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Mrs. Lucia Slobodova
Czech Ministry of Education and Sports
Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Mrs. Slobodova,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Medical Genetics Professionals in Greece. I wish to express the full endorsement of the proposed UEMS Clinical Genetics curriculum, as was adopted on 25 April 2009, as part of the description of Clinical Genetics as a Medical Specialty in the EU.

As you may be aware, in Greece the specialty of Medical Genetics, has not been recognized to date, either on the level of Clinical or Laboratory Genetics.

Based on over 2 decades of effort (with so far little success), there is presently an ad-hoc committee, comprising of relevant medical and laboratory professionals, under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Health, which is advising on the conditions for establishing the specialty of medical Genetics in Greece. The committee in Greece has proposed a training period of 5 years but would accept education in other European countries with a 4 year training period.

In conclusion we strongly support and endorse the inclusion of Clinical Genetics into the Directive 2005/36 towards the recognition of this important specialty at the European level.

Yours sincerely,

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