (Austria, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK).

#### Section meetings

The annual section meeting 2014 took place in association with the ESHG meeting in Milan May 31, 2014 and 29 delegates from 19 countries participated. In this meeting it was decided that the annual section meetings would be held in association with the ESHG annual meeting, as it would promote participation of the delegates. There was lively discussion of important items such as the syllabus for training of specialists in the field. The section logo was also chosen in the meeting. The board had prepared a suggestion for partition of the membership fees and this was approved by the meeting.

#### Board meetings

In 2014 the board had 2 meetings and 4 teleconferences. The first board meeting was held on March 3-4, Lund, Sweden and the second meeting on May 31 in Milan, Italy, prior to the section meeting. Teleconferences were held on 19.5., 18.6., 15.10., and 17.12.2014.

#### Main focus

- The main focus of the section for 2014 has been the update of the curriculum and the development of the European syllabus for training of specialists in clinical genetics. This work is done in close collaboration with the ESHG European Board of Medical Genetics. The working group for the syllabus includes board members (Ulf Kristoffersson, Béla Melegh,



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Feliciano J Ramos, and Alessandra Renieri) and delegates Beata Lipska-Zietkiewicz and Peter Turnpenny. The working group has produced an update of the curriculum and a draft of the syllabus to be further discussed within the board and the section meeting.

- Genetic diagnostic has developed due to knowledge on the structure of the genome and subsequent technical development to encompass entire genomes instead of single genes. Therefore a change of the name of the section to UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics and Genomics, as suggested by the section president, has been discussed within the board. This will be further discussed and decided in the annual section meeting of 2015 in Glasgow.
- The web pages of the section have been established and are further being developed with new contents to offer web services and information to the members of the section and to other sections of the UEMS.

### Finances

During 2014 the main income of the section were the membership fees from national associations and to a lesser degree from EACCME. The main expenses are caused by meetings during the year. The Financial Statement of the UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics has been separately reported to UEMS by the treasurer of the section, Helen Kingston.

On behalf of the Section of Clinical Genetics,

Ulf Kristoffersson  
President

Kristiina Aittomäki  
Secretary of the SCG

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