THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION, QUALITY OF PRM PROGRAMMES AND FIELD OF COMPETENCE: THE ACTION PLAN OF THE PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE (PRM) SECTION AND BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS (UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES, UEMS) 2008-2010

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The main aim of the UEMS PRM Section and Board is to improve the quality of life of disabled persons in the EU. Achieving this goal means taking the following factors into account: internal factors such as the increasing number of countries involved in Section and Board activities and its organization, and external factors such as disabled persons' demography and needs, health and social care management, education and research in the field of physical disability at the European level.

A new Action Plan has been drawn up for the years 2008-2010 in the fields of Education (the Board), Quality of Care (the Clinical Affairs Committee), and the PRM Field of Competence (the Professional Practice Committee).

The first step was made at UEMS PRM Board level, as we announced at our general assembly in Rennes, in spring 2007. The Chairmen and Reporters of the other two Committees have also developed and coordinated their projects in the framework of the Action Plan of the PRM Section and Board.

For this action plan to succeed, the PRM Section and Board had to define the situation step by step in these various fields of activity (Education, Quality of Care, and Field of Competence), the main needs, the targets it is proposed to set and how they can be achieved.

We have to develop strong and well defined cooperation with partners such as the PRM scientific societies and their congresses (European Society of PRM, International Society of PRM, national PRM societies, Mediterranean PRM Forum), with the national academic and professional associations of physiatrists, and the Chief Editors of PRM Journals.

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