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To Dr Calin Bumbulut

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Dear Dr Bumbulut,

Dear Colleague,

We would like to thank you for your letter dated 3rd November 2016.

We appreciate you raised this matter, as the issue of proliferation of specializations and sub-specializations has been a considerable source of concern for the UEMS. The UEMS policy is to stand by the number of specialties mentioned in the Annex V of Directive 2013/36/EC and not to multiply unnecessarily the number of medical specialties.

With a current membership of 39 national associations and operating through 43 Specialist Sections and European Boards, the UEMS is committed to promote the free movement of medical specialists across Europe while ensuring the highest level of training that will pave the way to the improvement of quality of care for the benefit of all European citizens. The UEMS policy has always been to support professional mobility while ensuring the best quality and safety in Healthcare provided to patients through high quality medical training. Creation of new specialties that exist only in a limited number of countries makes it difficult for competent authorities to recognize such qualifications, reduces the accessibility of the healthcare and also could be confusing to the patients who increasingly use the cross-border care. In view of shortages of physicians in vast majority of EU

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countries it is necessary to maintain and even to expand versatility of the existing workforce. Splitting existing specialties would have an opposite, harmful effect.

Sincerely Yours,



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President of UEMS



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