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Note



The **Permanent Working of European Junior Doctors (PWG)** is the medical organisation that represents the interests of the junior doctors in Europe. Over the past quarter of a century, the PWG has actively intervened in defense of the medical profession in Europe with the purpose of contributing to the development of junior doctors' work, education and training.

The **European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)** is the medical organisation that represents the interests of medical specialists in Europe. It is comprised of its Council, Sections and Boards and European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). Its primary competencies are in the area of postgraduate training, continuing professional development, and the quality of specialist care but it deals with the full range of activities related to specialist medical practice.

Collaboration between the PWG and the UEMS has existed for several years in the form of formal and informal agreements that have benefited both institutions and, above all, the quality of medical training of European junior doctors. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the UEMS, the PWG and the UEMS wish to renew and reinforce their partnership in the following areas:

1. PWG representatives in the UEMS Specialist Sections/European Boards/Multidisciplinary Joint Committees (Sections/Boards/MJCs) and other groups of the UEMS

Since 1991 each UEMS Specialist Section and European Board has welcomed a representative from PWG to represent European doctors in training. At the Executive meeting of UEMS in May 2007 it was agreed that PWG delegates also are invited to represent doctors in training in UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committees. The PWG representatives to the UEMS Sections/Boards/MJCs are elected by the PWG plenary and must be doctors in training in the corresponding speciality. They have the right to a full vote in the UEMS Sections/Boards/MJCs decisions. After every PWG meeting the PWG Postgraduate Medical Training Subcommittee Chairperson will send the UEMS Secretary General (SG) an updated list of representatives and the SG will send the President of each UEMS Section/Board/MJC the name and contact details of their PWG representative. The UEMS also welcomes the participation of a representative of junior doctors appointed by the PWG in the CESME group, the EACCME and other groups that are eventually created within the UEMS structure that are related to postgraduate medical training. The input of doctors in training in the matters of postgraduate medical training is considered of paramount importance for both institutions.

2. Participation of the PWG representatives in the UEMS Sections/Boards/MJCs in the accreditation visits to postgraduate medical training centers

As a tool for quality assurance in postgraduate medical training, the UEMS Sections/Boards/MJCs develop regular accreditation visits to postgraduate medical training centers. The PWG representative in each Sections/Boards/MJCs shall be invited to be part of the visiting committee. The expenses related to this function are covered by the centre being visited.

3. EuroMedMobility

EuroMedMobility is a joint PWG/EMSA project that, among other objectives, aims to improve the mobility of doctors in training within European countries, increasing the diversity in training opportunities for all European medical professionals.

PWG and UEMS acknowledge the importance of training programmes for Continuous Medical Education and excellence within the medical practice, promoting not only the teaching of Best Practices but also a collaborative relationship amongst colleagues. Thus said, both organizations recognize the need to facilitate the means and the accessibility to the necessary information for European doctors to apply to training programmes that improve their training and the practice of their profession/specialty.

This memorandum emphasizes the priority areas of collaboration between the PWG and the UEMS. It should not to be taken as the limitation to the fields of understanding and joint project developments, but rather seen as a starting point for future ventures.

This document is to be adopted and enforced by both institutions.

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