



# UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES

## SECTION FOR PSYCHIATRY

### ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Annual Report of the UEMS Section of Psychiatry 2018 follows the structure of the 2018 UEMS Section of Psychiatry Annual Plan.

A "Resources required" column was added to the annual plan which includes the following category headers: Action, Detail, Performance Marker(s), Responsibility and Deadline listed.

#### **Communication**

The integrative function of the web site has progressed well, the website allows sharing of documents - the separate members area for Delegates, Officers, Standing Committee on Training (SCT), Psychotherapy working group, CME working group. All website data is held in accordance with GDPR regulations.

The updated document - Profile of Psychiatrist was approved, published and promoted to external partners and national psychiatric associations, the visibility of the document was enhanced by blog published on the website.

In total, 6 blogs were issued to feature reports from officers, interviews with new members of the Board and updates on recent activities of the Section.

The Section remained engaged in cooperation with communication expert to assist the Section Officers and to facilitate communications with external stakeholders.

#### **Internal functions**

A New President of the Section was elected in April 2018 and New Honorary was elected in October 2018 subsequently. New post in Officers group - Immediate Past President - was approved. This post was being proposed in order to support the officers and to ensure that the expertise and knowledge of the outgoing President was retained by the executive committee to provide greater continuity to the governance of the Section. The corresponding job description of the new board member was approved as a matter of course.

The fiscal outlook had been updated to maintain a balanced budget. It was agreed that the officers would hold their executive meetings using video technology to economize the costs

of the Section (and to reduce our carbon footprint). It was also agreed that the level of income from subscriptions from national associations would be increased by 10%.

In relation to concerns regarding Brexit the UEMS had agreed that the British Medical Association could remain a member of the UEMS following Brexit, which will minimize the impact of Brexit on the work of the Section and on the administrative support provided to the Section.

The assessments of psychiatric CME events in Europe for EACCME was systematically carried out by Vice-president of the Section for CME. The new EACCME platform was functioning well.

### **Standing Committee on Training**

The terms of reference for the Section's Standing Committee on Training had been reviewed by the officers and it has been agreed that existing ToRs were still fit for purpose. The officers proposed to add that the past-President of the Section as an ex-Officio member of the SCT.

In 2018, the term of officer for existing members of the SCT had come to an end. 6 national delegates offered to serve on the SCT, three of them for a second term.

The Profile of a Psychiatrist document was approved in 2018, the next task for the SCT would be to carry out a gap analysis against the existing European Framework for Competencies in Psychiatry. The updated version would be considered by the SCT before coming to the Section for approval.

The action of exploring the possibility of setting up a European Board Exam in Psychiatry is going to be further developed through collaboration with the EPA.

### **Projects with external groups**

New Section representatives to the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Pain and on Rare Diseases were appointed and approved. Delegates of the Section also approved the appointment of a new delegate to the UEMS CAP Section.

The Section continued to fund and support the #TYOT mutual project of the EFPT and UEMS PS.

One of the officers and an EFPT representative attended the Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) conference in Basel and delivered a UEMS and EFPT Poster Presentation.

Delegates had agreed to explore ways to strengthen relationships with the European Brain Council and the European Federation of Psychological Associations and the UEMS CAP Section.

The Section continued to keep close relationships with user and carers organization like GAMIAN and EUFAMI, it had also been agreed that the relationship between the Section and these two associations would be strengthened by ensuring that Section documents were sent to them for comment before being approved.

### **Meetings**

The spring meeting took place in Mechelen (April, 12.-13.) without a visit day, the administrative meeting was being hosted by Section itself. The Autumn meeting in Bratislava (October, 25.-27.) hosted by Slovak delegation, was well attended.

The officers group held two meetings during the year, one in Mechelen in January and the other in Copenhagen in September. After the Autumn meeting, the officers group held regular videoconferences on a monthly basis.

The officers group is grateful and thankful for strong support from Section Administrator provided all year round.

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Honorary Secretary

On behalf of the Officers