



**Section of Clinical Genetics  
European Union of Medical Specialist  
(SCG UEMS)**

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**ESHG**

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# I. THE UEMS (ESTABLISHED IN 1958)



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# WHO ARE WE?

## Full Members

- National Medical Associations of the 28 EU Member States & of the 3 European Economic Area Countries

## Other members

- 3 Associate Members : Armenia, Israel & Turkey
- 3 Observers : Georgia, Lebanon, Morocco



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The "UEMS Council"

37 National Associations of Medical Specialists



# UEMS VISION



Postgraduate  
Training (PGT)



Continuing  
Medical  
Education &  
Professional  
development  
(CME-CPD)



Quality  
Assurance in  
Specialist  
medical  
practice

*Promote free movement  
through the harmonisation  
of the highest level of  
specialist training and  
medical care*



HIGHEST LEVEL  
OF SPECIALIST  
TRAINING AND  
MEDICAL CARE  
IN EUROPE



# UEMS STRUCTURE



## Council's Missions :

- **Setting and promoting** high quality Training and medical practice standards
- **Representating** of Specialists
- **Advocating** of Professional interests

## Executive's Missions :

- Implement** the Council's decisions
- Represent UEMS** at EU level
- Ensure smooth running** of UEMS
- Maintain close relations** with UEMS Bodies

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**  
37 National Associations of Medical Specialists  
Representing 1.6 million specialists

UEMS Executive

## UEMS Bodies

43 Specialist Sections

14 Multidisciplinary Joint Committees

3 Thematic Federations

European Boards

Divisions

## Working Groups

CME-CPD

E-health

Postgraduate training

Specialist Practice & Quality of Care

## Standing Committees

CME-CPD

Postgraduate training

Quality Assurance

EACCME

ECAMSQ



- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Gynaecology & Obstetrics
- Infectious Diseases
- Internal Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Surgery
- Radiology
- Cardiology
- Clinical pharmacology
- Psychiatry
- Neurology
- Pathology
- Rheumatology
- Clinical Genetics

**Sections**

43 **Specialist Sections** & European Boards  
 21 **divisions** within Sections  
 14 **Multidisciplinary Joint Committees**  
 3 **thematic federations**



**UEMS Bodies**

**Multidisciplinary Joint Committee**

43 Specialist Sections



European Boards  
 Divisions

**European Board**



**Role :**  
**Specialty Representation & standards setting**



# UEMS ACTIVITIES 1

CME-CPD

Postgraduate  
e training

Quality  
Assurance

Specialist Accreditation

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# EU AFFAIRS

## Involvement as expert in

- Commission's Joint Action on Healthcare Workforce
- Study on Effective Recruitment and Retention strategies
- Directive Professional qualifications
- EU-funded projects
  - E-Health
  - Data Protection
  - European Reference Networks
- Other Stakeholders
  - Medical Industry : Medtech (code of ethic in PGT)





# THE ADDED VALUE OF THE UEMS

- **International excellence** in key areas of relevance to the medical profession
- **Effective interaction** with individual Specialities and National Medical Associations (NMAs)
- **Interdisciplinary Approach** in emerging areas of specialist medical practice
- **Robust accreditation** of educational activities
- Development of new, harmonised models for the **training of the next generation of medical specialists**



# Section of Clinical Genetics of UEMS (Established in 2013)



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UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES - EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS  
SECTION OF CLINICAL GENETICS



29 November, 2013. Brussels



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**SECTION OF CLINICAL GENETICS**



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Key players in the medical education & professional development (CME/CPD) in clinical genetics

**ESHG** (scientific organization)

*PPPC, NHGS and Education  
Committee*

**EBMG** (independent legal entity)

**UEMS** (professional, ratified  
organization)








# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING on the relationship between the European Board of Medical Genetics (EBMG) and the Section of Clinical Genetics of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS-SCG)

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In order to substantiate the unique relationship between the EBMG and the UEMS-CGS, we hereby propose that:

