



UEMS IR division meeting with delegates

16 November 2021, 17:00-18:00

1. Welcome by the UEMS IR Division President

M. Lee opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

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

J.P. Joris provided an update from the UEMS Radiology section. He informed that the meeting of the section took place in April 2021 and summarised the main outcomes. He also reported about the UEMS Council meeting on October 22-23, 2021 and informed that the new UEMS code of conduct for officers of UEMS bodies was approved. It can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

J.P. Joris also informed about the elections and reported that the election of Chairpersons and Secretaries of Groupings took place during the 22-23 October UEMS Council. In Grouping III, Prof. P. Ricci was re-elected for a second term and Prof. T. Griesbacher maintains his position as Secretary until new elections are called by the UEMS (no candidacy received in time for the Council Meeting).

The update on the activities of the UEMS Radiology section was briefly presented and J.P. Joris informed about the survey "Use of Personal Protective Equipment by European Radiologists during the COVID-19 pandemic, a survey of the European Union of Medical Specialists". The results have shown a heterogeneous picture within Europe with regard to PPE used by healthcare professionals providing face-to-face ultrasound services. Ranging from full protection including full limb protection and double gloves to no PPE at all. In the majority of countries (19/30), there were no national guidelines with regard to the use of PPE by healthcare professionals committed to providing face-to-face ultrasound services.

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

- UEMS Advisory Council meeting: Domus Medica, Brussels, January 15, 2022
- UEMS Conference on CME-CPD in Europe/Advisory Council: Seville, March 11-12, 2022
- UEMS CESMA Autumn Meeting: postponed to March 11-12, 2022
- UEMS Council Spring 2022: Online, April 29-30, 2022

4. Ongoing business of the IR division



M. Lee presented the activities of the UEMS IR division in 2020/2021. He reported that the division has closely cooperated with CIRSE as well as the UEMS Radiology section. M. Lee then elaborated on the plans to draft a European Training Requirement (ETR) for Interventional Radiology.

a. Plans for the submission of an IR European Training Requirement (ETR) to the UEMS based on the European Curriculum and Syllabus for Interventional Radiology by CIRSE

M. Lee briefly explained the purpose of an ETR. According to the UEMS, the idea behind an ETR is the following: *“The UEMS committed itself to contribute to the improvement of medical training at the European level through the development of European Standards in the different medical disciplines. No matter where doctors are trained, they should have at least the same core competencies.”* The aim is to advance and harmonise the standards of specialist training and accreditation across Europe. More information can be found on the UEMS website on ETRs, [here](#).

It was highlighted, however, that ETRs are only training recommendations, since it is the National Authorities' competence to define the content of postgraduate training in the EU states

M. Lee explained the typical structure of an ETR, which consists of three sections:

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINEES

- Content of training and learning outcome
- Organisation of training

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINERS

- Process for recognition as trainer
- Quality management for trainers

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

- Process for recognition as training centre
- Quality Management within Training institutions

With regard to the procedure, M. Lee explained that in 2022, the European Curriculum and Syllabus for Interventional Radiology needs an update. This is due every five years and CIRSE will establish a dedicated Task Force for the revision. In his capacity as UEMS IR Division President, M. Lee will join the group and support the revision of the curriculum and its transformation into an IR ETR. The draft ETR will be submitted to the UEMS Radiology section for approval in summer 2022 and then to the UEMS for review by the other UEMS bodies. After all revisions are implemented, the draft ETR will be submitted to the UEMS Council in September 2022 for final approval.

The delegates unanimously approved the production of an ETR and the outlined time table and procedure.

5. Next meeting at the CIRSE 2022 annual congress



The next UEMS IR division meeting with delegates is scheduled to take place on the occasion of CIRSE 2022 in Barcelona (September 10-14, 2022) if an in-person meeting is possible. Otherwise, the meeting will again be conducted online.

6. Any other business

No further business was discussed and the meeting was closed.