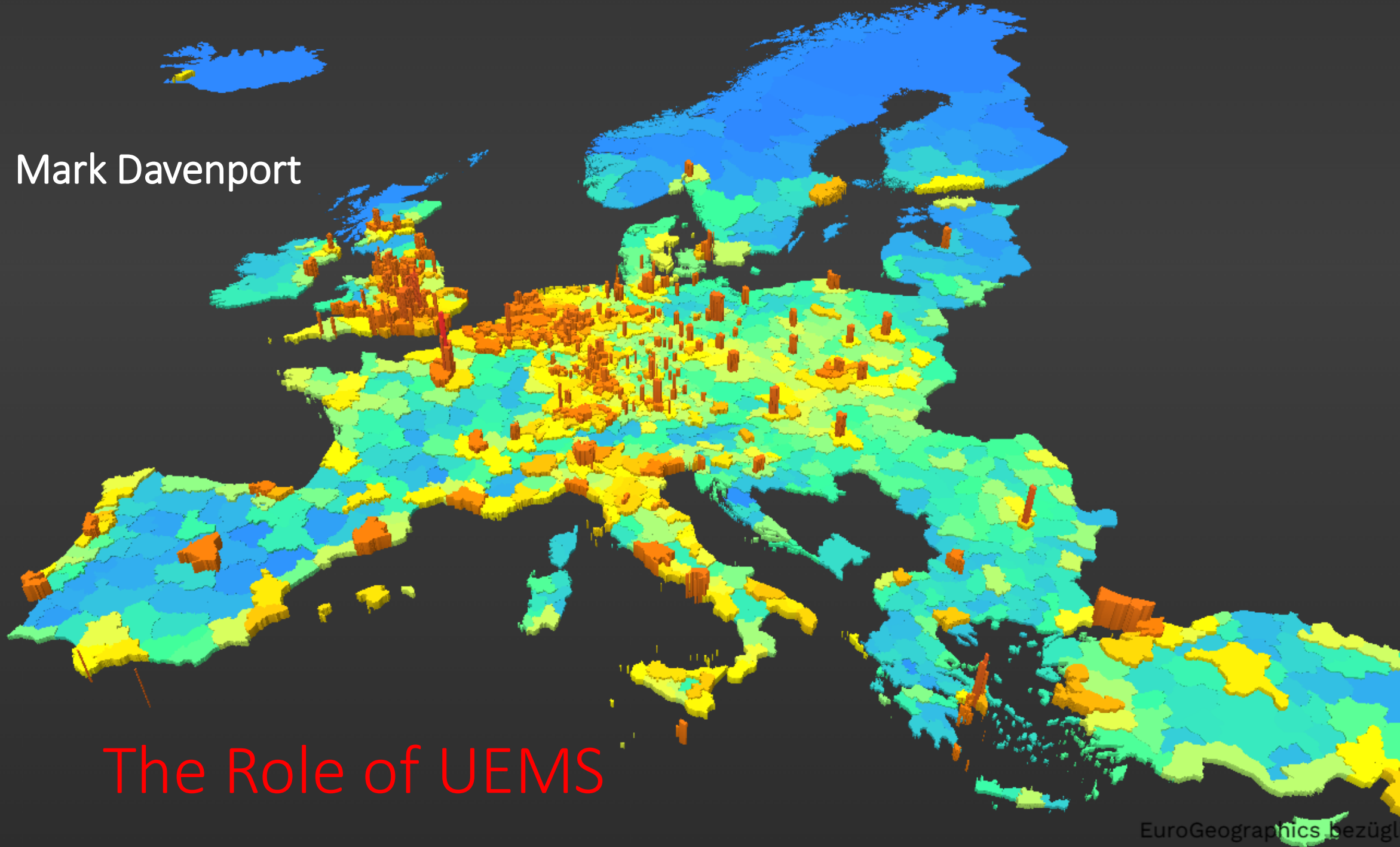


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The Role of UEMS

UEMS

(Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes)

- **UEMS**
 - Formed in 1958 from EEC members
 - NGO.
 - Represents national associations of medical specialists at the European level.
 - Based in Brussels
- **Membership**
 - 40 national associations (e.g. BMA, RCS)
 - 43 Specialist Sections and their European Boards. (e.g. BAPS)
- **Aim**
 - to promote the free movement of medical specialists across Europe while ensuring consensus on their professional competence.
 - improvement of quality of care for the benefit of all citizens.
- **Paediatric Surgery – recognised as a monospeciality**
 - Since 1978
 - 1st president – Andrew Wilkinson (GOSH)
 - James Lister (Liverpool) (BAPS president)
 - BAPS/ UK training the driving force behind this initiative.
 - Business conducted in English
- **Section and Board of Paediatric Surgery**
 - 1997 - Training centres (1st Graz, Austria)
 - Currently ~40 around Europe
- **Examination (Based on UK examination)**
 - 1999 – Paris (MCQ, Oral and Clinical)
 - 2007 – Pt 1 (MCQ) Pt 2 (Oral and Clinical)
 - 2019 – Pt 1 (MCQ) Pt 2 (3 x 60 min OSCE)

 - Pass rate ~ 60 - 70%
 - Trained outside Europe ~50%



European Integration in UK

- **Continuation of recognition of EU/EEA qualifications for a period of two years post-transition.**
 - To end of 2023.
- **GMC**
 - “is currently looking into its post-Brexit routes to registration to ensure that EU/EEA doctors can continue to register with the GMC in a timely and streamlined way once the standstill rules end”.



