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## RHEUMATOLOGY

### **Mission**

The aim of the UEMS Section of Rheumatology / European Board of Rheumatology is to maintain the highest level of care with the best outcome for those with musculoskeletal conditions through establishing and maintaining high professional standards amongst rheumatologists in Europe.

### **Objectives**

- To improve the awareness of UEMS / EBR and its activities amongst rheumatologists and their national societies, national organizations responsible for training and CME and the European Commission; to improve its organization; communication and influence.
- To raise standards of specialist training by
  - establishing standards of training centres
  - ensuring these standards are met by training centres by processes of accreditation, documentation and visitation
  - ensuring that trainees have a comprehensive training according to UEMS / EBR and national standards and that there is evidence of the satisfactory completion of this with the acquisition of appropriate competencies through log books, appraisal and possibly by examination
  - enabling training in different centers within Europe
- To maintain standards of clinical care by recommendations for requirements for CME
- To ensure provision of appropriate and high quality educational activity; setting and monitoring standards for courses, meetings and other educational activities.
- To promote the development of the specialty of rheumatology

### **Executive Group**

President                      Prof Anthony D Woolf  
Past-President              Prof Basil Thouas  
Secretary                     Dr Klaus Bandilla  
Treasurer                     Dr Stefaan Poriau  
Coordinators of Working Groups

### **Membership**

For each European Union or associated country, a representative of the relevant professional organisation and of the academic organisation.

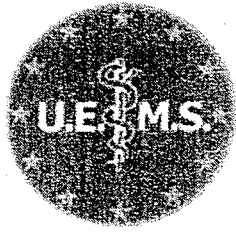
President of EULAR

Chair of EULAR Education and Training Standing Committee

### **Working Groups**

The UEMS Section of Rheumatology / European Board of Rheumatology fulfills its objectives through the activities of Working Groups.

- Accreditation Group (Co-ordinator Klaus Bandilla)
  - Ensuring high standards of the practice and teaching of rheumatology and of research by systems of accreditation against agreed standards



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- Training Standards Group (Co-ordinator Hans Bijlsma)
  - Ensuring high standards for specialist training
- CME Group (Co-ordinator Tony Woolf)
  - Ensuring high standards of clinical rheumatology in practice through establishing and maintaining standards for CME specific to rheumatology
- Rheumatology in Practice Group (Co-ordinator Patrick Sichere)
  - Ensure the highest standards of rheumatological practice

#### Activities

The UEMS Section of Rheumatology / European Board of Rheumatology has developed:

- Recommendations for training centres, trainers and trainees.
- A specialist training curriculum and log book.
- Charter on CME in Rheumatology
- Core curriculum for CME / CPD
- Standards for quality assurance of CME activities

A database has been developed of specialist training centres throughout Europe.

The UEMS Section of Rheumatology / European Board of Rheumatology are developing:

- A European Exchange Training Programme.
- Methods to assess rheumatologists such as examination and visitation are being

Surveys are undertaken to monitor

- Manpower
- Patterns of clinical practice
- Continuing medical education

The UEMS Section of Rheumatology / European Board of Rheumatology has worked with the Bone and Joint Decade Education Task Force to develop core recommendations for an undergraduate musculoskeletal conditions that is applicable globally, published May 2004, Annals of Rheumatic Diseases.

#### Current Priorities

The current priorities are

- the promotion of the speciality through developing standards for the provision of care for people with musculoskeletal conditions.
- updating European recommendations for specialist training in rheumatology
- developing recommendations for appraisal of rheumatologists in view of the current trends across Europe for CPD and revalidation.

**Further information is available through the UEMS link on the EULAR website**

Prof Anthony D Woolf  
President