



UEMS IR Division Meeting with Delegates

Lisbon, PT, September 26, 2015, 10:15-11:00

Present: C. Loewe (AT), S. Thurnher (AT), L. Defreyne (BE), P. Goffette (BE), P. Knüsel (CH), S.D. Qanadli (CH), M. Rocek (CZ), A. Bückner (DE), D. Vorwerk (DE), D. Morhard (DE), T. Kröncke (DE), T. Helmberger (DE), C. Binckert (DE), P. Haage (DE), E. Hernández (ES), T. Moreno Sánchez (ES), M. Mizandari (GE), A. Chatziioannou (GR), E. Broutzos (GR), T.-E. Vrachliotis (GR), D. Kelekis (GR), Vinko Vidjak (HR), K. Novacic (HR), M. Slavica (HR), M. Lee (IE), A. Ryan (IE), M. Bezzi (IT), F. Fanelli (IT), F. Florio (IT), M. Rossi (IT), J. Reekers (NL), O. van Delden (NL), J. Egge (NO), T. Skatvedt Egge (NO), M. Vozar (SK), A. Klepanec (SK), S. Okavec (SK), M. L. Akesson (SW), I. Keussen (SW), H. Lindgren (SW), M.H. Öztürk (TR), A. Devrim (TR), R. Morgan (UK), A.-M. Belli (UK), E. Duncan (UK), G. Makris (UK), D Waigl, P. Treppo

1. Welcome by UEMS IR Division Chairman / Introductions

J. Reekers welcomed the participants and summarised the ongoing issues regarding UEMS and the IR Division.

Live case demonstrations

The discussions with the UEMS Radiology Section on putting up a document outlining UEMS rules for live case presentations had not advanced, as collaboration with the section proved rather difficult. However, the president of the section has changed and J. Reekers was confident that collaboration would improve. He assumed the final document to be signed by the Radiology Section in the near future.

Neuroradiology Division

J. Reekers had been informed that the UEMS Division of Neuroradiology wanted to separate from the Radiology Section and emphasised that the IR Division should be able to be more involved in the decision making process.

2. Review and approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Update on CME accreditation in Europe

CIRSE is considering submitting the European Board of Interventional Radiology (EBIR) for UEMS-CESMA Appraisal.

J. Reekers informed on the strict rules UEMS has implemented for the accreditation of examinations. It should however be no problem to reach official recognition of the EBIR by UEMS soon.

4. Ethical Compliance Initiative by MedTech

D. Waigl reported on recent developments regarding ethical compliance.



UEMS is planning to change its rules for the accreditation of medical meetings. This focuses in particular on the involvement of industry partners in the education that academic societies deliver. Conferences need to be adjusted accordingly, in particular how rooms are offered to companies and which content will be delivered.

Similar to the UEMS initiative, MedTech, an alliance of European medical technology industry associations, is revising the current model of delivering medical education. MedTech has around 100 members, most of which are CIRSE's main industry partners. A revised draft code has been published recommending medical companies to fade out of direct sponsorship of Health Care Professionals (HCPs) attending third party medical meetings by 2018. With the phasing out of direct sponsorship, new models such as indirect sponsorship through grant systems will be introduced.

One main criticism of the new code is that direct sponsorship for medical device trainings and commercial marketing activities from individual companies will still be allowed.

The revised code is planned to be finalised in December 2015.

5. FEBVS Examination

J. Reekers informed about serious concerns regarding the vascular surgery training requirements that have been endorsed by the UEMS. The UEMS Section of Vascular Surgery has published a logbook in 2011 requiring only little or no specific training or experience for basic procedures.

Several letters have been sent by the UEMS IR Division requesting specific training and warning of dangers that resulted from such proceedings. No answer has been received so far.

6. Next Meeting at the CIRSE 2016 Annual Congress

The next UEMS IR Division Meeting with Delegates will take place on the occasion of CIRSE 2016 (Sept. 10-14) in Barcelona.

7. Any other business

No further business was discussed.