1. We pledge to work in a collaborative manner to promote best practice in Medical Genetics in Europe.
2. To achieve that, we will work in collaboration to develop appropriate standards for education and training in medical practice in genetics
3. To achieve our common goals and respecting the EBMG and the UEMS regulations, that all the members of the UEMS-CGS Board will be members of and/or liaise with the Medical Professional Branch Board of the EBMG. In addition,
4. The President of the UEMS-CGS should, if not otherwise decided by UEMS-CGS, be the President of the medical professional branch of the EBMG. A co-President may be elected by the EBMG, as well as two additional members all MD and national recognised specialists in Clinical Genetics.
5. It is essential to work within a multidisciplinary context, specifically with colleagues of Laboratory Genetics and Genetic Counsellors/Nurses, in order to provide the best standards in genetic health care for patients in the EU and beyond.
6. We collaborate to define and deliver appropriate standards for professional assessment of MDs working as clinical/medical/human geneticists.
7. In the view of all of the above issues, we acknowledge the necessity of the close collaboration with scientific organisations, especially ESHG.

This MoU was agreed upon in Glasgow, on June 8th, 2015 at the ESHG 2015 Annual Conference, by the following persons (listed in alphabetical order):

	Signed	Date
Ulf Kristoffersson (Chairman of the EBMG medical professional branch)		22 July 2015
Milan Macek (ESHG Liaison for National Human Genetics Societies)		18 July, 2015
Béla Melegh (Chairman of the UEMS-CGS)		20 July, 2015
Feliciano Ramos (President of the ESHG)		23 July, 2015
Heather Skirton (Chairman of the EBMG)		9 July 2015

The draft MoU was reviewed and approved by the EBMG, the UEMS-CGS Boards and by the ESHG Executive Board.

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# short mission statement

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# SCG UEMS/BMG EBMG

## Achievements and ongoing tasks

- Syllabus (summary of topics)
- "Annex V" revision (EC)
- Curriculum (aims and objectives)
- Basics (homepage, designs, connections with CESMA and EACCME)
- Name change (Medical Genetics and Genomics)
- MJC of Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases
- ETR (European Training Requirement)
- UDNI (Undiagnosed Disease Network International)
- ERN (European Reference Network)
- Joint Action on Rare Cancers
  - (WP8; Medical Education)



SECTION OF CLINICAL GENETICS AND GENOMICS



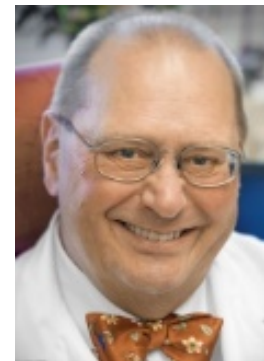
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## 6. Constitutional issues

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### 6.1. *Proposed creation of a MJC Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases* \*\*

*This item was proposed by UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics*

*Prof. Melegh*

*Doc – Letter MJC RUD creation*

The UEMS Section of Clinical Genetics has proposed to create a MJC in Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases. The proposal to create a new MJC will be submitted to the UEMS Council for endorsement.

*Presentation & Discussion*

*Vote*

### 6.2. *Change of the name of the Section Clinical Genetics for “Clinical Genetics and Genomics”\*\**

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*Prof. Melegh*

*Doc – Letter Clinical genetics Section*



Interest of UEMS Sections & Boards about creation of the Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases MJC:

Founder:

Section of Clinical Genetics, Bela Melegh

Charter members:

Section of Internal Medicine, Reinold Gans

Section of Medical Oncology, Serdar Turhal

Section of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Dame Sue Bailey

Section of Dermatology and Venereology, Magdalena Czarnecka-Operacz

Section of Infectious Diseases, Jean-Paul Stahl

Section of Pediatric Surgery, Gian Battista Parigi

Section of Neurology, Patrick Kras

Personal: Giorgio Berchicci, and Helena Alves (Section of Laboratory Medicine)