

EUROPEAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL & REHABILITATION MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

The UEMS section and Board of PRM had a very successful meeting in PAVIA, Italy in March, 2004 organised by Alessandro Guistini. The proceedings commenced with presentations from Anthony Ward and Angela McNamara, Presidents of the Section and Board respectively.

Certification: The annual Board examination took place in November 2003. Forty-three candidates sat the examination, thirty-nine passed and four failed. The examination results have been sent to the National Managers. The results of the examination and the names of the successful candidates will be published on the website when all of the documentation is complete.

A number of PRM specialists achieved certification by equivalence during 2003. Note the **deadline for certification by equivalence** for existing EU countries is 01/01/2005. For those who wish to apply note the **last date for receipt** of application is **September 30th 2004**. Details of the criteria are available on the website.

After January 1st 2005 any specialist wishing to attain board certification may only do so by sitting the examination.

N.B. These rules do not apply to the new accession countries about to enter the EU. Separate criteria have been agreed by the Board and will have a duration of five years for candidates from these countries.

A list of all European PRM certified specialists from 1995 to the present time has been completed. Work is continuing for the years prior to 1995.

Accreditation: The Board has accepted that having "time limited certification" with re-certification are measures of quality training. Many training centres sought accreditation from the Board in 2003 and these centres had site visits carried out. The findings will be published on the website and a short synthetic form will also be available.

Note

Many specialists and training centres are now due for re-certification.

Work continues on CME/CPD rules and a protocol for a mutual agreement between UEMS/EACCME and the PRM section will be prepared by Nicholas Christodoulou for the next meeting of the Board.

New Officers

Elections took place at the PAVIA meeting to fill impending vacancies at the Board. Professor Guy Vanderstraeten (Belgium) was elected President of the PRM Board with Professor Xanthi Michail (Greece) as the Vice-President of the Board and the Director of the examinations. Dr Kyriaki Stathi (Greece) is now the Examination Secretary.

The next Board examination has been scheduled to take place on the 27 November 2004. The closing date for receipt of applications for the examination is 30 September 2004. Please contact your National Manager and visit the Board's website at www.euro-prm.org for full details.

The European School Marseille – Intensive programme (IP)

The next IP programme at the European School at Marseille, France is on "**Motor Disabilities: Posture and Movement Analysis, Rehabilitation, Neurophysiology**" between 1st–13th July, 2004. Details at www.mediterranee.univ-mrs.fr/esm

The next General Assembly of the UEMS section and Board will be organised by Angela McNamara in Dublin, Ireland from 9th–11th September 2004. A meeting of the European Society of P&RM is scheduled to precede the UEMS at the same venue in Dublin.