Postgraduate Training

- **Aims**

- Standardisation/recognition of centres
- Common glossary

- **Methods**

- Common curriculum

Urology, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Medical oncology, Psychiatry, paediatric metabolic medicine.

- **European Training Requirements (ETR)**

- Harmonise and improve training programs in paed. surgery (PS) between different European countries.
- Establish clearly defined standards of knowledge and skill required to deliver care in P.S. at tertiary care specialist (consultant) level.
- Improve the quality of care for children requiring surgical services.
- Foster the development of a European network of competent tertiary care centres for P.S.
- Promote European contributions, commitment and collaborations with professionals





European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME)
An institution of U.E.M.S.

EEACME 3.0

- **Mutual recognition of educational credits with**

- American Medical Association
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Canada)
- CONFEMAL (Latin America)

- **E-learning**

- **Live medical events**

- 2023 n = 11, including colorectal course, ECMO, EUPSA, ESPES, IRCAD



European Examination (EBPS)

- **1999**

- Started by Robert Carachi (Glasgow)

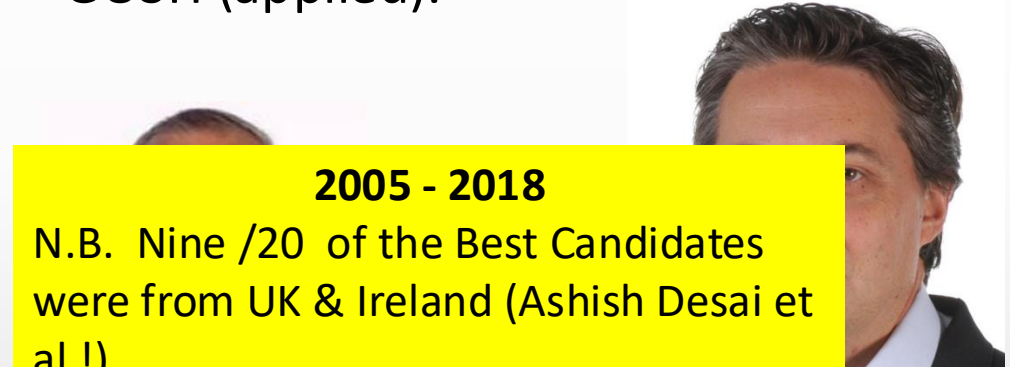
- **2016 – present**

- Salvo Cascio (Dublin)
- OSCE
 - Mohamed Shalaby (Bristol)
- Examiners include
 - Diane de Caluwe (C&W)
 - Alan Mortell (Dublin)
 - Ahmed Darwish (Brighton)
 - Azad Mathur (Norwich)
 - Carl Davies (Glasgow)
 - Paul Losty (Bangkok)

N.B. organisation support – x2 from UK
(Ms Mackensie / Mrs Robertson)

- **Accredited centres**

- Dublin, Glasgow, Cambridge, C & W, GOSH (applied).



2005 - 2018

N.B. Nine /20 of the Best Candidates were from UK & Ireland (Ashish Desai et al.!)



Pros and Cons of Remaining in UEMS

- UK is still part of Europe
 - Ireland is still part of the EU!
 - High proportion of surgeons are European
 - UK/Irish participation at all levels of UEMS, particularly the exam.
 - Convergence not divergence
- **£385**

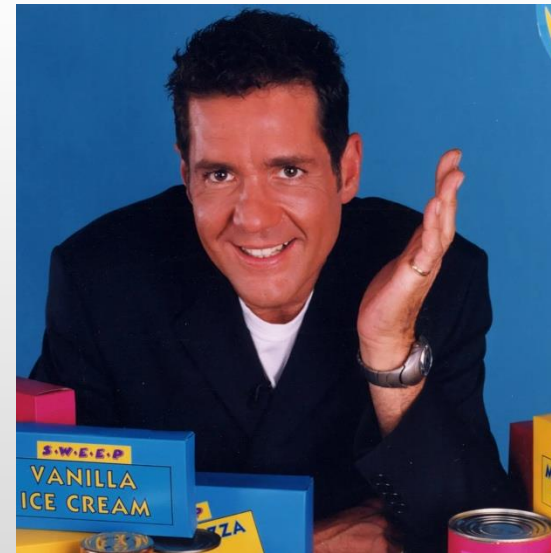
**Disentangle the Paediatric Surgical section
from UEMS as a whole**



- “Better to have your enemies inside the tent pissing out, than outside the tent pissing in.”

- “In it to win it..”

- Dale Winton- The National Lottery





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Association internationale sans but lucratif – International non-profit organisation

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