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### Report of the Clinical Genetics Section

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On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013, the first meeting of the UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics was held in Brussels. The meeting was attended by 17 delegates from 13 countries attended the meeting (see annex). Dr Borman (UEMS Secretary General), Mr Destrebecq (UEMS Chief Executing Officer) and Mr Rouffet (Sections and Boards coordinator) attended the meeting on behalf of the UEMS.

Dr Borman opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates. He presented the UEMS role, structure and activities and highlighted the achievements made thus far and the challenges to be addressed in the future. He notably stressed the importance for delegates to be actively involved in the activities of the Section and emphasised the role of the Section's Executive to ensure proper communication with the UEMS Executive and Office and smooth running of the Section.

Dr Borman explained that the UEMS was composed of 35 National Medical Associations and represented more than 50 medical disciplines at the European level. Thanks to the EACCME (see annex for acronyms), the UEMS has achieved significant progress to improve the quality of medical education in Europe.

Dr Borman added that the Specialist Sections were a working group of the UEMS and did not enjoy full autonomy, especially as regards financial matters. Dr Borman also referred to the UEMS House/ Domus Medica Europea which was currently being renovated to accommodate UEMS Office but also other European medical organisations.

#### *- Elections of the Executive*

The Executive of the Section was elected:

President:	Prof. Ulf Kristoffersson (SE)
Secretary:	Dr Kristiina Aittomäki (FI)
Treasurer:	Dr Helen Kingston (UK)
Vice- Presidents:	Prof. Milan Macek (CZ) - Liaison Officer to ESHG Dr Andre Reis (DE), Prof. Melegh Béla (HU), Prof. Feliciano Ramos (ES)

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Prof. Bela Mekegh (HU) - webmaster

Dr Borman explained that the UEMS had an agreement with the Permanent Working Group of the European Junior Doctors (EJD) whereby they were entitled to send a representative to take part in the activities of the UEMS Sections and European Boards.

- *Practical details for the organisation of meetings*

Prof. Kristoffersson suggested to hold meetings alongside the Scientific Congress of the European Society for Human Genetics (ESHG) which had offered to continue their support to the activities of the Section as it had been done in the past for the MJC Clinical Genetics. They would thus offer the meeting rooms for the Section to schedule their meetings.

Dr Borman explained that the UEMS House/DME would be hopefully available by the end of 2014 and could be an appropriate venue to host a meeting of the Section. The large meeting room to be created within the UEMS new premises could easily accommodate the Sections meetings and would be a very cost-efficient solution.

As per the financing of the activities of the Section, Prof Kristoffersson proposed to establish “contribution fees”, the amount of which had to be determined by the Section’s Executive in the coming months and discussed at the next meeting of the Section (ESHG – June 2014). He notably reported that the assets (+/- 10 000€) of the MJC Clinical Genetics derived from evaluations of Live Educational Events in the framework of the UEMS-EACCME® were to be transferred to the Section.

Mr Destrebecq explained the mechanism established by the UEMS for its Sections to receive “contribution” from the national monospecialist organisations. Sections had to request their “members” to make a donation (apport à titr gratuit) of the amount determined by them. He added that the UEMS would explore the possibility to issue “pro forma” invoices in order to provide the organisations with a justifying document. The applicability of VAT to donations depended on the status of donations at national level. He finally stated that the UEMS would send all relevant information to the Executive of the Section in this respect.

- *Future activities of the Section*

The afternoon session was dedicated to group discussion about the priorities to be addressed by the Section to develop its activities. Among the discussion, the following propositions were suggested:

- Work on the competence requested to be a Clinical Geneticist (Training Requirements)
- Elaborate a survey to have an overview on the number of specialists in Clinical Genetics in each country. Include questions pertaining non medical staff involved in Clinical Genetics and how Clinical Genetics is taught at the University (to get an idea

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of the level of knowledge and understanding of Clinical Genetics medical specialist may have)

- Draft a guidance document on “Good Clinical Governance” to address the issue of Clinical Genetics and New Technologies: should be medically-based and not technology-driven
- Promote the added value of Clinical Genetics to the public and to other specialists: through a website
- Elaborate a roadmap with indicative timeframe for the Section’s activities

- *Next meeting*

Prof. Kristoffersson informed the audience that a teleconference of the Section’s Bureau would be held in January and organised via a doodle and that the next meeting would be held alongside the ESHG Congress (Milan, June 2014).

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### Acronyms

Most commonly used terms within the UEMS

#### **UEMS - European Union of Medical Specialists**

UEMS EC - UEMS Executive

UEMS EEC - UEMS Enlarged Executive

NMA – National Member Associations

WG PGT - Working Group on Postgraduate Training

WG CME - Working Group on Continuing Medical Education

WG ehealth - Working Group on eHealth

WG Specialist Practice - Working Group on Specialist Practice in current health systems

WG Quality of Care – Working Group on Quality of Care

MJC - Multidisciplinary Joint Committee

T.F - Thematic Federation

S&B – Sections and European Boards

#### CME - Continuing Medical Education

EACCME - European Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education

ECMEC - European Continuing Medical Education Credits

NAA – National Accreditation Authority

ESAB – European Speciality Accreditation Board

AMA - American Medical Association

#### PGT - postgraduate training

ECAMSQ - European Council for Accreditation of Medical Specialist Qualifications

CESMA - Council for European Specialist Medical Assessment

CPD - Continuing Professional Development

SCeP – Steering Committee on e-Platform

#### QA - Quality Assurance

EACQM - European Accreditation Council for Quality Management

#### **EMOs - European Medical Organisations**

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UEMO - Union Européenne des Médecins Omnipraticien (GPs)  
FEMS - Fédération Européenne des Médecins Salariés (Salaried doctors)  
AEMH - Association Européenne des Médecins Hospitaliers (hospital doctors)  
CEOM - Council of European Medical Orders  
CPME - Comité Permanent des Médecins Européens (Standing Committee of European Doctors)  
EMSA - European Medical Students Association  
EJD - European Junior Doctors

### **EU Affairs**

ACMT – Advisory Committee on Medical Training  
CEN - Centre Européen de Normalisation -European Standardisation Centre  
EMA – European Medicine Agency  
ECDC – European Center for Disease prevention and Control  
EFPIA - European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industry Association  
EUCOMED - European Committee for Medical Device  
COCIR European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT industry  
EU – European Union  
MS – Member States  
EC – European Commission  
EP – European Parliament  
DG SANCO – Directorate General for Health and Consumers (European Commission)  
DG MARKT – Directorate General for Internal Market (European Commission)  
IMCO – Internal Market Committee (European Parliament)  
ENVI – Committee on Environment and Health (European Parliament)  
PQD – Professional Qualifications Directive  
CBC – Cross Border Care  
IMI – Internal Market Information System  
JA – Joint Action

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