



# EUROPEAN BOARD FOR THE SPECIALTY OF CARDIOLOGY

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UNION OF EUROPEAN MEDICAL SPECIALISTS (U.E.M.S.)  
Cardiology Section



EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY



## Introduction

As the UEMS at the request of the European Commission has been asked to establish recommendations for training and continued medical education within the European Community, its Monospecialty Section on Cardiology with the support of the European Society of Cardiology has established a **European Board for the Specialty of Cardiology (EBSC)**.

The purpose of the EBSC is to formulate recommendations for harmonising cardiology standards throughout Europe (EC and non EC).

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## STATUTES

### **ARTICLE I: AIMS**

- I.1 The main objective of the EBSC is to guarantee the highest standards of training and care. Therefore it will propose criteria for accreditation on a European level as specialist in cardiology. While such recommendations are initially meant for the regulation of the free exchange within the EC of cardiologists, the final purpose is to facilitate the free movement of these specialists of any European nations within Europe by striving to ensure that the training is raised to the highest possible level.
  
- I.2 The EBSC will achieve its objectives by recommending and by encouraging the health authorities, the national scientific societies and professional organisations of cardiology and the training institutions to put them into practice.**
  
- I.3 The EBSC will work in close relationship with the ESC and the UEMS Cardiology Section and will inform both organisations of its proposals and recommendations.
  
- I.4 The EBSC must remain aware of and respect the national laws and regulations concerning the areas covered by its objectives. Conflicts will be registered and analysed. Proposals will be made to the UEMS, to both the national governments and medical authorities, also to the European organisations, in order to try to resolve them.
  
- I.5 The EBSC will not seek any legislative neither executive power within the European Community Countries (Art. 13 of the UEMS Statutes).
  
- I.6 No EBSC rule should contradict the statutes of the UEMS, nor those of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC).



## **ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES**

Task and working modalities

The Board will:

- a) Recommend the minimum requirements for training in cardiology (duration and contents of training programmes, training facilities, qualification of the trainers,...)
- b) Examine the necessity of an “European Board of Qualification”
- c) Propose programmes for continuing training, formulate recommendations for special training in cardiology subspecialties
- d) Examine the need, possibility and eventual working methods of peer review committees, attempt manpower planning in cardiology.

This list is illustrative and not exhaustive. The plenary assembly of the executive committee of the EBSC may take the initiative to examine other aspects related to training, e.g. quality and manpower and may examine proposals made by the ESC or the UEMS Cardiology Section on this matter. Motions may be proposed by any EC or non EC delegate.

## **ARTICLE III: CONSTITUTION OF THE EBSC**

### **III.1 Plenary Assembly**

**III.1.1. Tasks:** The task of the Plenary Assembly is to instruct, to ratify and to make proposals.

**III.1.2. Composition:** Each EC nation has two delegates with voting rights. One is nominated by the national society of cardiology and the other by the professional organisation. The delegates must be cardiologists. When possible, they will be the same as those of the Plenary Assembly of the UEMS Cardiology Section.

The European Junior Cardiology Group has one delegate with voting rights on all topics which concern them.

The ESC has three delegates designated by its Board who are ex-officio members of the executive committee. They have voting rights.

Each European non EC nation may have two delegates designated on the same manner as those of the EC nations; they have a consultative role but no voting right.



### **III.1.3. Note of designation and duration of the mandates**

All national delegates (of the scientific and of the professional organisations), as well those of EC and non EC nations, will be designated by the association for a 4-year period, renewable once, and on condition that they have not retired. The two delegates of a country shall not change simultaneously.

The national scientific and professional organisations may replace their delegates at the EBSC at any time but will notify these changes to the executive committee of the EBSC and to the steering committee of the UEMS Cardiology Section. These committees will notify the change to the general secretaries of the UEMS and to the ESC. The EBSC may call upon one or more experts for special problems. These have no voting rights.

### **III.1.4 Annual Meeting**

At least once a year, it will hold a plenary meeting during and at the site of the Annual Congress of the ESC. At the request of at least two thirds of the delegates present, it can however be held at another time or another site.

### **III.1.5 Notice of meetings, either plenary or extraordinary will be announced at least one month beforehand.**

The agenda must be circulated one month beforehand. The adoption or rejection of the motions proposed will be based on a simple majority of those delegates with voting rights. Only the attending delegate with voting rights may participate in the voting procedure. He/she may represent at most one other delegate with voting right if he/she is in the possession of a procuration of this delegate.

## **III.2. Executive Committee**

**III.2.1** The task of the executive committee (and eventually of delegated subcommittees) will be to examine all these outlines, to make proposals and recommendations, which will be discussed and approved or rejected by the Plenary Assembly of the EBSC.

**III.2.2** The steering committee of the UEMS Cardiology Section and the board of the ESC will be kept informed of the proposals of the executive committee and of the final recommendations once they have been agreed and adopted by the Plenary Assembly during its annual plenary meeting. The executive committee of the EBSC will re-examine any unresolved issues with the Chairman of the steering committee of the UEMS Cardiology Section and the President of the ESC and a delegate of the executive committee of the UEMS. The final conclusions will be reported to the Plenary Assembly during the next plenary meeting or during the extraordinary session, if deemed necessary by two third majority of the executive committee of the EBSC.



**III.2.3 Constitution:** The constitution of the executive committee is described below.

Four members of the executive committee are elected by the Plenary Assembly. At least one will represent the national scientific societies and one the national professional organisations. Two have to be members of the steering committee of the UEMS Cardiology Section.

Three members will be designated by the Board of the ESC.

One member will be designated by the European Junior Cardiology Group.

One member will be elected by the European non EC delegates of the plenary assembly.

Members will normally serve for four years, renewable once. The members should not all change simultaneously.

The members of the executive committee will appoint a Chairman and a Secretary who is also treasurer. Each officer will serve for four years, renewable once, except for the Chairman who may not be immediately re-elected.

The President of the ESC and the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the UEMS Cardiology Section can attend the meetings as observer.

## **ARTICLE IV: FINANCING**

**IV.1.** The executive committee is empowered to raise such funds as may be necessary to achieve its objectives.

**IV.2.** An annual financial report should be submitted to the Plenary Assembly of the EBSC.

**IV.3.** A copy for information will be sent to the secretary of the UEMS Cardiology Section and to the Secretary of the ESC.

## **ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS - DISSOLUTION**

The procedure for amendments of statutes and rules of procedure as far as the dissolution of this foundation will be those described in Art. 14, 15 and 16 of the UEMS Statutes.