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ORTHOPAEDICS

Members of the section

Since last year's meeting the section has grown with the introduction of ten new member states in the European Union. The previous observer countries Hungary and Cyprus are now full members and in addition to them Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and Malta can send delegates to the UEMS. So far the Czech republic and Slovakia have been introduced and contacts have been made with Poland and Malta. We have not yet created contact with Estonia, Latvia Lithuania and Slovenia. Macedonia has been accepted as a new observer country. All in all the section now has 54 delegates from 27 member nations, 4 delegates from the associated members Croatia, Macedonia, Romania and Turkey and 1 delegate representing PWG (the Permanent Working Group of European Junior Doctors).

Meetings

Since last year the section has met in Bucharest, Romania 7-8 May and in Copenhagen 24-25 September 2004 and in Istanbul 13-14 May 2005.

Activities of the section

- Contacts with the UEMS multidisciplinary committee on hand surgery regarding the status of this area of locomotor surgery
- Agreement with EPOS (European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society) regarding minimal requirements in paediatric orthopaedics for specialist training in orthopaedics
- The EBOT (European Boards of Orthopaedics and Traumatology) exam

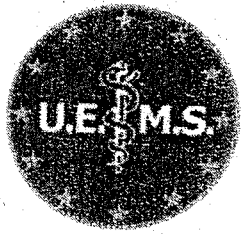
The EBOT exam 2004 took place in Berlin 8-10 October. Fifteen candidates were examined and twelve passed. This year EBOT exam will take place in Madrid 7-9 October.

- Closer cooperation with EFORT

A contract of cooperation between EFORT and the section has been signed which contains obligations from both sides. The two organizations will cooperate in the promotion of European orthopaedics and traumatology in all aspects. EFORT will give an annual economic support of 15000 euros for a period of five years to the section.

- Accreditation of European CME/CPD activities

The section's committee on CME/CPD has started working on the accreditation of credits points. So far accreditation has been given to the EFORT course in



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Groningen 2004 and the congress in Lisbon 2005 and to a course organized by Harvard University in Dubai intended for European orthopaedic surgeons. Organizers of educational activities that have a CME/CPD value are encouraged to write to the section for accreditation.

- Minimal requirements for training centres

A working group has been preparing "Minimal Requirements for Orthopaedic Training Centres". A compilation of all the training centres and of the present requirements in all the member countries has been done and presented at our latest meeting. This will be the basic material for putting together minimal requirements.

- A document on minimal requirements based on the core curriculum for undergraduate training in the musculo-skeletal diseases has been accepted. Future working groups are planned and will take up topics like the consequences of the EU directive on working time, work environment problems that influence recruitment of new doctors into orthopaedics and on medico-legal systems and liability problems in different countries.

- Update of the Manpower data on orthopaedics in Europe

An update of our manpower data document is under preparation for publication on our website.

- At the EFFORT congress in Lisbon in June 2005 our section participates in two symposia, one on specialist training and one on CME.
- A statement is being prepared at the request of the British Orthopaedic Association regarding podiatrists and Nurses Practitioners working independently without the supervision of doctors. With reference to the definition of the Medical Act proposed by the UEMS the section strongly opposes non-qualified medical or non-medical personnel working without the supervision of a qualified medical doctor.
- The section's member and observer countries have presented orthopaedics in their countries at our meetings.
- An inventory of the different medico-legal systems in the section's member and observer countries is planned.
- At our recent meeting in Istanbul the Secretary General, Dr Bernard Maillet participated and presented his work in the UEMS.

Further information concerning the section, its activities and various documents can be read at the section's website: www.uems-ortho.org

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