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The next meeting of the UEMS section and Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine will take place in Vienna, Austria between 17–19 October 2002

This meeting is being organised by Dr Haymo Bruhne in association with Professor Veronika Fialka-Moser.

The meeting will commence on Thursday afternooon (17th) with an address by the President of the Section, Professor Fialka-Moser (Austria), followed by the President of the Board, Dr. Angela McNamara (Ireland). A synopsis of these presentations will be provided in advance to the Secretary-General, Professor Alain Delarque, for inclusion in the Annual Report. Reports will also be prepared and presented by the Chairmen of the Clinical Affairs and the Professional Practice Committees respectively.

The new rules of the PRM Section have been prepared over the past year and were finalised in Brighton in May 2002 at the Spring meeting. These reports will now be presented to the General Assembly for adoption.

The terms of office of the President of the UEMS section and the Deputy Treasurer have now expired, nominations are now sought for an election to fill both positions. These nominations will be accepted and an election will take place at the forthcoming meeting.

Professor Guy Vanderstraeten (Belgium) is the Director-General of the PRM Board Examination Committee. Professor Xanthi Michail (Greece) was appointed as Examinations Secretary at Brighton. These officers will report on the new rules for the examination to the General Assembly and will discuss the role of the National Managers on the operation of the examination in each country.

Professor Chantraine (Switzerland) has responsibility for the assessment of training centres and of trainers and he will report on the "site visits" programme.

On Friday (18th) in the morning session, the group will divide into two workshops namely Clinical Affairs and Professional Affairs. The Chairman of the Clinical Affairs group is Professor Bengt Sjolund (Sweden) and he brings significant experience to this group on the processes of accreditation including CARF. The Chairman of the Professional Affairs group is Dr Guy Wanet (Belgium).

On Friday afternoon the general assembly will reconvene and receive reports on the matters discussed itemising the various matters requiring further discussion. This Meeting will continue on Saturday morning (19th) and will conclude at lunchtime.

On Saturday afternoon, a meeting of the European Federation of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine will take place at the same location.