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### The Annual Meeting of the UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11.00-13.00 hrs,  
Venue: SECC - Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Seminar Suite  
(Leven/Morar/Ness), Glasgow, Scotland, UK

#### Present

Ulf Kristoffersson, the President, Sweden  
Helen Kingston, Treasurer, UK  
Béla Melegh, Hungary  
Feliciano Ramos, Spain  
Andre Reis, Germany  
Alessandra Renieri, Italy  
Isabella Borg, Malta  
Vlad Gorduza, Romania  
Olga Haus, Poland  
Karsten Held, Germany  
Marleen Kets, Netherlands  
Hannele Koillinen, Finland  
Peter Kroisel, Austria  
Dunja Niedrist, Switzerland  
Peter Turnpenny, UK  
Alain Verloes, France  
Karin Witzl, Slovenia  
Kristiina Aittomäki, Secretary, Finland

#### Apologies

Jens Michael Hertz  
Adonis Ioannides  
Sofia Kitsiou-Tzeli  
Milan Macék

#### Agenda

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| §1 | Opening of the meeting                  | The President Ulf Kristoffersson opened the meeting at 11.15 AM  |
| §2 | Introduction of the board and delegates | The board and the delegates introduced themselves. Altogether 18 delegates, including the board, from 15 countries were present.<br><br>The President Ulf Kristoffersson explained the procedures of the |

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	Procedures of the meeting	meeting.
§3	Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report for 2014</li><li>• Budget proposal for 2015</li></ul>	<p>The finances were reported by Helen Kingston. The financial year in UEMS follows the calendar year and the finances are under Belgian law. Presently the only income for the Section are the contributions from each National Association. The Board suggests that the contributions from each country for 2015 would remain the same as 2014. It is possible that we need to raise the contributions for 2016.</p> <p>The income from EACCME is withheld by UEMS due to tightened financial situation after purchasing new premises in Brussels. Normally the section would receive half of the money paid for the UEMS scoring and 50% will go to the UEMS main office. The dues will be paid back to the section later, in 2017 as is the plan now.</p> <p>Altogether 19 countries have paid their dues and the balance remains at about 10 000 €.</p> <p>The budget was proposed and seconded in the meeting.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>The financial report and dismissal for the financial year 2014 for the Board were accepted by the Meeting. The Section budget 2015 and contributions for 2015 were unanimously accepted.</p>
§4	Proposal to change the name of the section	<p>The suggestion, initially made by Ulf Kristoffersson and supported by then Section Board, to change the name of the section to include Genomics was discussed. The name would change to UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics and Genomics. This would follow the example of the American Society of Medical Genetics and Genomics. The differences of using Medical or Clinical Genetics were also discussed. As the Section is a professional organization for clinical geneticists only, using Clinical Genetics was agreed to be adequate.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>The change of the section name to <i>UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics and Genomics</i> was unanimously accepted. However, to become official, this change must be accepted by the UEMS Council and Boards Meeting. The next possible meeting for this will be in October 2015 in Warsaw, Poland.</p>
§5	Election of board members	<p>The Section President Ulf Kristoffersson has worked hard for several years towards establishment of the Section. However, he</p>

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- Election of the President of the Board expressed his wish to step down from the presidential position, but remain in the Board. This was accepted with gratitude for the previous work and with delight for the fact that he would stay in the Section Board.  
  
It was suggested that Béla Melegh, Hungary, who has been a Board Member since inauguration of the Section, would be elected as the Section President.  
  
Decision:  
  
While Béla Melegh was chosen as the new President of the Section, Ulf Kristoffersson will stay as a Board Member.
- §6 European training program
  - Draft curriculum and syllabusThe work for the European Curriculum and Syllabus were briefly discussed. An updated draft of the Curriculum has been prepared by a joint working group of EBMG/Section of Clinical Genetics. As this has not been previously circulated to the delegates, the secretary will send the document within next few weeks to delegates.  
  
Decision:  
  
The document will be circulated to the Delegates and each country will reply that they either support the curriculum or suggest changes.
- §7 Section website  
  
The website for the Section of Clinical Genetics launched at the UEMS website was introduced by Béla Melegh. The website can be found on the UEMS website under the list of medical specialities.  
Information on the Board Members is included, but the Section Board would also like to include information on the National Delegates for each country. To that purpose, a consent form to include the name and country with email address and photo (if accepted) was circulated during the meeting. The consent form will be sent to the Delegates not present by email.  
  
The National societies can also publish a list of specialist on the website, if they choose so. This, however, could be difficult to keep updated in the big countries.
- §8 AOB  
  
Béla Melegh suggested that we should be active in forming a UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Rare Diseases under UEMS. Every section is allowed to send representatives. His

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suggestion was warmly supported by the meeting.

Milan Macék was recognised for his work towards recognition of Clinical Genetics as a European medical speciality. Clinical Genetics is now a specialty in all European countries except Greece and Belgium.

The ESHG President elect, Feliciano Ramos wished all welcome to ESHG Meeting in Barcelona in 2016.

§9 Closing of the meeting

The Meeting was closed by the President at 13.00.

Encl.

Kristiina Aittomäki, Secretary of the Board