European Board of Medical Genetics – Report for NHGS meeting

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Legal status

• Necessary to ensure legitimacy of EBMG work and professional registrations

• Statutes written, translated, submitted

• Application approved and EBMG now legal entity separate from ESHG (as of last Wednesday!).
Progress in the three divisions
Clinical Laboratory Geneticists (CLGs)

- Large and diverse group of professionals
- Many challenges with different national systems
- National systems of education and accreditation mapped into three groups
- Registration system planned – hopefully to go live in the coming year.
Medical division

• Necessary to work alongside UEMS

• UEMS section now fully established

• Aiming for joint working between UEMS section and EBMG medical division.
Genetic nurses and counsellors

- European registration system live
- Two-step application: 31 initial applications
- 22 full applications received.
- 18 counsellors now registered - from France, Italy, Ireland, Norway, Romania, Spain, UK. A further four have been advised more work is required to show competence.
- We learnt a lot through the first process!
Challenges for the next year

• Meeting Monday
• Get to grips with changes regarding EU Professional Qualifications Directive and use that to support professional recognition
• Effective collaboration and co-ordination of UEMS and EBMG efforts
• Launch of CLG registration system (Isabel Carreira has agreed to co-chair)
• Next cohort of GC registrants.....
Request

- Please encourage professionals from the three groups to support

- Advertise the system in your country and inform others of what registration means....
Thank you for your attention