



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

#### **Barcelona, 07 September 2019, 16:15-16:45**

*Present:* M. Cejna (AT), D. Henroteaux (BE), M. Totev (BG), V. Vidjak (HR), M. Rocek (CZ), A. Bharadwaz (DK), P. Saari (FI), S. Müller-Hülsbeck (DE), D. Vorwerk (DE), T. De Baere (FR), A. Gangi (FR), E. Brountzos (GR), M. Lee (IE), A. Ryan (IE), J. A. Reekers (NL), K. Pyra (PL), S. Torbica (RS), J. Urbano Gracia (ES), F. Lopez Zarraga (ES), I. Keussen (SE), B. Österdahl (SE), C. Binkert (CH), P. Knüsel (CH), T. Cleveland (GB), G. Makris (GB), R. Morgan (GB)

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

#### **1. Welcome by the UEMS IR Division President**

M Lee opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. He thanked Jim Reekers and A. Ryan for their work.

#### **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 of the UEMS Radiology section. He thanked for the invitation and said that the IR division was an important part of the UEMS Radiology section.

P. Ricci reported that the [European Training Requirements in Interventional Neuroradiology](#) had been unanimously approved by the UEMS Council on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He stated that the Training Curriculum had been realised by the Division of Neuroradiology in cooperation with the Interventional Radiology division, the European Society of Neuroradiology (ESNR), the European Board of Neuroradiology (EBNR) and the European Society for Minimally Invasive Neurological Therapy (ESMINT). P. Ricci emphasised that thanks to the joint effort, the curriculum had been judged as excellent by experienced UEMS ETR reviewers. He elaborated that the document should constitute a uniform training programme, which was approved by all European countries and can be incorporated in pre-existing national programmes or serve as the basis for the development of new programmes, according to the national regulations. He added that the European Training Requirements were available on the section's website ([www.uemsradiology.eu](http://www.uemsradiology.eu)) and would shortly be published concurrently in *Neuroradiology* (official ESNR journal) and the *Journal for Neurointerventional Surgery* (official ESMINT journal).

P. Ricci then presented the survey: *Interventional Neuroradiology in Europe*, which had been realised in collaboration with the Division of Neuroradiology and focussed on the situation of neuroradiology training and neuroendovascular practice in Europe, in view of the approval of the European Training Requirements in Interventional Neuroradiology on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He noted that the survey had started in September 2018



and targeted radiology societies and national delegates from 31 UEMS member countries, highlighting how significant differences in training and practice still persisted in Europe. The survey consisted of 6 questions, namely:

1. Is there a Specialty school/Fellowship in Neuroradiology?
2. How to become Neuroradiologist?
3. How to become Interventional Neuroradiologist?
4. Neuroendovascular procedures performed by Interventional Radiologists?
5. Neuroendovascular procedures performed by non-Radiologists?
6. Interventional Neuroradiology Training required?

P. Ricci remarked that the full results of the survey can be found on the UEMS Neuroradiology website at: <https://neuro.uemsradiology.eu/specialty-in-europe/#education-and-training>

P. Ricci furthermore reported on a second survey the UEMS Radiology section had conducted: The status of CME-CPD in Europe. The survey on the current framework of CME-CPD in Europe had been launched in February 2019 and targeted the national medical associations of its member countries. He presented the seven questions asked:

1. Is CME-CPD mandatory or voluntary in your country? Number of credits required per year?
2. Are there any forms of re-certification or re-licensing?
3. Which is the responsible authority for CME-CPD?
4. Does a conversion scheme for accreditation of CME-CPD events abroad exist?
5. Which CME-CPD activities are recognized in your country?
6. Does your country follow the EACCME criteria?
7. Is CME-CPD onerous? How is it supported and promoted by the healthcare system?

He elaborated that the survey had shown that most European countries would follow the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) criteria.

P. Ricci then presented a slide on Accreditation Council in Imaging (ACI) Trusted Providers and explained that providers with a record of excellence in CME and a long history of EACCME applications may apply for the status of “Trusted Provider”, resulting in a faster and simpler process without lowering EACCME standards. He reported that the evaluation process was reduced to four weeks and that the COI forms did not need to be submitted at the time of the application but had to be available at the time of the event for possible monitoring. He also added that the payment had to be received before the finalisation of the review procedure. He presented the list of top 5 Trusted Providers and emphasised that CIRSE had been granted this status in May 2019. The other four of the top 5 Trusted Providers were: European Society Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Research (ESGAR), European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology (ESMRMB), European School of Radiology (ESOR) and Telemedicine Clinic (TMC Academy).

At the end of his presentation P. Ricci informed that the UEMS section of Radiology had a permanent Secretariat in Brussels, managed by F. Tanzi, and shared the website and email address with the delegates: [radiology@uems.eu](mailto:radiology@uems.eu), [www.uemsradiology.eu](http://www.uemsradiology.eu). He added that the website had been recently overhauled and offered the possibility for members to log-in and download documents and materials.



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

M. Lee thanked P. Ricci for his presentation. He emphasised that the IR division would cooperate very closely with the Radiology section and had actively supported the change of the curriculum.

**5. Next Meeting at the CIRSE 2020 Annual Congress**

The next UEMS IR Division Meeting with Delegates will take place on the occasion of CIRSE 2020, September 12-16, in Munich, Germany.

**6. Any other business**

No further business was discussed and the meeting was closed.