

SOME HISTORICAL NOTES ABOUT UEMS ALLERGOLOGY SECTION

The first Professional body for Allergology in Europe was the UNION EUROPÉENNE DES ALLERGISTS (UEA) founded in the late sixties by a group of distinguished European Allergists: DUCHAINE, JAMAR DE BEULE, from Belgium – WOLFROMM, CHARPIN, CANY from France, SANGIORGI, SERAFINI from Italy, SURINIYACH from Spain, QUARLES VAN UFFORD from Netherlands, WILKEN-JENIEN from Denmark and others.

The first years UEA has proposed some general rules from the practice of Allergy and tried to make the specialty accepted in all European countries.

Until 1983 UEA executive committee only meets every third year during the European Congress of EAACI.



In 1983 the President Prof. SERAFINI retired as well as the General Secretary Dr. CANY, Prof. DRY has been elected President and I have been asked to take the Secretariat which I have maintained by election until 1992.

In 1985 UEA asked to be integrated in UEMS as Allergology Section this request being accepted. In 1986 due to the increasing number of problems to solve according to the general rule of UEMS an annual meeting has started. In the same years Allergology has been accepted as a full speciality by UEMS. In 1990 we started a second annual meeting in fall. In 1991 after the untimely death of Prof. J. DRY, I assume in accord with the by-laws the charge of President until a confirmatory election in 1992 UEMS Section and Boards have

created in 1991. Allergology Section has decided to have a President to both an later 2 Secretaries – one for the Section the other for the Board.

Until 2001 most of the meetings have been held in Portugal, Lisbon 5 times, Cascais 2, Sintra 1, Queluz 1. Claude Pinon (France) Secretary during a long time has resigned meanwhile and Barthold Hornung has assumed this charge, from the founders members ROBERT de BEULE has been Adjunt-Treasurer until passing away in 2006.

I resigned in 2001 after 4 terms of 2 years and 1 supplementary year on charge and proposed Sergio Del Giacco, President until 2007 replaced by JAN DE MONCHY who has a long experience in the Sections and Board, until 2015. The present president of the Allergology Section is now Prof. Roy Gerth Van Wijk from Holland.

Meanwhile the change of denomination from Allergology to Allergology and Clinical Allergology although approved 10 years ago by the E.C. of UEMS has not yet been officially published in the official journal of E.U. and we still remain Allergology Sections.

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