



## **UEMS IR Division Meeting with Delegates**

**Lisbon, 25 September 2018, 09:15-10:30**

*Present:* C. Loewe (AT), F. Deprez (BE), M. Totev (BG), V. Vidjak (HR), M. Rocek (CZ), A. Bharadwaz (DK), P. Saari (FI), D. Vorwerk (DE), T. Kratimenos (GR), M. Lee (IE), A. Ryan (IE), M. Venturini (IT), J. A. Reekers (NL), O. van Delden (NL), K. Pyra (PL), O. Haller (SE), S.D. Qanadli (CH), P. Knüsel (CH), I. McCafferty (GB), M. Mizandari (GE)

*Invited Speakers:* P. Ricci (UEMS Radiology Section President)

### **1. Welcome by UEMS IR Division Chairman**

J. Reekers opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. He announced that out of 19 UEMS IR Division Delegations with voting rights (Full Members), 13 Delegates were present in the meeting. The quorum of 50% for the elections and further decision making was hence reached. In addition, two National IR Society Presidents (Czech Republic and Belgium) were attending on behalf of their national delegates, bringing the number of delegations with voting rights to 15.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

### **3. Update from the Radiology Section**

P. Ricci, president of the UEMS Radiology section, gave a brief update on the work and structure of the UEMS.

P. Ricci reported that the UEMS Radiology Section currently counts 31 Full members countries, with a total of 62 delegates from 40 different countries, as well as 4 Associates and 5 Observers (full list available [here](#)). The Section has 2 Subspecialty Divisions (Interventional Radiology, Neuroradiology) and 2 Representatives of the European Junior Doctors sit in the Section and in NR Division. The membership fees were based on a UEMS Repartition Key, with a flat fee for the NR Division, and a special arrangement between CIRSE and the IR Division, set out in a memorandum of understanding in 2013. P. Ricci further presented the Radiology Section's presence in UEMS internal bodies and non-UEMS Bodies, and encouraged IR Division delegates to also put themselves forward for these bodies.

P. Ricci then presented the global UEMS structure and the roles of the Section within UEMS Groupings and Advisory Board meetings before UEMS Council Meetings. With regards to the European Training Requirements (ETR), P. Ricci noted that the revised edition of the European Training Curriculum prepared by the European Society of Radiology has been submitted to the UEMS Council for endorsement in October 2018. The Training Curriculum in Interventional Neuroradiology is currently under revision of ESNR/ESMINT and the Division of Neuroradiology. P. Ricci stressed that this curriculum must be presented to the Section for mandatory endorsement, prior to presenting the ETR to the ETR Reviewing Committee and finally to the Council.



P. Ricci also reported on the outcomes of the recent NR Division Meeting:

- a. the Standard of Practice in Interventional Neuroradiology, which was a cooperation between ESNR/ESMINT/UEMS NR DIVISION & IR DIVISION, is a consensus document which provides recommendations based on expert opinion and available evidence, in relation to the optimal conditions for the safe practice of Interventional Neuroradiology. This document was endorsed by the Section of Radiology on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018
- b. the Curriculum in Interventional Neuroradiology: the working group stopped its work in September 2017, and ESNR is still working on a final version of the document, which is supposed to be a cooperation between ESNR/ESMINT/UEMS NR DIVISION & IR DIVISION. P. Ricci stressed that the Section will not endorse the final version if a consensus with both Divisions would not be reached, and recalled the involvement of J. Reekers in this document, which initially excluded IRs while at the same time giving non-radiologists the possibility to perform interventional neuroradiology procedures.

P. Ricci concluded his presentation by emphasising that collaboration between the two Divisions is of utmost importance for him, and shall be further enhanced in the future.

#### **4. Ongoing business of the IR Division**

##### **a. Review of Division Delegates' mandates**

J. Reekers reported that the UEMS Radiology Section initiated a process in late 2017 with the aim to obtain official letters of appointment for all national delegates of the Section and the Divisions. In line with official [UEMS rules](#), all delegates have to be confirmed by means of an official letter of appointment by the National Medical Organisation of their countries. As this process can be lengthy and bureaucratic, J. Reekers thanked all delegates who went through this process in 2018 in order to be able to continue supporting the IR Division's work.

#### **5. Election of the UEMS IR Division Board (September 2018 – September 2022)**

J. Reekers announced that as per UEMS rules, the Division has to elect a Division Board with three officers in 2018: a President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Division. Officers shall be chosen from among the serving delegates from full member countries and will keep the status of national delegate during their term of office. Each mandate lasts for four years and may be renewed once.

J. Reekers announced that the voting procedure will be simple majority voting in a secret ballot procedure, in which each delegation from the full member countries of the UEMS which are in good standing and also with valid representatives to the Section of Radiology will have one vote. A total of 15 ballot sheets were handed out to the delegations.

J. Reekers reminded the delegates that a call for candidates had been sent out to all delegations in August, and then presented the candidates who had put themselves forward for the vacant positions:



- President: M. Lee (IE)
- Secretary: J. Reekers (IE)
- Treasurer: A. Ryan (IE)

The ballot sheets were collected, the votes were counted and the results were announced:

- **President: M. Lee (IE) was elected with 15/15 votes in favour**
- **Secretary: J. Reekers (IE) was elected with 15/15 votes in favour**
- **Treasurer: A. Ryan (IE) was elected with 14/15 votes in favour and 1 abstention**

#### **6. Next Meeting at the CIRSE 2018 Annual Congress**

The next UEMS IR Division Meeting with Delegates will take place on the occasion of CIRSE 2019, September 7-10, in Barcelona, Spain.

#### **7. Any other business**

No further business was discussed and the meeting was closed.