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UEMS SECTION OF CLINICAL GENETICS

Annual Report for 2016 for UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics (SCG)

The year 2016 was the third full year of function for the SCG. The section was formally established in April 2013 at the UEMS Council Meeting in Brussels and the first section meeting was held in November 2013 in Brussels.

The bureau in 2016 included Béla Melegh (Hungary) president; Ulf Kristoffersson (Sweden) past president, Kristiina Aittomäki (Finland) secretary, Helen Kingston (UK) treasurer, and vice-presidents Milan Macek (Czech Republic) Feliciano J Ramos (Spain), André Reis (Germany), Alessandra Renieri (Italy) and Peter Turnpenny (UK) since the Barcelona's Section meeting, where he was elected as new member. In early 2017 Kristiina Aittomäki decided to step down from her secretarial position on the next section meeting, to maintain smooth management of the bureau's paperwork Alessandra Renieri (Italy) was co-opted to the secretarial position until the next section meeting.

Delegates

At the end of year 2016 the section had delegates from 21 UEMS full member countries. Additionally, Turkey, as an associate member has nominated a delegate and Georgia as an observer has also nominated a delegate. Altogether 42 delegates have been nominated to the section.

Finances

Overall, the Section budget remains in balance, with annual expenses broadly matching annual income over the last three years. Expenses incurred by the Section include an annual meeting of the Board and attendance of Board members at various UEMS meetings throughout the year.

The sole source of income for the Section is the annual contributions made by member countries and the Board is grateful for this continuing support. Fees due to be paid to the Section from EACCME, for approving the content of educational events, are still being withheld centrally and are unlikely to be refunded before 2018. This additional funding may be needed to support the development of a European specialist examination.

Section meetings

The annual section meeting 2016 took place in association with the European Society of Human Genetics Meeting, which was organized in Barcelona, Spain, Saturday May 21, 2016 at 10.00-12.00 CET; Venue: CCIB - Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona, Rooms 127+128. Altogether 20 delegates from 15 countries participated. There was active discussion particularly about the documents. The financial documentation was accepted as prepared by the treasurer Helen Kingston (see above).

Meetings of the bureau

The bureau had two physical meetings in 2016, in March 10-11, 2016 in Zaandam in the Netherlands and in Barcelona 21/5/2016. The bureau also had three teleconferences on 16/01/2016, 17/02/2016, and 16/11/2016. President and the secretary of the section participated in the Council Meeting of UEMS on October 20-22, 2016 in Brussels. Besides, the president also participated at the EBMG conference calls (11/01/2016, 14/03/2016, 09/05/2016, 20/06/2016, and 06/03/2017). In addition, the bureau has had weekly active email conversations.

Main focus in 2016

Curriculum, syllabus and European training requirements (ETR) for clinical genetics

After the almost 3 years of preparatory phase, the 3 documents of the ETR were submitted to the UEMS according to the new submission rules. The documentation was also revised by the ESHG exec and by the EBMG branches. The revised version with the incorporated modifications was submitted to the UEMS for discussion and approval request in the Spring Meeting in 2017.

MJC for Rare and undiagnosed diseases (MJC RUD)

The inaugural Kickoff meeting of the MJC RUD took place during the autumn meeting of the UEMS (as the spring meeting in Brussels in April 2016 was cancelled because of the airport attack). Total of 18 delegates participated. Prof. Melegh opened the meeting where after Enrique Terol (ERN Policy Officer, DG Santé, Health Directorate) gave a welcome presentation. Altogether 27 members from other UEMS sections have joined the MJC RUD. The bureau was elected, Bela Melegh was elected as president, Kristiina Aittomäki as secretary. Later, Kristiina decided to step down. After consultation with the UEMS, Liesbeth Siderius (Netherlands) was co-opted as Acting Secretary until the next official elections. It was decided that the next meeting of the MJC RUD will be held in association of the UEMS Spring Meeting in Tel Aviv in April 2017.

Participation in other activities

The Section of Clinical Genetics became a member of the CESMA, Feliciano Ramos was elected as Board member in the Bucharest meeting (07/05/2016). André Reis was actively participating EACCME's work. André Reis decided step down from the board in Copenhagen, and from the EACCME representation as well, Bela Melegh took the later position temporary, and participated at the UEMS Advisory Council for CME, the steering body of the EACCME in 1.14.2017, Brussels.

Liaison officer to ECA is Professor Elisabeth Blenniow, who is a Swedish delegate to UEMS and also the president of ECA

Béla Melegh had a presentation about UEMS to the Clinical Genetics Working Group at the Annual Meeting of the Turkish Society of Human Genetics (October 2016, Cesme).

On behalf of the Section of Clinical Genetics,



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of UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics