



1st UEMS Congress

**27th to 30th
May 2026**

Leuven,
Belgium

Learning • Networking • Impacting

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - Wednesday 27th May

17.00 - 20.30 Exhibit and Networking space open

17.00 - 19.00 **Opening Plenary Session**

European Health: Connectivity and inter-dependance of healthcare systems within Europe and between Europe and the rest of the world

19.00 - 20.30 Networking Reception

DAY 2 - Thursday 28th May

09.00 - 18.00 Exhibit and Networking space open

08.30 - 09.30 **Parallel Interactive Sessions 1**

- European Registries: Data assure safety and advance practice
- Can elements of medical practice be legal but not ethical or ethical but not legal?
- From Accredited Fellow to Accredited Centre: UEMS Transplant Surgery pathways for excellence
- Nuclear Medicine in Europe: From today's reality to a vision for tomorrow for a high-tech specialty
- Well-balanced doctors for well-balanced patients: How can we learn from our own experiences to better help others?

09.30 - 10.30 **Parallel Interactive Sessions 2**

- Accreditation of training centres across Europe - 30 years of UEMS experience: How do we pave the way to the future?
- How should we face up to increasing specialisation while managing reasonable educational training requirements?
- From curricula to certification – challenges and opportunities: the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) perspective
- Continuous medical education in Latin America: Building bridges between Europe and Americas
- The progressive vision of the European Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (EBCOG) for the future of their vocation in Europe and beyond session
- Dermatology in the post-COVID Era: Lessons learned and future challenge
- Workforce shortage and fatigue: How do we break the vicious cycle?

DAY 2 - Thursday 28th May

10.30 - 11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 - 12.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 3

- UEMS collaboration with the national and European scientific societies: same scope, complementary roles
- Medice, cura te ipsum - The biological, physical, chemical, ergonomic and psychosocial risks in the current daily activity of medical specialists: An overlooked challenge in current medical practice
- Work-life balance in the changing medical landscape: Ways to enhance job satisfaction and retention of European medical specialists
- International faculty development programs within Europe
- AC Forum - Perspectives on patient representation at medical congresses: the challenges and opportunities
- Administrative burden in resident training - A discussion on the impact of administrative demands on residency training, comparing different European countries and exploring possible improvements
- Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) in medical education: Bridging postgraduate education to continuous professional development
- Quality indicators in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine including the accreditation model

12.30 - 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

13.30 - 15.30

Plenary Session 2

AI & Machine learning: How to educate and train medical students, trainee doctors and specialists for the new inevitable realities?

DAY 2 - Thursday 28th May

15.30 - 16.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 4

- Engaging the UEMS Fellows: the beginning of a great journey
- Ethical dilemmas in modern medicine: AI, law, and patient rights
- European whitebook on polytrauma care with the aim of improving the quality of trauma care in European countries
- Professional Development Module: A new modality for harmonising continuous professional development
- Hand surgery and the puzzle of hyperspecialisation
- Training and practicing in multidisciplinary teams: early building a strong collaborative culture

16.30 - 17.00

COFFEE BREAK

17.00 - 18.00

Parallel Interactive Sessions 5

- Three decades of experience of UEMS Exams: Thinking out of the box as to how we pave the way to the future
- The perspective of the patients: Design, development, delivery of healthcare and healthcare research
- European training requirements within Radiology: How we do it? A fruitful collaboration between UEMS and European Society of Radiology (ESR)
- CPME survey on the mental health of health care workers: Lessons learned and the way forward
- Cooperation between private and public Institutions in residency training: Educational opportunities, governance and organisation models
- Declaration of Fundamental Rights of the Medical Workforce

DAY 3 - Friday 29th May

09.00 - 18.00 Exhibit and Networking space open

08.30 - 09.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 6

- The future of Ukraine's healthcare: European solidarity and support
- The doctor as a clinical leader: the AEMH-UEMS Perspective
- The risk-factor of being a doctor: Recognising medical profession as an arduous job
- Quality assurance of basic medical education in Europe
- Saving organs without losing surgeons: Work-life balance, burnout and innovation in Transplant Surgery
- The vulnerable paediatric population in Europe: are our services fit for purpose?

