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UEMS — EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

The Executive and the Secretariat of UEMS wish you their best Seasons' Greetings and a Happy New Year 2012!

The draft proposal for a new Professional Qualifications Directive under the Xmas Tree!

The European Commission released earlier this week its proposal on modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive. The Commission is thereby launching the legislative process which will lead to adopting a new directive aiming at ensuring the free mobility of professionals throughout the European Union.

Key elements of the proposal encompass:

1. **The introduction of a European professional card** will offer to interested professionals the possibility to benefit from easier and quicker recognition of their qualifications. It should also facilitate temporary mobility. The card will be made available according to the needs expressed by the professions. The card is associated to an optimised recognition procedure carried out within the existing Internal Market Information System (IMI) and will take the form of an electronic certificate, allowing the professional to provide services or become established in another Member State.

2. **Better access to information on the recognition of professional qualifications**: all citizens seeking the recognition of their professional qualifications should be able to go to a one-stop shop (Points of Single Contact), which will allow citizens to obtain information in one place about the documents required to have their qualifications recognised and where they can also complete all online recognition procedures.

3. **Updating minimum training requirements** for certain professions (including doctors): the minimum training requirements for some professions were harmonised 20 or 30 years ago. They have been updated to reflect the evolution of these professions and of education in these fields.

4. **The introduction of an alert mechanism for health professionals** benefiting from automatic recognition: competent authorities of a Member State will be obliged to alert competent authorities of all other Member States about a health professional who has been prohibited from exercising his professional activity by a public authority or a court.

5. **The introduction of common training frameworks and common training tests** should offer the possibility to extend the mechanism of automatic recognition to new professions. Interested professions could benefit from automatic recognition on the basis of a common set of knowledge, skills and competences or on a common test assessing the ability of professionals to pursue a profession.

6. **Mutual evaluation exercise on regulated professions**: a new mechanism is introduced in the Directive to ensure greater transparency and justification of the professions they regulate through a specific qualification requirement. Member States will have to provide a list of their regulated professions and justify the need for regulation. This should be followed up by a mutual evaluation exercise facilitated by the European Commission.

The UEMS Executive is encouraged to note that a certain number of key priorities defended during the preliminary consultation were taken into consideration in the current proposal. A more detailed analysis of this draft will be provided to you at the beginning of January in order to continue our work in promoting standards of training, patient safety and quality of care.

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UEMS BOARD & COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Brussels, 20-21 April 2012)

Provisional Schedule:

- Friday 20th April 2012

11.30-12.30 Groupings of UEMS Sections
13.00-15.00 Plenary Meeting of the UEMS S&B
15.00-16.30 UEMS Working Groups
16.45-18.30 Discussion Forum

- Saturday 21st April 2012

8.30-9.30 UEMS Board
9.30-17.00 UEMS Council

Obituary

Dear Members of UEMS,

Dear Friends,

It is with great grief that we have to inform you that our President, Professor Rolf Gaillard has passed away on Thursday, November 17th after having endured his severe illness with great patience.
Professor Rolf Gaillard has been Treasurer of our Section/Board since 1998 and President since 2003. He has put a lot of energy in the organisation of our Board in an era of transformation and has initiated and supported visionary initiatives to enhance and exchange knowledge in our field.
His friendly personality, always supported by his wife Francine, aided to transform our Board into a family.
We will miss Rolf and will try to continue the Board in his spirit and pursue his initiatives to exchange knowledge In Endocrinology in Europe.
Our compassion is with his wife Francine, his daughter Stephanie and his son Olivier.

Best regards,

Anton Luger
President

AJ van der Lelij
Secretary
of the UEMS Section of Endocrinology