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Dear Ms. Lucia Slobodov 

This letter is to confirm that the Swiss Society of Medical Genetics (SSMG) which is the professional organization responsible for approving and supervising the formal training and education of medical geneticists within the national Medical Association (FMH; "Federatio medicorum helveticorum") fully endorses the UEMS Clinical Genetics curriculum with a total duration of 4 years as stated in the "Description of Clinical Genetics as a medical specialty in EU: aims and objectives of specialist training" adopted on April 25, 2009. Clinical Genetics ("Medical Genetics" in Switzerland) is a primary full specialisation since 1999.

The SSMG was founded in 1978 and the society developed a formal training programme to come into effect on January 1, 1999. It was accredited by the Swiss Federal Department of the Interior on May 31, 2005 and underwent several revisions (the most recent on September 6, 2007). The legal framework is presented on the FMH website available in German and French (<http://www.fmh.ch/ww/de/pub/awf/weiterbildung.cfm>).

Briefly, the duration of the formal training is 5 years in our country including a period of 24 months of basic clinical training in various optional disciplines. To direct a diagnostic lab a different formal qualification open to MD's as well as PhD's is required ("Specialist for medical genetic testing FAMH").

The board of the Swiss Society of Medical Genetics fully supports and endorses the inclusion of Clinical Genetics into Directive 2005/36 towards the mutual recognition of this essential specialisation at the European level.

Sincerely yours

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