



### **UEMS IR division meeting with delegates**

**19 October 2020, 15:00-15:30**

*Present: M. Totev (BG), V. Vidjak (HR), M. Mizandari (GE), M. Lee (IE), A. Ryan (IE), A. Klepancec (SK), J. Urbano (ES), P. Knüsel (CH), S. Qanadli (CH).*

*(The quorum of 12 delegates was not achieved).*

*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 provided an update from the UEMS Radiology section. He informed that the meeting of the section took place in July 2020 and summarised the main outcomes:

- The European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR) is considered as the best medical specialty diploma in Europe; new technical developments and an e-exam solution tested on the occasion of two pilot exams brings the diploma closer to candidates, securing the viability of the examination in constant change environments and reducing structural costs.
- As regards the Accreditation Council in Imaging (ACI), radiology is positioned within the top three medical specialties in the number of educational materials offered and accredited (together with cardiology and anaesthesiology).
- Elections of Secretary General and Treasurer took place online: J.P. Joris (Secretary General) and R. Demuth (Treasurer) have been re-elected for a second term (2020-2024).
- P. Ricci and C. Tziakouri have collaborated with the ESR to realise a position statement and best practice recommendations on the imaging use of ultrasound from the European Society of Radiology Ultrasound Subcommittee. The document represented the agreed consensus of experts from the ESR Ultrasound Subcommittee, Section of Radiology and EFSUMB.

P. Ricci explained that the administrative and financial support of the section has been significantly reduced and that the Secretariat is currently only available part-time and remote. The possibility to restore the Secretariat will be explored before the next meeting (November 2020).

Regarding the online ECR in July, he reported that the Radiology section has been represented by a virtual booth. On November 10-11, 2020 there will also be a joint online session of ESR and UEMS on the issue of "Visibility of imaging professionals in the EU".



P. Ricci then highlighted that the website of the Radiology section is a good source for information on the activities of the section: [www.uemsradiology.eu](http://www.uemsradiology.eu).

He informed about the new approach to webinar accreditation, as presented by the UEMS Advisory Council meeting in January. The new approach allows the possibility of applying for a pack of webinars (up to 10 or 20), thereby reducing application administrative workload and the corresponding fees.

P. Ricci also reported on the UEMS-EBR joint paper on CME & webinars. The paper will be published in "Insights into Imaging". The paper will include the outcomes of the UEMS survey conducted in 2019 on the situation of CME-CPD in Europe ("CME-CPD: An evolving project") and of the ACI survey ("Webinars as a CME tool"). The paper was written by P. Ricci and F. Tanzi and was reviewed by M. Lucic (ACI Scientific Director) and C. Loewe (ACI Policy Committee chairperson).

Regarding the European Training Assessment Programme 2.0 (ETAP), P. Ricci informed that the list of accredited centres has increased in 2019-2020 and that ETAP has a new scientific director, namely H. Aronen from Finland.

P. Ricci presented the two surveys conducted by the Radiology section. The first focused on radiology workforce in Europe and was sent to 31 UEMS national medical associations in Europe. The survey results can be viewed on the Radiology section website. The second survey was created by M. Adriaensen and P. Ricci and focused on the use of PPE by health professionals while performing ultrasound services during the COVID-19 pandemic. 31 national medical associations have provided feedback and the results will be presented shortly.

At the end of his presentation, P. Ricci highlighted the upcoming UEMS meetings:

- UEMS CESMA Winter Meeting: Brussels, December 4-5, 2020 (to be confirmed)
- UEMS Conference on CME-CPD in Europe/Advisory Council: Seville, March 12-13, 2021
- UEMS Council Spring 2021: Brussels, April 23-24, 2021
- UEMS Council Fall 2021: Limassol, to be defined

#### 4. Ongoing business of the IR division

M. Lee presented the activities of the UEMS IR division in 2019/2020. He reported that the division has been closely cooperating with CIRSE as well as the UEMS Radiology section. He further noted that A. Ryan represented the division's board in relevant UEMS meetings, such as the UEMS Radiology section meeting in Rome in September 2019 and the online section meeting in July 2020.

He informed that the division has also launched a new website, which can be visited under [www.uemsir.eu](http://www.uemsir.eu)

M. Lee highlighted the review and edit of the *UEMS Training Requirements for the Subspecialty Paediatric Urology under both Urology and Paediatric Surgery*. The ETR on paediatric urology contained a number of references to image guided procedures. M. Lee consulted with Alex Barnacle, paediatric IR from Great Ormond Street in London, to ask her opinion and redrafted some of the references to image guided intervention to reflect that paediatric or general IR if appropriate should be consulted and all procedures should be performed with image guidance. These changes were accepted in the final ETR.



**5. Next meeting at the CIRSE 2021 annual congress**

The next UEMS IR division meeting with delegates is scheduled to take place on the occasion of CIRSE 2021 in Lisbon (September 25-29, 2020) if an in-person meeting is possible. Otherwise, the meeting will again be conducted online.

**6. Any other business**

P. Ricci informed that the ETRs for Cardiology have been adopted in April 2020, despite the UEMS Council has been held under special circumstances, via teleconference and without the usual voting procedure. The ETRs might be conflicting with the competences of the radiology specialty, in particular in the management of cardiac diagnostic CT / MRI.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was closed.