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Dear National Delegates, dear colleagues,

I hope you have been more enjoying than suffering from the summer weeks with their abundant weather extremes and are all keeping well.

The following gives you a short update on the activities of UEMS Section of Medical Genetics since our Section meeting at the ESHG conference in Glasgow on June 11, 2023.

The oral part of the exam for the **ECMGG (European Certificate in Medical Genetics and Genomics) 2023** was delivered on June 19, shortly after the ESHG conference. As Jonathan Berg had reported at the Section meeting in Glasgow, 23 candidates had passed the written (MCQ) part in April, and of these, 21 sat the oral part successfully. The Hofstee method performed again well for the standard setting, and the conduct and results of the exam were approved by the Examination Board on June 27. All candidates received their result promptly and meanwhile, the certificates have been sent out to successful candidates. Technically, everything went very smoothly, leading to a positive feedback of the candidates.

The preparation for the **ECMGG 2024** will be taken up again soon after the holiday period and meeting times have been fixed for the question writing groups. Please note that the registration will open on October 1st already. The new Exam General Document and all information regarding the registration and examination will be available by then on the ECMGG website ([www.uems-ecmgg.org](http://www.uems-ecmgg.org)) and be linked to the Section website ([www.uems-genetics.org](http://www.uems-genetics.org)). We are aiming at 40 candidates minimum for the MCQ part, not at least for financial reasons as expounded at the last Section meeting and in the last Newsletter. Please help to promote the exam in your country, in particular among the group of young geneticists!

We will apply for a full appraisal of the exam 2024 by **CESMA**, the Council for European Specialists Medical Assessment. The necessary documents are being prepared and have to be submitted to UEMS CESMA by October 26, 2023.

The **revision of the European Training Requirements (ETR) for Medical Genetics** was completed in time (deadline was July 20) and submitted to the UEMS. A fruitful ETR working group meeting under the lead of their Chair, Johannes Zschocke, had taken place in Dundee

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prior to the ESHG conference on June 09, 2023, hosted by Jonathan Berg. Virtual meetings of Johannes Zschocke and myself followed to complete the draft. The revision draft adopts a new structure conforming to UEMS requirements, and has a detailed and newly structured syllabus. It gives an updated description of our specialty and its aims, and is aligned with the online textbook project APOGeE (A Practical Online Genetics e-Education), under the aegis of ERN-ITHACA coordinated by Alain Verloes. The draft ETR revision has recently been scrutinized by the UEMS Review Committee, other specialties and UEMS bodies, and was open for comment to all National Medical Associations. All comments raised are now being taken into consideration and an adapted draft has to be submitted to UEMS by September 19. The final draft and the syllabus will subsequently be presented and voted on at the UEMS Council meeting in Malta on October 20-21, 2023 which Peter Turnpenny and myself plan to attend.

The newly created UEMS **Thematic Federation for Medical Ethics** (TFME) has drafted a mission statement, a list of topics and other documents. Andrew Green and Susanne Boonen, who are the Section's delegates to the TFME, have asked all Section delegates in a recent mail to offer their suggestions on these documents and in particular on the list of envisaged topics. If you want to respond, please do so very soon, i.e. by August 31.

The last **Section meeting** was very well attended (by 35 delegates from 23 countries, 11 of whom online) and you have received the draft minutes. We are happy about this positive attendance, the many contributions and the vivid discussion on so many topics, and we want to thank you all for your contribution. We are particularly glad that a growing number of colleagues are becoming more involved in the activities of our Section. With everything growing (members, representations to other UEMS bodies/ institutions, tasks, issues to be discussed), the Section meetings are, however, getting lengthy and it is hard to avoid running out of time. We therefore suggest to circulate a number of written reports before the meeting, and to keep the reporting at the meeting very short, in order to have time for questions and discussion and also to finish the meeting in time. We will remind you of this procedure when sending out the invitation and documents for the next meeting.

Please save the date for the **next Section meeting** in your agenda which will take place virtually on **November 23, 2023**, at **16:00 – 18:30 CET**. The agenda will be circulated by September 23, if you have items for the agenda please let Peter Turnpenny and me know.

With kind regards

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