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UEMS SECTION OF MEDICAL GENETICS

Annual Report of UEMS Section of Medical Genetics (SMG); year 2018

The year 2018 was the 5th full year of function for the SMG after the formal establishment of the Section by the decision in April 2013 at the UEMS Council Meeting in Brussels, and after the launch by the first Section Meeting combined with the first elections in November 2013 in Brussels.

The Board was renewed at the Copenhagen Section Meeting, it included the following persons: Béla Melegh (Hungary) president; Alessandra Renieri (Italy) secretary; Helen Kingston (UK) treasurer till 31 December, 2017 and Artur Beke (Hungary) treasurer after 1 January, 2018; and the following vice-presidents: Brigitte Rode Diness (Denmark); Hannele Koillinen (Finland); Ulf Kristoffersson (Sweden); Guus Lachmeijer (Netherlands); Ute Moog (Germany); Asbjörg Straj-Pedersen (Norway); Feliciano J Ramos (Spain); and Peter Turnpenny (UK).

Delegates

At the end of year 2018 the Section had delegates from 21 UEMS full member countries, and Turkey, as an associate member had also two delegates, while Georgia as an observer has also nominated a delegate. Altogether 38 delegates were registered to the Section.

Finances

Overall, despite of the former liquidity problems of the UEMS and withdrawals, the Section budget remained in good balance, and the annual expenses broadly matched the annual income. Expenses incurred by attendance of Board members and invited advisors at various UEMS and Section meetings throughout the year.

The main source of income for the Section is the annual contributions made by member countries and the Board is grateful for this continuing support. The Czech Society did not pay: a correspondence was begun to specify the further steps and a representative is invited to the 2019 year Section Meeting. Fees due to be paid to the Section from EACCME, for approving the content of educational events, are still being in part withheld centrally and a part of it was refunded in 2018. However, this additional funding may be needed to support the development of the European

Section Meeting

The annual Section Meeting in 2018 took place in association with the European Society of Human Genetics Meeting, which was organized in Monday 18th June, 2018 between 10:00-11:30 AM, with an extra open phase between 11:30-12:30, venue: Milan Conference Center, Room white 1. Altogether 20 delegates from 15 countries participated. A scheduled "snap election" was at the Section Meeting. Bela Melegh was elected for 4 years as president (3 abstentions).

Meetings of the bureau & and miscellaneous meetings

The Board had two physical meetings in 2018, first in Dundee (2-3 February), and the second in Milan, exactly before the Section Meeting (18 June, 8:00-9:00, Room white 1). There was an exam-committee meeting in Heidelberg (16-17 April, 2018). The Board did not have teleconference in 2018. The president of the section and Peter Turpenny participated at the Council Meeting of UEMS in Brussels (19-20 October). Artur Beke participated at a special finance orientation organized by the UEMS to the Treasurers (16 December, 2018). The president participated at the meeting of the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases (20 October, UEMS Council Meeting, Brussels), and EACCME meeting (23 November, 2018); he also participated at the EBMG physical meeting and conference calls as well.

Main focus in 2018: Preparation for the European Exam of Medical Genetics

A "pilot exam" was performed in association of the annual meeting of ESHG in Milano (15 June, 2018). We had 8 volunteers. The paperwork is still on the way.

Collaborations & participation in other activities

In the EACCME Bela Melegh continued to work in the working group of "Training of the reviewer", while Ulf Kristoffersson in the working group on "Collaboration with other healthcare professionals".

On behalf of the Section of Clinical Genetics,

Pécs – Brussels, 30 January, 2018



Béla Melegh
President