



Brief notes from the EACCME meeting in Brussels, Jan 12th 2019

- **SG report.** Vassilios presented data from 2018 on applications for accreditation
 - over 2000 applications last year (up from 1700)
 - income about the same (as small meeting costs have been reduced)
 - half are small (<100) meetings (up by 60%)
 - less than 1% refused (VP argued this was because criteria so good, but will be auditing random applications next year to ensure accreditation process good)
 - WG established to set prices going forwards
 - Spain and Portugal have asked EACCME to accredit their national meetings. The assessor would be the appropriate national delegate in the relevant section (eg Spanish national delegate in EAP for national paediatric meeting in Spain)
 - US and Canada have mutual recognition of credits - S America also planning to do this
- **Working groups** (detailed minutes of groups available on EACCME website)
 - **Recognition of professional qualifications.** A number of new activities have been included - training or teaching trainees or research students, contribution to MCQ and other exams, activity in specialist societies, reading of articles (and reflection), sitting examinations.
 - **Training for EACCME reviewers.** There is a guide for new reviewers, including the qualifications appropriate for new reviewers. A live meeting is planned for reviewers annually. *Should EAP consider appointing an EACCME reviewer rather than EBP chair doing it all??*
 - **Collaboration with other health care professional.** Agreed to work together - starting with a pilot project
 - **Conflicts of interest.** An opinion paper (setting out principles of COI) has been published. They have also revamped the COI form to be more specific (eg about opinion bias). *The paper is good and I would recommend it for those organising meetings.*
- **UEMS conference on CME-CPD (Nov 2018)**
 - Some concerns were raised about the ability for delegates to engage.
 - Detailed minutes are available on the EACCME website
 - There was particular support for webinars. EACCME are proposing to accredit webinars - fees between 110 Euro and 160 Euro depending on number of webinars per year (less cost if more webinars).

- Other issues. There was some personal discussion between me and both Vassilios Papalois and Bertrand Duval (CEO). This covered several areas:
 - Choice of partners in the paediatric exams. The UEMS will need to sign any contract we make with Orzone (or anybody else). UEMS are happy that we have chosen Orzone, but suggest we write to both Orzone and UEMS, requesting a draft contract from Orzone that the UEMS lawyers will review and advise on. We will need to be clear about what we want.
 - There have been a lot of discussions by the UEMS executive about the relationship between EAP and the Paediatric Section. Whilst they are happy that we have separate finances, they feel that it is not clear from the website or from our material (where we talk about EAP-UEMS) how the two organizations relate. They wish us to develop a memorandum of understanding to make the relationship absolutely clear.
 - If this is done the issue of which countries we include in the EAP becomes irrelevant - that is an issue for the EAP, as long as the voting on UEMS issues at the General Assembly follows UEMS protocol.
 - I also asked about certificates for the training centres we accredit - should these be signed by UEMS or EAP. They were not sure and seemed happy for us to continue doing that for now