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Dr C.C. Leibbrandt

Secretary- General UEMS

cc. President, Internal Medicine Section UEMS

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Dear Dr. Leibbrandt,

Vascular medicine is an emerging specialized medical practice rapidly growing in many European countries. It involves the physiopathology, epidemiology, diagnosis, prevention, non-surgical treatment and rehabilitation of arterial, venous, lymphatic and microvascular diseases.

Considering that:

- 1) vascular diseases are the largest cause of mortality in Europe and that their cost induces a huge economical burden on all National Health Services;
- 2) knowledge of pathophysiology, biology, diagnostic procedures and therapy in the field of vascular disease has grown enormously during the last decade;
- 3) expertise in vascular explorations requires lots of specific practical training;
- 4) there are more than 100 Units/Departments of Vascular Medicine/Angiology in nearly all European Countries .
- 5) recognition in Vascular Medicine/Angiology is fundamental also in the perspective of creating further Vascular Centres.
- 6) and therefore there is urgent needs for standards and regulations about training and practice in vascular medicine

The following National Societies of Vascular Medicine in Europe support the petition by VAS (Vascular - Independent Research and Education - European Organisation) to the UEMS Management Council to recognise a subsection of Vascular Medicine within the Internal Medical Section.



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This subsection was approved by the Internal Medicine Section of UEMS
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With kindest regards.