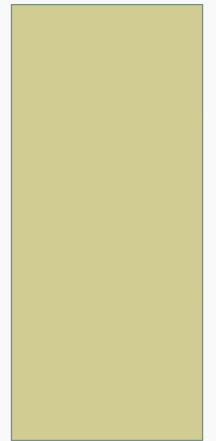


REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF EUROPEAN BOARD OF MEDICAL GENETICS

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WHY?

- Need to ensure patient safety – through minimum standards of education and competence for all three professions
- Coherence across Europe
- Need for support in many countries.

STRUCTURE OF EBMG

Three sections:

- Medical (Chair – Ulf Kristoffersson)
- Laboratory scientist (Chair – Thomas Liehr)
- Genetic Nurse and Counsellor (Co-Chairs Heather Skirton and Milena Paneque).

PRACTICALITIES

- Monthly meeting of Chairs and Jerome
- Each section operated independently but with full communication between sections
- Excellent support from ESHG Exec and Jerome.

MEDICAL SECTION

- Medical genetics is a European specialty, however, need for organised CPD and ongoing assessment of competence...
- UEMS section proposed by Swedish association-accepted
- UEMS section established...inaugural meeting on Monday

GENETIC NURSE AND COUNSELLOR SECTION

Tasks

- Compare core curriculum with existing Master's programmes – undertaken and four approved, two more in pipeline
- Develop registration system.

THREE ROUTES TO REGISTRATION

1. Applicants with MSc Genetic counselling or genetic nursing, plus 2 years experience - demonstrate competence via complete portfolio
2. Applicants with relevant national registration – provide proof of this
3. Grandfather clause – applicants who are experienced practitioners but have no MSc, can be registered by providing full portfolio....this opportunity closes 2018

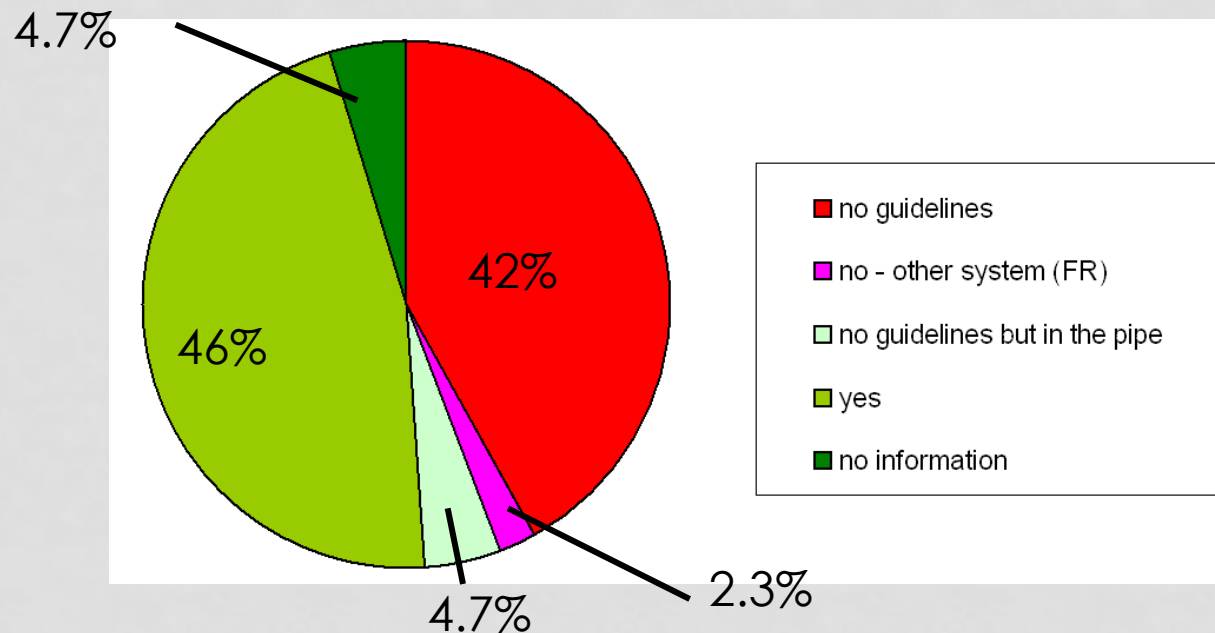
PORTFOLIO FOR NURSE/COUNSELLOR REGISTRATION

- References from two senior colleagues, who have observed the work of the applicant
- Case log of 50 cases covering all the competences
- Case studies (2) – one on ethical and one on psychological issue (2000 words each)
- Short science essays (2) showing application of science to practice (1000 words each)
- Record of continuing professional education – 30 hours per year minimum.

