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### MODEL - Statutes European Boards of the UEMS D 9121, October 1992

#### I. Introduction

##### **Article 1.0**

UEMS invites its specialist sections with the formation of their own European Boards for their respective specialties. Members shall be leading representatives of the national organizations representing their country on a professional, scientific and university basis. The foundation shall be constituted in accordance with these statutes and the rules of procedure of UEMS and the specialist sections.

The European Boards, in strict compliance with the European Union (EU) Doctors Directives and national regulations shall provide fresh impetus for achieving high quality medicine and completing arrangements for the free movement of specialist doctors.

#### II. Object

##### **Article 2.0**

The aims of the European Boards shall be as follows:

##### 2.1.

The main objective is to guarantee the highest standards of care in the field of the specialty concerned in the countries of the EU, by ensuring that the training of the specialist doctor is raised to the highest possible level.

This aim shall be achieved by the following means:

##### 2.1.1.

The Boards shall recommend the standards required for the training of their specialists and the maintenance of these standards.

##### 2.1.2.

They shall make proposals for the quality of training and for the syllabus for their specialty.

##### 2.1.3.

They shall recommend procedures to achieve the free movement of specialist doctors throughout the EU.

##### 2.1.4.

They shall recommend the criteria to which the training centres of their specialty should conform.

##### 2.1.5.

They shall examine the real content and quality of training in the different countries of the EU.

##### 2.1.6.

They shall facilitate the exchange of their specialist trainees between training centres of the various countries of the EU to ensure a better harmonization and quality of training.

##### 2.1.7.

They shall set up a system for "recognition of quality" in their specialty.

##### 2.2.

The European Boards shall be considered as being working groups of specialist sections of UEMS.

#### 2.2.1.

Through the intermediary of the specialist sections, they shall report to the Executive Bureau of UEMS.

#### 2.2.2.

The Executive Bureau of UEMS shall be entrusted with communicating all opinions issuing from the specialist sections and the European Boards to the Standing Committee of European Doctors and the Advisory Committee for Medical Training for opinion and submission to the EU Commission.

#### 2.2.3.

The Executive Bureau of UEMS shall officially communicate with the specialist sections and the European Boards on behalf of EU bodies.

#### 2.3.

The specialist sections shall submit to UEMS for ratification, draft statutes relating to the membership and functioning of their European Board, so as to ensure cohesion between the various specialties.

#### Article 2.4.

Where a Section chooses to form a single body by amalgamating the existing Specialist Section and European Specialist Board, a draft proposal to this effect must be submitted to the Management Council for its approval.

In order to guarantee the representativeness of National Associations within the group formed, the following conditions must be observed:

##### 2.4.1.

the new organization will bear the title "Section and Board of....." and will be governed by the statutes of the Specialist Section of UEMS

##### 2.4.2.

the members must be representatives from both the professional and scientific world (one member per country appointed by the professional Associations, one member appointed by the relevant scientific organization)

##### 2.4.3.

both members have to be approved by the National Association member of the UEMS

##### 2.4.4.

the newly formed Section and Board can co-opt a number of experts, as they consider necessary, for the functioning of the various subcommittees.

### III. Definitions

#### **Article 3.0**

##### 3.1.

The European Boards shall recommend the necessary content of training programmes, the opportunities for training and technical knowledge and skills for the relevant specialty.

##### 3.2.

Full membership of the European Boards shall be confined to representatives elected by the Professional Organization and the specialist Scientific Societies of the specialty concerned in the countries which are full members of UEMS. The other European countries or Professional Organizations may be invited to take part in the European Boards if they are associate members of UEMS accepted as observers by the Council of Management of UEMS.

##### 3.3.

Recognition of quality (European Board Quality).

##### 3.3.1.

The European Boards can issue a certificate of recognition of quality.

##### 3.3.2.

Only fully trained specialists being recognized as such by their responsible national organization in the Member State of the EU and having practised in that specialty as a specialist for at least 3 years may apply for assessment and recognition by an European Board.

### 3.3.3.

Concerning the movement of specialists in the EU

#### 3.3.3.1.

The possession of the recognition of quality is optional and shall not be a condition for immigration into the countries having mutual recognition of the training of the specialty concerned with the country where the candidate was trained and obtained his specialist's qualification.

#### 3.3.3.2.

It is desirable to reach agreement that obtaining this recognition shall be considered by the Authorities as proof of the quality and relative equivalence of the content of training. It is therefore a factor which could be added to compliance with the normal conditions authorizing free movement.

