MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

1. UEMS (Union Europeenne des Medecins Specialistes), an international non-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of Belgium, having its registered seat at 24 Rue de l’Industrie, 1040 Brussels – Belgium, acting through its Specialist Section of Surgery, hereby validly represented by European Board of Transplantation Immunology (EBTI) of the Division of Transplantation of the UEMS Section of Surgery

Hereafter: « EBTI »

and

2. European Federation for Immunogenetics incorporated under the laws of France, having its registered seat at 10 Rue Spielmann, 67065 Strasbourg cedex, France, hereby validly represented by Prof. Elisavetta Naumova, President of EFI 2015-2018

Hereafter: “European Society”

The parties sub (1) and (2) shall hereafter be referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

The UEMS and the European Society are active in areas relevant to the quality of medical specialist practice in Europe and to the quality of care for the benefit of European patients. The Parties are willing to create a partnership that will promote and facilitate their activities in this area.

The overall goal of collaboration and cooperation is to define joint actions, to achieve the best possible outcomes and to increase visibility of both Parties.

The Parties seek through this Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) to define their partnership, to explore and to develop new opportunities in accordance with their objectives and competence. Through this MoU, the Parties also aim to establish an efficient and transparent communication between them.

THE PARTIES DECLARE THAT

1. SCOPE

This MoU outlines the principles of cooperation and collaboration between the UEMS Section and the European Society.
2. INTENTION OF THE PARTIES

The Parties acknowledge that this MoU does not, and is not meant to, constitute a legally binding agreement between them. Whenever an activity undertaken by both Parties would require a formal legal framework, the Parties will conclude a formal, legally binding agreement.

The non-binding relationship between the UEMS and the European Society governed by this MoU is that of independent partners. Nothing contained in this document will be construed as constituting any other relationship between the Parties.

This MoU does not prevent or limit the European Society or UEMS to enter agreements with other parties. Both Parties declare that they will not enter agreements that would jeopardize or invalidate this MoU and, whenever reasonable doubt would arise as to whether a new agreement is likely to be in conflict with this MoU, the Parties will communicate and strive to resolve any outstanding issues.

3. INTERNAL POLICIES

Subject to the terms of this MoU, the implementation and pursuit of the goals, objectives, conditions and terms of this collaboration will be carried out in accordance with the internal policies and procedures of each Party.

4. SCOPE OF COMPETENCES AND ROLES

a) European Scientific Society

According to its articles of association, the European Society mission is:

- To advance the development of Immunogenetics in Europe as a discipline of medicine and support research and training.
- To provide a forum for exchange of scientific information and to reinforce the skills and knowledge of young scientists and others working in the field.
- To create a formal organisation of workers in the field of immunogenetics, histocompatibility testing and transplantation.
- To elaborate recommendations for standardisation of techniques, quality control and criteria for accreditation and to support their implementations.
- To promote the organisation and use of immunogenetic data bases.
- To develop relations with similar organisations.

To achieve this goal, the key activities of the European Society include:

The establishment of an Executive Committee which guides activities organised in various sub-committees (Accreditation, Education, External Proficiency Testing, Scientific, Standards and Quality Assurance). An annual Scientific Conference is organised and regional educational events are supported.

b) UEMS

According to its articles of association, the UEMS objectives are to promote the harmonization of training standards for specialist physicians within the European Union and to promote free
movement of specialist doctors within the European Union. The UEMS is independent from the medical industry in order to assure an unbiased position in areas of medical politics and in the accreditation of CME.

The key activities of the UEMS include:

- Political lobbying (European Commission, Parliament, Support of NMAs);
- Standard setting for specialist training and practice;
- Accreditation of continuing medical education (CME) and continuing professional development (CPD).

The UEMS members are the 37 National Medical Associations. Specialist Sections, their Divisions and Boards, and Multidisciplinary Joint Committees are UEMS bodies, created to develop and promote the highest standards of medical specialist training and professional development, to improve quality of specialist medical care to the patient, and to defend the interests of medical specialists in their respective fields.

5. MUTUAL RECOGNITION

Each Party acknowledges the competences of the other, according to its articles of association.

Each Party acknowledges that the other is an essential partner in the development and improvement of the quality of medical specialist practice of Transplantation Immunology in Europe. The Parties recognize that their continued collaboration should be a crucial and integral element to the future success of both organizations and their members.

6. AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UEMS AND THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY

The Parties undertake to collaborate in order to achieve the objectives of mutual interest.

