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Dear National Delegates, dear colleagues,

The following newsletter tells you about the latest activities of UEMS Section of Medical Genetics.

The **exam group** of the Section met recently, March 23-25, for a **hybrid workshop in Łódź, Poland**, generously hosted by Edyta Borkowska. It was a memorable workshop, the first physical meeting of (part of) the exam group after two years of virtual meetings, and sadly also due to the political circumstances. Nine persons attended the meeting physically, and about the same number participated in most of the sessions virtually. We succeeded in reviewing more than 60 multiple choice questions (MCQs) for next year's exam, worked on the short oral assessments (SOAs) for this year's exam, and discussed general aspects of the exam, e.g. if it is possible and desirable to offer the oral part of the exam in-person or virtually in the years to come. Following an invitation of the Dean for Education and Development of the University of Łódź, Prof Janusz Janczukowicz, who is Chair of the WHO Academy Quality Committee and Consultant for the WHO Pan-European Leadership Academy, those present at Łódź met with him to exchange the mutual concepts of work and to discuss question of pre- and postgraduate education.

Last but not least, the **revision of the European Training Requirements (ETR)** in Medical Genetics was discussed in depth at Łódź. An initial mapping of existing ETRs in Europe had been done previously by a student of the University of Dundee under the supervision of Jonathan Berg, and available documents have been collated by a co-worker of Johannes Zschocke at Innsbruck. Both are now being brought together and will be validated and expanded. The syllabus will be tightly linked in structure and content to a planned online book for trainees in Medical Genetics called **APOGeE** (A Practical Online Genetics e-Education). This online book will be conceived by a large group of authors led by Alain Verloes, France, with the help of ERN ITHACA network, and will be a support in particular for colleagues preparing the exam for the ECMGG.

The **ECMGG** (European Certificate in Medical Genetics and Genomics) seems to be increasingly recognized, as more than 70 candidates have expressed their interest to sit the

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exam in 2022 with most of them having provided meanwhile the necessary documents. The written part (110 MCQs which are fully prepared) will be provided again online by CYIM[®] on June 24, 2022, and the oral part can also be conducted online by Zoom on September 19, 2022. Negotiations with CYIM[®] have reached a final stage for a database to work on and store the MCQs.

As mentioned above, preparations for the ECMGG 2023 have started already. The written part is intended to be delivered earlier in the year, e.g. in April 2023, and the oral part in conjunction with, or shortly after, the ESHG conference in June 2023.

We are most happy to let you know that the ECMGG has been accepted as an exit exam of the training as Medical Geneticist in Malta, and that the recognition of the ECMGG as equivalent to the respective national exit exam is under negotiation in several other countries. Sweden has recommended officially to take the exam. We will give an update at the next Section meeting.

During the last months, several Bureau members and Delegates have given talks or workshops to propagate the ECMGG and other activities of the Section. If you are planning similar public performances, please let us know so that to provide you with the necessary logos and other material, if needed.

On April 29-30 myself and Peter Turnpenny will again represent the Section, attending virtually, at the 6-monthly UEMS Council meetings.

The **CME survey** has delivered a good response – 32 countries sent their contribution. The answers are now being evaluated and will be presented at the next **Section meeting which** has been scheduled as a **hybrid meeting** for **Sunday 12th June 2022, 12.15-14:15 CEST at the ESHG conference in Vienna** (room 1.86) – please save the date in your calendar. We will email you in May asking who will attend in-person for a realistic ordering of the lunch catering. If you have items for the agenda please send them very soon because the agenda should be finalised two months before the meeting.

With kind regards

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