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PAEDIATRIC SURGERY

Site visits

In 2004 have been visited and approved two Centers, Hacettepe University in Ankara and Rotterdam University. The Executive appraised the excellent standard of care, notable research facilities and very high level of training. The Certificate will be awarded during the next European Congress in Gdansk.

Ongoing are contacts regarding the cooperation between UEMS and BAPS-SAC Site Visit Programs, in order to reach an agreement on ratification and approval in UEMS program of Site Visits.

European Examination

The Section went on in his Examination Program also in 2004, underlining to the participants that the Examination is a mark of excellence but is devoid of any legal value in front of the European Authorities. The European Examination was held twice, the 26/27th March in Glasgow (6 approved candidates) and the 5/6th November in Mannheim (7 candidates approved).

Next European Examination will be held during the European Congress in Gdansk.

First part of the exam will be based on a standardized set of MCQ; the second part of the Examination, in November, will be held in Barcelona.

Further details on the examination can be found at the dedicated website: www.paediatricsurgeryexam.org.

CME/CPD

The CME Committee examined and approved some European events to be credited and forwarded to Brussels for EACCME registration.

On the contrary, the project of a re-registration of the Fellows enrolled in the European Register upon fulfillment of their CME requests has been temporarily delayed: before embarking the Section in complex re-registration problems overtaking national Authorities it was actually reputed wiser to wait for the arrangement of local systems by National authorities, and only thereafter to look for an European coordination system.

Manpower Committee

The Chairman of the Committee prepared a document on Manpower, to be forwarded to the General Council for discussion and approval. It was also requested to involve formally the President of the EUPSA in the discussion of the document.

MJC in Paediatric Urology

The Multidisciplinary Joint Committee in Paediatric Urology (MJC-PU), involving the Sections of Urology, Paediatric Surgery and the ESPU, was created in 2003; in 2004 was also established an "Academy" of PU (EAPU), in analogy of what "Boards" are towards the "Sections". Aim of the MJC was to set a standard for training in PU, harmonising a complementary training between Urology and Paediatric Surgery, and not the recognition of a new specialty, also being outside the rules of UEMS to set up new



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specialties. In this setting will be paramount the rules of UNICEF and WHO about children's hospitalisation in appropriate environment: moreover, it must be emphasised that Paediatric Urologists have to do 100% of their activity with children and 80% with PU. Mission of our representatives in the MJC is to defend the major role that Paediatric Surgeons have in this field.

Basic documents of the MJC are published in the ESPU website (www.espu.org), in particular about the minimum limit of 80% on the total activity devoted to PU requested to those willing to be formally recognised as Paediatric Urologists by the UEMS. It has to be emphasised that one thing is to seek a formal recognition as Paediatric Urologist, another is to perform PU as a part – not exclusive - of the general activity as Paediatric Surgeons. Actually, in every Department of Paediatric Surgery there is usually somebody particularly devoted to the care of urological cases – an eligible candidate for recognition as "Paediatric Urologist" -, and if otherwise it should be arranged to have such a figure.

MJC in Hand Surgery

A MJC in Hand Surgery has been established, with two representatives from our Section (Dr. Nicos Marathovouniotis, Koln; Prof. Michael Hoellwarth, Graz). They have been requested to regularly report to the Section ongoing issues and to specify, in all documents of the MJC, that children must be kept in paediatric environment according to UNICEF and WHO rules.

The Secretary /Treasurer

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