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## UEMS SECTION OF CLINICAL GENETICS

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The Annual Meeting of the UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics

Date and time: Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 12.15-13.45 PM

Venue: Amber 1 + 2, Milano Congressi, Milan, Italy

### Agenda

§1 Opening of the meeting by the president	Ulf Kristoffersson
§2 Introduction of the board and the delegates Procedures of the meeting	Ulf Kristoffersson and Kristiina Aittomäki
§3 Section budget Budget proposal for 2014-2015 Cost division between membership countries Principles for budget process Budget frame for 2015-2016	Helen Kingston
§4 Aims and priorities for the section Interaction with EBMG Training programme for residents – an update Inventory of specialists in Europe General discussion on priority issues 2014-2020	Ulf Kristoffersson Feliciano Ramos Ulf Kristoffersson Ulf Kristoffersson
§5 Section website and logo	Bela Melegh
§6 Election of board members Election process Election of a new board member	Ulf Kristoffersson
§7 Endorsement of ESHG documents	Ulf Kristoffersson
§8 Any other business	Ulf Kristoffersson
§9 Closing of meeting	Ulf Kristoffersson

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### **Ad §3 Budget**

#### **Budget process and principles.**

The Section board has decided that the annual meeting should preferably be held in conjunction with the annual ESHG Conference in late spring every year. As the budget year for UEMS sections runs from April 1 to March 30 the following year, in principle the budget has to be decided before that date.

*The section board suggests the following budget process:*

At the annual meeting the year before the actual budget year a cost frame is decided within which the budget have to be set. Not later than end of January a budget suggestion including cost division between countries is sent to the head delegate of the participating organisation for approval. If a reply is not returned before February 28, the budget is considered approved. The reason for non-approval should be stated by the member organisations so the board has a possibility to improve for coming years. NB! Only sections that have paid their fees for the actual year are invited for the discussion on next year budget.

#### **Budget construction**

The Section has no other income than membership fees and a small sum achieved by the a board member serving as an assessor for CME in EACCME. When the Section has agreed on a budget, the UEMS has a suggested model for dividing costs between the countries. The SCG board found it unfair and made a recalculation based on countries population size and BNP, reflecting the grade of economic development of each country. This model division is presented here knowing that each model used has its advantages and disadvantages for the individual country.

Basically, most of the expenses are for costs for meetings of the board and other UEMS related meetings to participate in order to influence the European agenda .

### **Ad §4 Aims and priorities**

#### **Interaction with EBMG**

The ESHG have this year created an organization for improvement of quality in genetic service by providing European examinations in clinical genetics for Genetic nurses/counsellors, clinical scientists and medical doctors, the European board for Medical Genetics: <https://www.eshg.org/ebmg.0.html> This exam is voluntary, but for nurses and scientists important for recognition. It is meant that the organisation will work according the European qualification directive and be able to certify professionals. For medical doctors this is less important, but many other sections of UEMS offer specialist exams in collaboration with their scientific society. At present this organisation is build up, and the question is how

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much we should be involved. From the EBMG/ESHG there is a strong wish that we take a leading position in the building an exam for MDs.

### **Training programme for residents – an update**

In the process of getting recognition as a European speciality the endorsement of ESHG and UEMS of a template for a European training programme was of great importance, but this document need a revision and the board have prepared suggestions for an update.

### **Inventory of specialists in Europe**

At present we do not know how many specialists and residents there are in the different European countries. We would like to make an inventory to find out, and, if possible keep it updated.

### **General discussion on priority issues for 2014-2020**

The board have set up some issues that we thought was important for the near future, but what are the priorities of the National representatives? We welcome suggestions as well as persons who are willing to do the work. If we set down a working group it has to be led by a National representative, not necessarily a board member, but other interested are welcome to participate in the process. All committees are reporting to the president or a board member he/she appoint.

### **Ad §5 Website and logo**

Bela Melegh are in the board web responsible. UEMS has a format for the sections using the [www.UEMS.eu](http://www.UEMS.eu) address as official web address and this is presented together with a suggestion for a logo for the Section

### **Ad §6 Elections**

The section has not appointed an election committee, but decided that at present the board acts as Election committee. Normally the mandate period is 4 years, once renewable in the same position; the president and at least one of secretary or treasurer should have overlapping periods. Thus, at our inaugural meeting in November the president was elected for only 2 years. The number of board members are minimum 2 president, secretary and treasurer, of which 2 positions can be held by one person.

The board suggests prof Alessandra Renieri, Italy as new board member

For the elections at the next annual meeting in Glasgow 2015 the term of the present president Ulf Kristofferson has ended, and he has due to age rejected re-election, but is willing to stay on as vice president for a coming period.

The board welcomes suggestions of new board members for future elections.

### **Ad § 7Endorsement**

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The ESHG and its quality and PPPC committee procedures documents and guidelines that are important for us who work in the clinic. Therefore their status would be improved by UEMS endorsement. The board suggest that the following documents are endorsed by the Section. The Section can after that bring them to the UEMS board and ask for a UEMS endorsement. If they are endorsed it will have greater influence on the practice of medicine in Europe.

The documents are:

*Background document and Recommendations concerning genetic testing and common disorders.*

*Genetic testing in asymptomatic minors*

The documents are available at <https://www.eshg.org/eshgdocs.0.html>