REPORT ON THE DIVISION OF GENERAL SURGERY – MARCH 2015

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Not pyramidal but multi-layered and flat – decisions taken at nodes where there is maximal information flow
demographic shift:

- Wider nationality base - but retaining identity: Successful
- Wider age base – increasing active life span: Successful
- Wider gender base – Very slow progress: Only one female member
Events in 2014

- UEMS – EBSQ General Surgery Exam in Beirut on the 17th and 18th June 2014: Results reported at the UEMS Section and Board meeting in Stockholm on 20th September 2014

- Meeting of the UEMS Division of General Surgery on 17th June 2014: New Executive elected.

- Intensive networking
Events in first Quarter of 2015

- Joint Surgical Gastroenterology Conference in Dubai together with the UAE Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, organised by Prime Hospital Dubai 26th to 28th February 2015

- FEBS General Surgery recognised as a postgraduate specialty qualification in Saudi Arabia and Qatar (Faris Al Aswad)

- Spanish and Portugese representation in the Division (Arturo Soriano; Manuel Jorge Queiroz Medeiros)

- Inroads as regards representation of French General Surgeons in the Division (Veronique Laloe)
Future plans for 2015

- UEMS-EBSQ Gen. Surg. Exam in Beijing on 13th and 14th May 2015 depending on number of candidates registered by the end of March
- UEMS-EBSQ Gen. Surg. in Beirut 23rd to 25th June 2015: Discussions in progress at the time of the Section and Board Meeting in Berlin
- Preparatory Course in Athens on 29th and 30th June 2015
Financial situation

- Economy class flight expenses to Examiners at the Beirut EBSQ Exam in Beirut have still to be reimbursed.

- The profit/loss balance should be still in the positive.
Next meeting of the Division

- 13\textsuperscript{th} to 14\textsuperscript{th} of May in Beijing
Structural reforms sometimes work