The areas of collaboration between the UEMS and the European Society can include, but shall not be limited to:

- Elaboration of a European specialist training curriculum
- Organisation of specialist European examinations
- Organisation of appraisal and accreditation of training centers and programs
- Development and promotion of high quality, unbiased CME/CPD
- Setting European standards of specialist practice
- Monitoring status of Transplantation Immunology and developments in specialist practice of Transplantation Immunology in European and other countries
- Lobbying efforts
- Provision of joint opinions and statements to the EU institutions
- Networking between specialties
- Development of European Training Fellowships for the specialty of Transplantation Immunology
- Engagement with:
  - trainee representatives
  - patients' organizations
The UEMS and the European Society commit to working in close cooperation and to actively exchange information that is of common interest and/or might be of significance to both organizations and their members.

The Parties recognize that:

- each Party is a key partner in the areas of collaboration described in this document;
- The European Society expertise concentrates on organization and provision of CME/CPD, scientific research, the development of practice guidelines and standards,
- UEMS expertise concentrates on accreditation of CME/CPD, elaboration of Training Requirements and curricula, organization and accreditation of European Examinations.

The Parties agree to involve the other Party when elaborating major policy documents at the earliest possible stage of the process in order to receive its input.

7. EUROPEAN BOARD

The UEMS and the European Society acknowledge that the European Board is the framework for cooperation and the forum for discussion between representatives of both Parties. The European Society recognizes that European Board in Transplantation Immunology is a UEMS body and should follow the rules of the UEMS described in its Statutes and Rules of Procedures.

The Parties will closely cooperate to establish a satisfactory representation of each Party in European Boards.

8. COMMUNICATION

The UEMS Board of Transplantation Immunology of the Division of Transplantation of the UEMS Section of Surgery will be in charge of communication with the European Society in all matters regarding cooperation, in particular those defined in this MoU, communications to the UEMS Executive, other UEMS bodies and to UEMS constituency. This MoU does not change the UEMS representation rules or waive information and formal approval duties of the UEMS Section described in the UEMS Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

The European Society will be in charge of communication with national societies in Transplantation Immunology in all matters regarding cooperation, in particular those defined in this MoU.

The European Society and the UEMS Board of Transplantation Immunology will each appoint a person for all contacts with the other party. Should there be a change in each Party’s contact person, the partner shall inform each other as soon as possible. In all instances and for all matters pertinent to cooperation between European Society and UEMS both parties will seek to establish prompt, transparent and efficient communication of to ensure that common goals are well defined, served and promoted.
Both parties will provide a link on their website to the other’s website.

a) **Official announcement**

An official announcement of the present memorandum will be made on both Parties websites as a common statement by the UEMS and the European Society after signature of the agreement. The statement will be also circulated to both Parties constituency.

9. **REPRESENTATION**

The President of the European Society or an appointed representative of the European Society is invited to take part in the executive meetings of the UEMS Board of Transplantation Immunology.

Likewise, the President of the UEMS Board of Transplantation Immunology or his representative is invited to take part in meetings of the Education committee (the European Society’s Executive or an appropriate body).

10. **FUNDING**

This MoU does not include the exchange of funds between parties.

The division of the revenue generated by the activities of the EBTI between the UEMS Section of Surgery, the EBTI and EFI are described in the attached Appendix 1.

11. **MODIFICATION**

This MoU can be modified or amended only in writing signed by both parties. Additions to this MoU are in Appendix 1. The signed MoU is valid with the Appendix only.

12. **TERM AND TERMINATION**

This MoU is concluded for an indefinite period.

13. **EFFECTIVITY**

This MoU is effective immediately upon signature of all parties here to.

Date: 21.02.2015 20.10.2015 17.10.2015

UEMS Section of Surgery UEMS Board of Transplantation Immunology (EBTI) European Federation for Immunogenetics
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President, Section of Surgery President of the EBTI President of EFI
Appendix 1

This appendix accompanies the Memorandum of understanding between the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS) and the European Federation for Immunogenetics (EFI) signed on 17.10.2015

Obligations of EFI

1) Perform an annual review and update the syllabus for the ESHI Diploma. The EBTI Board will be notified of this review and of any updates by the EFI Executive Committee
2) Provide the EFI logo for the certificate
3) Nominate an EFI member for the EBTI board, to act as liaison for the Executive Committee

Obligations of UEMS

4) Inform EFI of any changes required for the syllabus
5) Organise and perform the examinations
6) Charge fees for the examination
7) Share the profits derived from the fees with EFI and EBTI according to the following scheme:
   25% to UEMS
   25% to EFI
   50% to EBTI
   From the 50% received by EBTI a reserve fund of € 5,000 should be maintained.

In situations where individuals are eligible for reimbursement by both EFI and EBTI (e.g. attending meetings on behalf of both organisations), the reimbursement costs will be divided. This will be enabled by sharing the names of reimbursed persons between treasurers.

The EBTI budget showing all income and expenditure will be sent to the EFI Treasurer at the end of each year. The EFI Treasurer will invoice EBTI for EFI’s share of the income.

8) Include EFI in further activities (e.g. accreditation) relating to Transplantation Immunology as and when the need arises

EFI is not liable for any deficit incurred by the EBTI’s activities.