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**To National Medical Associations
Specialist Sections and Boards**

Dear Colleague

We wish you a happy and successful New Year of 2015.

While, sadly, this year already has seen terror attacks in France, we know that it will be a very significant year for the UEMS, when we move into our new home, Domus Medica Europaea (DME).

The UEMS Executive met on Saturday to review progress on DME and to prepare for the year ahead.

We are pleased to report, following our inspection of the building works, that:

- the refurbishment of DME very likely will be completed before the end of January;
- the UEMS Secretariat will move into DME in mid-February;
- **The official opening ceremony of DME will be on 10th April 2015**, at the time of the Council meeting in Brussels.

While the official invitations will be sent out soon, we are writing to you now to encourage you to "save the date" for this important milestone in the history of the UEMS and in the representation of all doctors in Europe.

The UEMS already has received applications from European, National and Speciality organisations who are interested in being based in DME, with site-visits arranged and tenancy agreements being prepared.

We strongly encourage you to apply now if your organisation wants an office in DME.

While preference will be given to the UEMS family, this cannot be guaranteed indefinitely.

We also encourage you to book DME for your meetings and European Examinations.

A fee will be applied, to contribute to the purchase and running costs of DME.

There will be preferential rental rates for the UEMS family, for both office space and meeting rooms. Please apply, for both issues, to Bertrand Daval at ceo@uems.eu

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As frequently is the case with major building works, the UEMS has experienced delays to the reconstruction and increases in the costs needed for refurbishment. The UEMS Executive has managed these carefully and, while the delays are almost over, the financial implications will be presented in more detail to the Board meeting in April. A range of options will be presented, with emphasis on maintaining close control of the UEMS budget in order to ensure financial stability. Our organisation will need the close co-operation of all its bodies to ensure that the DME project is successful.

As further important news, we are pleased to announce that, after noting his excellent work as interim CEO, the Executive confirmed Bertrand Daval as substantive CEO of the UEMS. We are sad to bid farewell, with many thanks, to Jean-Baptiste Rouffet, who will be leaving the UEMS to join the Ministry of Health in France. We are pleased to welcome Lise Carratala who already has joined the UEMS office, taking over responsibility for Speciality and political matters. Her email address is lise@uems.eu

We look forward to welcoming you to our new home, and to a truly happy new year.

Best wishes



Dr Krajewski

President of the UEMS



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Secretary General of the UEMS