



Brussels, 30th June 2026

To: **Colleagues from the Belgian Medical Association (FMS)**
Colleagues from the Belgian Society of Pathology (BSP)

Re: Official letter of condolences on the passing of Dr Bernard Maillet

Dear Professor Politis,
Dear Doctor Croes,

It is with profound sadness that the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS) has learned of the passing of Dr Bernard Maillet.

Dr Maillet served as Secretary-General of the UEMS from 2002 to 2010, dedicating himself wholeheartedly to the organisation and to the advancement of European medical specialists. Those who had the privilege of working alongside him remember not only his professionalism and integrity, but also his kindness, generosity and unwavering commitment to the UEMS. For Bernard, the UEMS was far more than an organisation—it was a cause to which he devoted his time, energy and heart.

Throughout his years as Secretary-General, Bernard worked tirelessly to strengthen the UEMS and to bring its community closer together. He regularly attended meetings of the UEMS Sections and Boards, taking every opportunity to present the work, mission and vision of the UEMS, encourage dialogue between specialties and foster a stronger sense of belonging to the organisation. He firmly believed that the strength of the UEMS lay in the active engagement and collaboration of its members.

During his tenure, Dr Maillet also played an important role in expanding the activities and influence of the UEMS across Europe. He was instrumental in developing collaboration with medical organisations in several European countries, contributing to the growing recognition of the UEMS as the representative voice of European medical specialists.

His contribution to the development of the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) was equally significant. At a formative stage in its history, he supported the expansion of the EACCME® by promoting collaboration with national accreditation authorities and helping establish agreements that strengthened the European framework for continuing medical education. His vision and



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dedication contributed to building the foundations of the internationally recognised accreditation system that the EACCME® represents today.

Beyond his many achievements, Bernard will be remembered as a trusted colleague and loyal friend. He was respected for his professionalism, his unwavering commitment and his genuine care for the UEMS and for the colleagues with whom he worked. His dedication to the values of collaboration, integrity and service left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

On behalf of the UEMS Enlarged Executive Committee, the UEMS Council, the UEMS Sections and Boards, the EACCME® Governance and the UEMS Secretariat, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, his friends, our colleagues in the Belgian medical community and all those who mourn his passing.

Dr Bernard Maillet leaves behind a remarkable legacy. His dedication helped shape the UEMS and contributed to the growth of the EACCME®, creating lasting benefits for generations of European medical specialists. He will be remembered with deep gratitude, admiration and affection.

May he rest in peace.

With deepest sympathy,

Prof. Vassilios Papalois
President of UEMS

Dr João Grenho
Secretary General of UEMS