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CARDIOLOGY

Our main task in 2004 has been to launch our website, www.uems-cardio.com

From its start in September 2004, an increasing interest for the website has been registered. A main topic is *Chapter six*, dealing with the training program in cardiology. It is more or less followed by the different European countries.

In 2005 cardiology will probably be accepted as an own speciality within Europe, which certainly will increase the pressure to harmonize the training. A questionnaire dealing with the training system will probably be sent to the member states in 2005/2006.

European Board for the Speciality in Cardiology (EBAC) has shown increasing activity in 2004, see www.ebac-cme.org.

Its chairman, Professor Lino Goncalves, a member of the Steering Committee of UEMS Cardiology Section, has run this section very well. The rules for accreditation is in accordance with the standards of European Accreditation Council for CME, which is a subgroup of UEMS (EACCME). Because of the increasing work load, an advisory board has been launched.

European Board for the Speciality in Cardiology, led by the vice-president of UEMS Cardiology Section, Rolf Michels, has been restructured and its first meeting was held in Paris on 30th of April 2005. The Board has two members from UEMS Cardiology Section, two members from European Society of Cardiology, (ESC) and two members from European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) and the ECHO group. EBSC is dealing with training in cardiology and subspeciality training. (www.escardio.org/)

The EBSC and EBAC coordinator is Dr. Joanna Ortoli. (E-mail: jortoli@scardio.org.)

The importance of UEMS Cardiology Section is steadily increasing. However, we are all active in clinical work and /or research, so the time for UEMS activity is limited. Thanks to our secretary Inger Platou in Oslo we have managed the task until now,

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