UEMS Section and Board of Dermato-Venereology

European Board of Dermatology-Venereology (EBDV)

Statutes

Definition

Article 1.
A combined Section and Board of Dermato-Venereology of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) is constituted in accordance with the UEMS Statutes, Rules of Procedure (ROP) and the MODEL-Statutes European Boards of the UEMS (D9121), representing the specialities Dermato-Venereology, Dermatology and Venereology listed in the Directive of the European Union (EU). As an alternative name the combined Section and Board can use the name “European Board of Dermatology-Venereology” (hereinafter “EBDV”).

The EBDV is a non-profit making organisation formed for the primary purpose of protecting the public interest by establishing and maintaining high standards of training, education and qualification of physicians practicing as Dermato-Venereologist, Dermatologist or Venereologist.

Objective

Article 2
The main objective of the EBDV is to achieve and maintain the highest standards in practice of Dermato-Venereology, Dermatology and Venereology in member countries of the UEMS by ensuring that the training of the specialist doctor is raised to the highest possible level. This aim shall be achieved by the following means:

The EBDV shall:
• recommend the means required for the training and the maintenance of these standards,
• make proposals for the quality of training and for the syllabus of the specialties,
• recommend the criteria to which the training centres should conform,
• examine the content and quality of training in member countries of the UEMS,
• encourage the exchange of trainees between training centres in the various countries of the UEMS to aid a better harmonisation and quality of training,
• recommend procedures to achieve movement of specialist doctors throughout the member countries of the UEMS,
• encourage the implementation of the UEMS Charters on the national level, and
• consider setting up a system for recognition of quality, e.g. board examinations, and issuing certificates of that.

Membership

Article 3
The EBDV consists of full members, associate members, observers and co-opted experts.

Full members are the national delegates of the Section of Dermato-Venereology of each UEMS member country, appointed for four years with possible one renewal, according to the UEMS ROP. Provided that their due subscription is fully paid up, they have voting right and they are eligible to the offices of the EBDV.

Associate members are delegates from European non-UEMS-member countries, one per country, appointed by their relevant national dermato-venereologists’, dermatologists’ or venereologists’ organisation and approved by the EBDV. They act in an advisory capacity.

Observers are representatives invited by the EBDV from other dermato-venereological, dermatological or venereological organisations, e.g. European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV), European Dermatology Forum (EDF) and European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR). They act in an advisory capacity.

Experts are advisory specialists co-opted by the EBDV for a specific issue for a limited time period. In addition, by Decision of the Management Council of the UEMS (18. October 1991), the Permanent Working Group of Junior Doctors (PWG) has the right to send a representative in training to the General Meetings of the EBDV. This representative has the right to a full vote.
General Meeting

Article 4
The General Meeting, convening twice a year for a Spring Meeting and an Autumn Meeting, constitutes the highest authority of the EBDV. It is empowered to create and amend Internal ROP, to appoint and dismiss the members of the Executive Committee, the Auditing Committee and Subcommittees, to approve associate members, to invite observers, to co-opt experts, and to approve the annual subscription, accounts and the budget.
The General Meeting can act validly only if full members of at least half of the member countries are present. The President shall take the chair of the General Meeting.
The convening notice is to be sent to each member and to the Secretary General of the UEMS by ordinary or electronic mail at least three months prior to the date of the meeting and the agenda at least four weeks prior to the meeting.
Resolutions of the General Meeting shall be taken with a simple majority of the votes of present members, unless otherwise provided by the present Statutes or the law.
Minutes shall be kept and signed by the President and the Secretary. The minutes as well as all resolutions, recommendations and other documents are to be sent to each member and to the Secretary General of the UEMS by ordinary or electronic mail within three months after the meetings.
An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by decision of the Executive Committee or on request in writing by delegates from at least 1/3 of the member countries.

Executive Committee

Article 5
The Executive Committee is made up of a President, a Secretary General, a Treasurer and alternating a Past President, a Secretary-elect, a Treasurer-elect or a President-elect. It is charged with the daily management and the organisation of the activity of the EBDV, in particular, convening and preparing the General Meetings.
Only full members are eligible for the Executive Committee. The Officers are elected according to the ROP of the UEMS. Additional complementary regulations for the election may be written in the Internal ROP of the EBDV.
The three main Officers are elected with an interval of one year for four years. They start with a one-year Officer-elect period respectively and thereafter serve for four years. The President continues serving one more year as Past President. Re-election to the same office is not possible without an interval of at least one year.
The Executive Committee is validly convened by the President, or in case the latter cannot continue to exercise his/her mandate due to illness, incapacity or any other reason, by two other Officers. A quorum is at least two officers.
The Executive Committee is authorized to invite observers and experts, to consider applications for associate membership, and to accept unrestricted sponsorship for single occasions or travel grants.
The resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be taken with a simple majority of the votes cast. If the votes are equal, the President shall have the casting vote. Minutes shall be kept and signed by the President and the Secretary General.

Other Bodies

Article 6
Subcommittees are working parties founded, appointed, charged and dismissed by the General Meeting of the EBDV. Eligible to the Subcommittees are full members, associate members, observers and experts.
The Auditing Committee, consisting of two full members, is charged with the revision of bookkeeping, accounts and management of the EBDV.

Finances

Article 7
The financial year begins on 1st of January and ends on 31st of December.
The annual subscription to the EBDV is calculated in relation to the number of full-paying specialist members of the represented national dermato-venereologists’, dermatologists’ or venereologists’ organisations, which it falls due. For specialists with dual membership only one fee is paid yearly. The representative of each national organisation shall provide the Treasurer with an updated number of full-paying specialists at least every other year.
The Treasurer shall draw-up a provisional budget for each year. He shall collect the annual subscriptions within time limits required to balance the budget. He is responsible for the financial management and organising of bookkeeping and balancing of accounts. All functions within the EBDV shall be discharged without remuneration. Expenses are compensated according to Internal ROP of the EBDV. The EBDV may accept unrestricted sponsorship from persons, organisations or companies willing to support its aims. The sponsors do not have access to the business part of the General Meetings.

**General**

**Article 8**

Matters not provided for under these Statutes or Internal ROP shall be settled in accordance with the Statutes and ROP of the UEMS.

In the event of dissolution of the EBDV the remaining assets shall become property of the UEMS Section of Dermato-Venereology.

In the event of dissolution of the UEMS or its Section of Dermato-Venereology the EBDV shall take the necessary actions to update these Statutes in order to constitute an independent non-profit making organisation with the same objectives.

These rules have been approved by the General Meeting in Brussels 5.6.2004 and by the Management Council of the UEMS in Lisbon 15.10.-16.10.2004 (D 0439 § 5.3