

editorial (2) will be well accepted by the rehabilitation research community. At the same time it must be underlined that research based on a biological framework and evaluated in a broad rehabilitation perspective is also fundamental for the research development of our speciality. Research on rehabilitation intervention has, thus, its given place in rehabilitation medicine and needs well-developed assessment methodology on a solid conceptual basis and should be looked upon as a main part of rehabilitation research.

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EUROPEAN BOARD PRM NEWS

During the Stockholm General Assembly Meeting in May 2001 the UEMS Section of PRM decided to structure itself into two new commissions:

- Commission of Clinical Affairs
- Commission of Professional Practice.

At an earlier General Assembly meeting, the European Board of PRM with its Commission of Education had been divided into three working groups: Examination, CME and Site visits.

At the Oporto General Assembly Meeting, in September 2001, more working groups were set up, in order to be able efficiently to carry out new tasks. The tasks that needed to be dealt with were decided on. The background is that the UEMS Section and Board need to be involved in new domains of activity, but the economy does not allow having more meetings than before where people come together in a geographical place. Therefore the expansion of the activities must be performed mainly by means of electronic communication, e.g. e-mail and Internet. And also, there is a need to have more national delegates involved in the active work in the working groups.

Each working group reports to the executive committee of the UEMS Section and Board. Each working group has a chairman, who also becomes the Section's and Board's specialist on the particular tasks the group is dealing with. In this way there will be an increase in the number of members with specialised experience useful for the preparatory work with different problems.

Each working group will give an annual report of its activities that will be important material for the PRM pages of the UEMS Annual Compendium, where all EU specialities give their reports.

COMMISSIONS OF THE UEMS SECTION (chairperson: Veronika Fialka-Moser):

Members of the groups are preliminary and may be altered. Chairpersons underlined.

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NEW WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMISSION OF CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Ethics: André Bardot, Alex Chantraine, linked with the Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Guidelines and Evaluation: Anthony Ward, Jouko Salminen, Gerald Stucki, Michael Quittan, Rolf Frischknecht.

Research Activities: Henk Stam, Bengt Sjölund, Crt Marincek, Jan Ekholm.

NEW WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMISSION OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Brussels Contact Group: (relations with public and health authorities and other specialities): Guy Vanderstraeten, Alessandro Giustini, Georges de Korvin, Fitnat Dincer.

Responsibility of PRM in Health Care: Werner Schneider, Xanthi Michail, Alex Chantraine, Guy Wanet, Nicholas Christodoulou.

Demography, careers, services and academic posts: Carlo Bertolini, Kiriaki Stathi (demography), Fernando Parada, Raquel Valero, Gustaaf Lankhorst.

Booklets: Alex Chantraine, George de Korvin, Jan Ekholm, Anthony Ward.

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UEMS EB PRM: CHANGES IN WORKING GROUPS OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION

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