09.30 - 11.30

Plenary Session 3

European health and healthcare systems in crisis: New pandemics, natural disasters, terror attacks, war

11.30 - 12.00

COFFEE BREAK

12.00 - 13.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 7

- Fact or Fake: the big challenge in modern practice
- The core challenges for the accreditation of CME/CPD in the future (2030-2050)
- Legal challenges in modern medical practice: Do we need to think like lawyers or learn how lawyers think?
- The European Union and Global Surgery programmes around the world
- Towards common standards: Advancing Transplant Medicine across Europe and beyond
- Education of trainers and programme directors in postgraduate specialty training
- AI-augmented consultations: From conversation to diagnosis to clinical practice – ethical and clinical risk, and a vision for 2075

DAY 3 - Friday 29th May

13.30 - 14.30 LUNCH BREAK

14.30 - 15.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 8

- Challenges in implementation of the European Training Requirements (ETRs) in European countries
- Practicing medicine amidst societal risks
- How to properly develop training from scratch to subspecialist level? The Reproductive Medicine experience
- One Health's impact on green and sustainable medical practices: from veterinary specialists to human public health and beyond
- Accreditation in the time of MDTs: Are MDTs replacing or enhancing departments and individuals?
- Allergology as a multidisciplinary specialty: Challenges and opportunities
- Building competence in transitional care in Europe: Clinical realities, training needs, and future directions across specialties

15.30 - 16.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 9

- Response to natural disasters
- Tailored and precision medicine
- The Green Hospital: How to transform the energy policy of healthcare facilities? The example of Geneva
- Are we assessing our trainees to death? The good, the bad and the ugly of workplace-based assessment (and/or EPAs)

16.30 - 17.00 COFFEE BREAK

DAY 3 - Friday 29th May

17.00 - 18.00

Parallel Interactive Sessions 10

- How do we build a green and sustainable culture in modern medical practice?
- Medical Associate Practitioners: Surrogate for shortage of medical doctors and patient safety risk
- Free movement of doctors: How do we assure quality?
- Simulation-based training: In addition to or instead of clinical training? The UEMS-NASCE perspective and practice
- Innovating and improving clinical practice through adaptive AI-human hybrid e-learning
- How to write a new European Training Requirement (ETR) based on the competency-based medical education principles?
- Gender inequalities in the medical profession
- MCQ-writing workshop with UEMS CESMA

19.30 - 22.00

Congress Dinner at Faculty Club Leuven

DAY 4 - Saturday 30th May

09.00 - 13.00

Exhibit and Networking space open

08.30 - 09.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 11

- KEEPCARING Project: Advancing support to doctors' mental health and wellbeing
- Harmonisation of medical specialties in Europe
- Enhancing global healthcare quality through the Helsinki Declaration on Patient Safety in Anaesthesiology
- Working hours and Post-Graduate Training (PGT)
- Future of healthcare systems and healthcare provision in Europe: ERN role (EUROGEN experience)

DAY 4 - Saturday 30th May

09.30 - 10.30

Parallel Interactive Sessions 12

- Equal opportunities for education, training and professional development: A massive European challenge
- The specialty of General/ Family Practice in Europe: the UEMO and UEMS Perspective
- Competency-based hands-on training in surgical specialties: The evolving role of mentorship in residency training
- Geriatric Medicine training in an ageing Europe

10.30 - 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00 - 12.00

Parallel Interactive Sessions 13

- European Medical Academies – centuries of European history, culture and achievements: How do we use them as a vehicle to address the future of Europe in healthcare and beyond?
- Implications of the AI Act and EHDS for medical specialists
- Engaging patients as Partners: Co-production methods in medical training
- Centralisation of medical care – natural versus directed centralisation: The constant urge for super-specialisation to be legally recognised – the Belgian scene
- The medical specialist in Legal and Forensic Medicine in Europe

12.00 - 14.00

Closing Plenary Session

European medical workforce: Planning, make medicine attractive, sustain and support the workforce, respect, prepare for tough realities in the future

We will also be scheduling **additional engaging sessions and meetings**, including:

- **Abstract presentations** with interactive discussion
- **Meetings** in relation to our **Mentorship** Initiative
- **Networking** opportunities, such as a “**Meet and Discuss**” with members of the **UEMS Enlarged Executive**