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President's & Secretary's Report of UEMS Section of Medical Genetics (SMG)

2021 has been a very busy year for the new Section Bureau. We highlight some of the main developments since the last Section meeting on May 27th.

Relationship with EBMG & ESHG, and BMGG

The President continued to be closely involved with the evolving structure of the European Board of Medical Genetics (EBMG), in particular the Branch of Medical Genetics and Genomics (BMGG). The President is now Chair of this group after Béla Melegh completed his term of office. The 10 members of BMGG comprise the 5 members of the Section Bureau, 3 delegates from ESHG: the ESHG Board (Angela Peron), the ESHG Education Committee (James O'Byrne), and the Young Geneticists (Delia Sabau); in addition 2 'open' positions agreed by consensus or vote (currently Thomas Meitinger & Birgitte Diness). More detailed information has been given in the August 2021 Newsletter.

Successful ECMGG 2021

Jonathan Berg, Chair of the Exam Committee, will report fully on the progress of the ECMGG. The exam moved online this year with a commercial platform for the MCQ paper in June, and the Oral exam was conducted via Zoom in September after careful preparation. The performance of the exam, as judged by both the statistical analysis and feedback from the candidates, was excellent. All successful candidates are receiving their Certificates which were posted on November 20th. Preparation for the ECMGG 2022 has also been underway with question-writing and revision of procedures.

ETR Revision

The European Training Requirements (ETR) for our Section is in need of revision and we are pleased that Johannes Zschocke agreed to lead a group for this work over the next 18-24 months. Further members of the ETR working group are Tina Duelund Hjortshøj (Denmark), Alain Verloes (France), Helena Fryssira (Greece), Béla Melegh (Hungary),

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James O'Byrne (Ireland), Delia Sabau (Romania), and Feliciano Ramos (Spain). The work has commenced by assembling the training curricula currently in place across different European countries.

SMG Treasurer

We were very sorry in July to have to receive the resignation of Yvonne Arens from the position of Treasurer and are most grateful for her contribution in this role since January, as well as her work with the Exam Group since 2017. We look forward to welcoming a new Treasurer after the vote at this meeting.

Finances

Currently, the Section finances are satisfactory with the most significant expenditures concerning the ECMGG – the commercial platform of CYIM and fees for the statistical analysis. However, these payments were more than covered by income from candidates' ECMGG exam fees. Discussion will take place regarding the purchase of an online database facility for MCQs. Not all member countries are up-to-date with their subscriptions.

Report of UEMS Council, October 2021

At the UEMS Council in October (in-person at Cyprus and virtual) the work of the UEMS was presented and debated. Several ETRs were approved (General Surgery, Angiology, Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Neurosurgery). ETRs are subject to very thorough and robust review within UEMS but there is great variability in structure, style and content of these documents. Some contain good genetics/genomics content, others virtually none, and we offered input on this aspect (see attached document: ,Generic recommendations, etc').

A newly-formed Multidisciplinary Joint Committee (MJC) in Adolescent Medicine & Health has been formed (we have not contributed to it) and another in Head and Neck Surgery is being formed.

A non-clinical ,Thematic Federation' covering the important issues of Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI) has also been created, but we have not made any specific contribution. Do note, however, that the Genetics Department of Guy's Hospital, London, are coincidentally running an online EDI course for genetics professionals, December 13–14, 2021 (<https://www.guysandstthomasevents.co.uk/edi-for-genomic-professionals/>).

UEMS has completed a Private Practice Survey during 2021 and the outcome and feedback is now available (INSUCOPP: INitiative in SUpport of COLleagues in Private Practice). If relevant to the practice of Medical Genetics in your country there may be some helpful information.

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Otherwise, the traditional activities of UEMS, eg CESMA and EACCME, continue, and EACCME activity is picking up following the worst impact of the pandemic.

The Year Ahead, 2022

We must aim to run a high quality, high standard ECMGG once more, and it will be online again for 2022. Apart from this, a major priority is to press forward with the ETR revision and the activity which surrounds it – we would like to map the nature and provision of training throughout Europe in much more detail. We also plan to survey existing CME registries in all countries.

We look forward to continued collaboration in our joint endeavours to raise the standards of our specialty as widely as possible.

Ute Moog
President

Peter Turnpenny
Secretary

November 2021