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To : Members of the EBICM

Dear colleagues

First of all, we would like to thank you for your attendance at the last meeting of the EBICM in Brussels on Wednesday 16th 2008, and for your vigorous support for the concept that Intensive Care Medicine should be identified at European level as a 'Particular Competence'. This term is consistent with all forms and structures of training in ICM in Europe, but importantly it also implies harmonisation of training, one of the principles of CoBaTrICE.

We are pleased to inform you that this proposal received unanimous support when we presented it at the meeting of the UEMS Council today. Our presentation included both the proposal (the 'road map') and the CoBaTrICE training programme, and it was clear from the reaction of the delegates that CoBaTrICE is now regarded as a benchmark for other disciplines. In this sense therefore, intensive care medicine can be seen to be leading the way in the development of competency-based training. This has only been possible through the support and contributions of base specialities, our colleagues in the UEMS sections, national training organisations, and frontline clinicians worldwide over the past five years.

The UEMS as you know is an advisory body to the European Commission. It can recommend, but it cannot mandate. Endorsement by the UEMS Council must therefore be regarded as the first step in our 'road map'. We now need to gain the support of our national representatives to the European Commission and to the European Parliament. The best way to do this will be by direct personal contact via our national training organisations, accompanied by supporting material. This will include the letter from the UEMS Council (which we will forward to you as soon as we receive it), and the link to the CoBaTrICE programme (www.cobatrice.org).

With best wishes

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