LABORATORY SCIENTIST SECTION

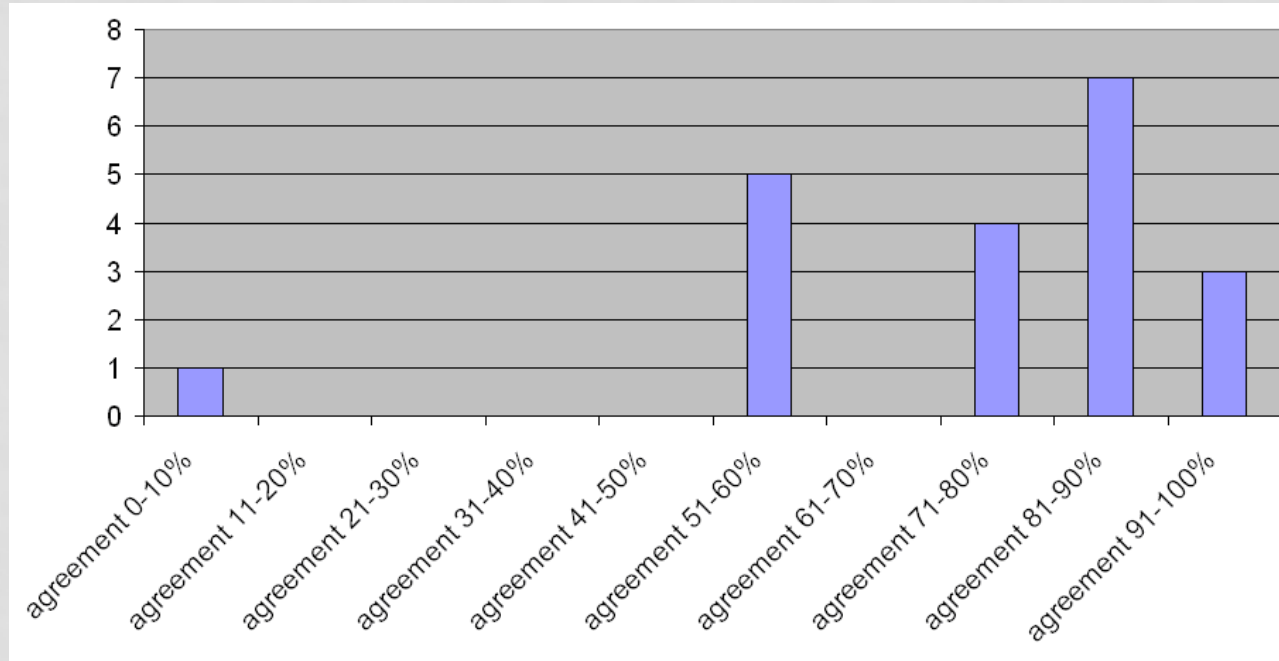
- Core curriculum was developed
- Work to assess the consistency of national curricula with the core curriculum – questionnaire answered by scientists from 41 countries

Results: guidelines for training of scientists



Excluded:
Andorra
Monaco
San Marino
Liechtenstein
Luxemburg
Vatican

- 41 'countries' answered; → 21 have a national system
- These were compared with core curriculum to assess agreement.



LABORATORY SCIENTIST SECTION

- **Clinical Laboratory Geneticist** suggested as title
- System for registering scientists now being discussed.....

POTENTIAL SYSTEM FOR SCIENTISTS

- Group 1: applicants coming from a country with national education program conforming sufficiently to European curriculum and having national certificate – **provide documentation of this**
- Group 2: applicants coming from a country with national education program that does not conform sufficiently to European curriculum and having national certificate - **provide documentation and further evidence of competence**
- Group 3: applicants coming from a country without national education program – **provide evidence of competence – requires an assessment system .**



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Objectives of the EBMG

The objectives of the EBMG are to develop systems of certification and/or re-certification for professionals working in genetic healthcare in Europe.

In practice, this means designing, organising and managing schemes for three divisions of practitioners:

- Clinical laboratory geneticists working with laboratory diagnosis of human genetic disorders. There is no existing European system, therefore an certification system and core European curriculum for training is required.
- Genetic nurses and genetics counsellors. There is no existing certification system at European level, and few national systems. The priority is to establish a European certification system. A core European curriculum for training at Master level is also required.
- Clinical geneticists. Due to recognition of clinical genetics as a specialty within Europe, there is no requirement to set up a system. However, consideration is being given to establishing a genetics section within UEMS. In addition, a re-certification system may be offered by EBMG as there is currently no European mechanism for clinical geneticists to demonstrate their ongoing competence.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Section chairs and committee members
- Joerg Schmidtke, Helena Kaariainen, Gunnar Houge
- Jerome!

