



**UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES
EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

1. **UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists)**, an international non-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of Belgium, having its registered seat at 24 rue de l'Industrie, 1040 Brussels – Belgium, acting through its Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases [MJC RUD], hereby validly represented by;

Hereafter: "UEMS"

and

2. **European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (ENETS) e.V.**, a Medical Society incorporated under the laws of Germany having its registered seat at Charité- Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Campus Virchow-Klinikum, Dept. of Hepatology and Gastroenterology, Augustenburger Platz 1, D-13353 Berlin, Germany,

hereby validly represented by [Prof. Dermot O'Toole, ENETS chairman, and Prof. Bertram Wiedenmann, ENETS treasurer

Hereafter: "European Society"

The parties sub (1) and (2) shall hereafter be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

RECITALS

The UEMS and the European Society are active in areas relevant to the quality of medical specialist practice in Neuroendocrine Tumours in Europe and to the quality of care for the benefit of European patients. The Parties are willing to create a partnership that will promote and facilitate their activities in this area.

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The overall goal of collaboration and cooperation is to define joint actions, to achieve the best possible outcomes and to increase visibility of both parties.

The parties seek through this Memorandum of Understanding (“*MoU*”) to define their partnership, to explore and to develop new opportunities in accordance with their objectives and competence. Through this MoU, the Parties also aim to establish an efficient and transparent communication between them.

THE PARTIES DECLARE THAT

1. SCOPE

This MoU outlines the principles of cooperation and collaboration between the UEMS Section and the European Society.

2. INTENTION OF THE PARTIES

The Parties acknowledge that this MoU does not, and is not meant to, constitute a legally binding agreement between them. Whenever an activity undertaken by both Parties would require a formal legal framework Parties will conclude a formal, legally binding agreement.

The non-binding relationship between the UEMS and the European Society governed by this MoU is that of independent contractors. Nothing contained in this document will be construed as constituting any other relationship between the Parties.

This MoU does not prevent or limit European Society or UEMS to enter agreements with other parties. Both Parties declare that they will not enter agreements that would jeopardize or invalidate this MoU and, whenever reasonable doubt would arise as to whether a new agreement is likely to be in conflict with this MoU, the Parties will communicate and strive to resolve outstanding issues.

3. INTERNAL POLICIES

Subject to the terms of this MoU, the implementation and pursuit of the goals, objectives, conditions and terms of this collaboration will be carried out in accordance with the internal policies and procedures of each Party.

4. SCOPE OF COMPETENCES AND ROLES

a) European Scientific Society

According to its articles of association, the European Society mission is to

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- improve the diagnosis and therapy of patients with neuroendocrine tumors in an international, interdisciplinary and scientific context
- coordinate research at European hospitals and health research institutes, with emphasis on basic and clinical research for the diagnosis and treatment of NETs
- further develop standards for the accreditations of ENETS Centers of Excellence
- offer education and training for physicians and scientists at annual scientific and educational meetings
- focus on writing and updating NET guidelines for all aspects of NET care including treatment and standards of care and subsequently publicising in medical and scientific journals
- foster the exchange of forums for young investigators
- support collaborative scientific projects of excellence
- communicate with and inform patient advocates and patient self-help groups
- cooperate with the pharmaceutical industry for the development of new diagnostic, therapeutic and information technologies
- further endorse the ENETS Registry and Centers of Excellence throughout Europe

To achieve this goal, the key activities of the European Society include:

- the promotion of basic research on neuroendocrine tumor diseases and innovative diagnostic and therapeutic procedures,
- the continuation of the hitherto successful cooperation between European Centers of Excellence,
- the promotion of young researchers and clinicians in the field of neuroendocrine tumor diseases,
- the promotion of research through the raising of funds and the establishment of endowed professorships,
- the promotion of science through the establishment of service areas,
- the promotion of research through the collective use of technical resources,
- the promotion of the dissemination of advancements in the medical treatment of neuroendocrine diseases and the protection of interests of affected patients and treating physicians,
- the promotion of the Europe-wide transfer of advancements in research and medical treatments into teaching and postgraduate training,
- the recognition and representation of mutual objectives of clinicians and basic researchers in this field.

b) UEMS

According to its articles of association, the UEMS objectives are to promote the harmonization of training standards for specialist physicians within the European Union and to promote free movement of specialist doctors within the European Union. The UEMS is independent from medical industry in order to assure unbiased position in areas of medical politics and in accreditation of CME.

5. MUTUAL RECOGNITION

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Each Party acknowledges the competences of the other, according to its articles of association.

Each Party acknowledges that the other is an essential partner in the development and improvement of the quality of medical specialist practice of Diagnosis, Treatment and Aftercare of NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOURS in Europe. Parties recognize that their continued collaboration should be a crucial and integral element to the future success of both organizations and their members.

6. AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UEMS AND THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY

Parties undertake to collaborate in order to achieve the objectives of mutual interest.

The areas of collaboration between the UEMS and the European Society can include, but shall not be limited to:

- Elaboration of European specialist training curriculum
- Organisation of specialist European examinations
- Organisation of visitation programs
- Development and promotion of high quality, unbiased CME/CPD
- Setting European standards of specialist practice
- Provision of joint opinion and statements to the EU institutions

The UEMS and the European Society commit to working in close cooperation and to actively exchange information that is of common interest and/or might be of significance to both organizations and their members.

Parties recognize that:

- each Party is a key partner in areas of collaboration described in this document;
- European Society expertise concentrates on organization of CME/CPD, scientific research, development of practice guidelines and standards,
- UEMS expertise concentrates on accreditation of CME/CPD, elaboration of Training Requirements and curricula and organization of European Examinations.

Parties agree to involve the other Party when elaborating major policy documents at the earliest possible stage of the process in order to receive its input.

7. COMMUNICATION

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The MJC RUD will be responsible of communication with the European Society in all matters regarding areas of cooperation defined in this MoU, including communications to the UEMS Executive, other UEMS bodies and to UEMS constituency. This MoU does not change the UEMS representation rules described in statutory documents or waive information and approval duties of MJC RUD.

The European Society will communicate with UEMS Section in all matters regarding areas of cooperation defined in this MoU.

The European Society and the MJC RUD will each appoint a person for all contacts with the other party. Should there be a change in each Party's contact person, the partner shall inform each other as soon as possible.

Both parties will provide a link on their website to the other's website.

a) Official announcement

An official announcement of the present agreement will be made on both Parties websites as a common statement by the UEMS and the European Society after signature of the agreement. The statement will be also circulated to both Parties constituency.

8. REPRESENTATION

The President of the European Society or an appointed representative of the European Society is invited to take part to the MJC RUD's executive meetings.

Likewise, the President of the UEMS Section and Secretary or another representative of the MJC RUD is invited to take part in meetings of ENETS ADVISORY Board Meetings (the European Society's Executive or an appropriate body).

9. FUNDING

This MoU does not include the exchange of funds between parties.

10. MODIFICATION

This MoU can be modified or amended only by a writing signed by both parties.

11. TERM AND TERMINATION

This MoU is concluded for an indefinite period.

12. EFFECTIVITY

This MoU is effective immediately upon signature of all parties here to.

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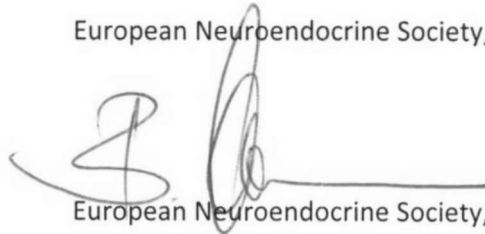
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