#### 3.3.3.3.

Within the EU, this recognition of quality should foster the free movement of Medical Specialist from a country where his discipline is not recognized to another Member State in which it is.

#### 3.3.3.4.

The Commission is invited to approve this initiative and consider it as a factor in achieving free movement.

## IV. Composition

### **Article 4.0**

#### 4.1.

The European Boards shall comprise two representatives for the recognized specialty of each country. These representatives must be members of the recognized national professional organizations and represent universities and practising professions on an equal footing. They shall be confirmed by their country's National Organization recognized by UEMS.

#### 4.2.

One of the representatives shall be a member of the national delegation to the specialist section.

#### 4.3.

Countries not belonging to the EU but having observer status and Professional Organizations associated with UEMS, may also send two representatives to the European Board. They shall have the right of consultative status, except in the case of waiver.

#### 4.4.

The Board shall be administered by an elected Executive Committee: President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer. To be consistent, the General Secretary of the Board should be the General Secretary of the specialist section.

#### 4.5.

The Board shall establish contacts with the European scientific society of their specialty, where it exists. The latter may delegate a member of the Management Committee to meetings of the Board and vice versa. These delegates shall take their seats as observers with consultative status.

#### 4.6.

The Boards may form working committees.

### **Article 5.0**

Members of European Boards

#### 5.1.1.

One of the two members of the Board, who shall be a delegate in the corresponding specialist section, shall be elected for a 4 year period by the National Monospecialist Professional Association in agreement with his or her National Scientific Society and the National Association member of UEMS.

5.1.2.

The other member of the board, who is not a delegate in the specialist section, shall be elected for a 4 year period by his or her National Scientific Society in agreement with the National Association, member of UEMS.

5.1.3.

These terms of office may only be renewed once, on condition he continues in practice. The two delegates of each country are appointed alternatively every two years. Each country is invited to provide two alternate members.

5.2.

To constitute the first Board, sections shall appoint one of their members per country as rightful member of the Board. This member shall be replaced after two years by a delegate proposed by the National Monospecialist Professional Association, as laid down in Article 5.1.1.

5.3.

The second representative of the Board shall be appointed from the start as prescribed in Article 5.1.2. The term of office shall be 4 years; the representative may take part in meetings of the specialist section as alternate if the delegate is unable to attend.

5.4.

The Boards may call upon one or more experts.

5.5.

Voting rights

5.5.1.

Each national delegation shall have one substantive vote.

5.5.2.

For each country the right to vote is subject to the payment of the contribution (\*).

5.5.3.

Observers who represent associate European countries and Professional Organizations have consultative status (\*\*), unless the Council of Management decides otherwise (\*\*).

5.5.4.

Experts shall not have the right to vote.

5.6.

The Associations prescribed in Article 5.1.1 and 5.1.2. may replace members of the Board at any time, but shall notify these changes to the specialist section concerned and to the Council of Management of the UEMS via the General Secretary.

**Article 6.0.**

Executive Committee

6.1.

Election of the Executive Committee.

Each European Board shall elect an Executive Committee from among its members. The Committee shall comprise a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. As far as possible, the Secretary should be the General Secretary of the specialist section.

The Executive Committee shall establish the rules of procedure to be communicated to the General Secretary of the UEMS. It shall undertake the organization of meetings and execution of decisions, etc.

6.2.

Duration of terms of office of the Executive Committee.

The President and Vice-President shall normally remain in office for two years, the Secretary and the Treasurer for 4 years. Their immediate re-election is impossible except for the Secretary and the Treasurer, who may remain for a second period of 4 years.

6.3.

The Executive Committee shall also communicate with the General Secretary of the UEMS who shall be informed of the activities of the European Board as prescribed in the Statutes of the UEMS (all changes in the membership of the Boards, changes in Executive Committee, minutes of plenary meetings, decisions taken etc.).

## Modifications:

Article 2.4. was adopted in the meeting of the Management Council of the UEMS in Brussels, 22 October 1998.

(\*)

The financing of the European Board is a function of its internal regulations and not a responsibility of the Council of Management of the UEMS.

(\*\*)

Countries agreed by the Council of Management of the UEMS as Associated Members on 20 October 1991: Austria, Finland, Switzerland and Sweden.

Professional Organization agreed in the same conditions: Permanent Working Group of Junior Doctors (PWG).

(\*\*\*)

The Permanent Working group (PWG) shall have the right to send to each Board a representative in training in the corresponding specialty: the latter shall have the right to a full vote (Decision of the Council of Management of 18 October 1991).