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1. Administration

Besides the day-to-day administration related to office management, the following tasks were accomplished:

Statutes :With the help of the VLK and a German lawyer we could avoid a complicated liquidation procedure of the German association by asking the German court of justice a simple accept transfer of the association from Düsseldorf to Brussels. This is now achieved.

Enlargement :At the occasion of the EU enlargement, the Medical Associations of the new countries received again a presentation and an invitation to join our organisation. To the proposal to include them in the e-mail distribution list to receive “News from Brussels”, only the Armenian Medical Association responded positively.

Application :The Council of Europe calls for expertise in their different working committees. The AEMH applied for this consultative statute. There has been no decision so far.

Finance : The contribution fees and their solely historical basis having been questioned by some member delegations, I have worked out some projections in order to assist the treasurer to find a more equitable contribution key.

2. Internal and External Communication

<http://www.aemh.org>

The AEMH website is now redesigned and is the sole external communication tool. The main page gives visitors access to the statutes, objectives, official documents and the structure of the AEMH. The “members only” page helps member delegations especially before the plenary meeting to access easily all working documents. Some delegates contributed to the newly installed “photo gallery”, which covers the Copenhagen and Madrid meetings, in particular the social events.

“News from Brussels”

This electronic news alert intends to update the delegates on EU policy affairs and gives links to the most important websites of the European institutions where documents and statistics can be retrieved.

3. Meetings

« InfoDay 2004 » EU Commission, DG SANCO

22 March 2004 in Luxembourg

The AEMH secretary attended the meeting in order to collect information on the rules, criteria and procedures for the selection and funding of actions under the Public health programme..

“New genetic applications and access to healthcare”, EU Commission DG Research

24 March 2004 in Brussels

The meeting was an appeal for strict and appropriate legislation to be introduced at both national and European level to avoid potential social discrimination. Participants sent out a clear message about the need to keep genetic testing in the medical frame.

“Stakeholder Conference on a future European regulatory framework for human tissue-engineered products”, EU Commission, DG Enterprise

16 April 2004 in Brussels

The main concern of the medical profession would be patient safety when the possibility to market human tissue engineered products would become a reality. In this respect the view of the Director of DG Enterprise, Mr Weissenberg was reassuring as he thought crucial that authorisations to market human tissue engineered products were given by experts in the field. It also needs experts to debate if there is a basis for differentiating between allogenic and autologous products.

AEMH Symposium “Risk Management”

39th AEMH Board Meeting

55th AEMH Plenary Meeting

22-24 April 2004 in Madrid

“Human genetic testing, what implications?” EU Commission, DG Science and Society

6-7 May 2004 in Brussels

This European citizens' and stakeholders' conference was held to discuss the ethical, social and legal aspects of human genetic testing in research and healthcare applications. The conference was based on a report and 25 recommendations made by

a high-level, independent expert group. People with personal experience in genetic testing gave moving testimonies to the participants.

“Open Health Forum”

17 May 2004 in Brussels

The AEMH President and Secretary General received invitations and attended for the first time this annual event. Session 3 entitled “Citizens and Health” was attended by the Secretary General. The aim of this session was to examine citizen and patient rights.

“Hospitals in the USA and in Belgium : Same Challenges, different solutions ?”

19 May 2004 in Brussels

The symposium was organized by the Belgian Federal Public Health Service and speakers presentations covered topics such as accreditation, quality improvement, risk management and budgetisation, which have been forwarded to the respective AEMH working groups.

“A stronger EU-based Pharma Industry for the Benefit of the Patient“

3 Juin 2004 in Brussels

Commissioners Liikanen and Byrne had set up the G10 Medicines Group (High Level Group on Innovation and the Provision of Medicines) three years ago to develop a consensus between key stakeholders on ways to improve competitiveness of the pharmaceutical sector in Europe. The Public Forum had been called to review the current state of the pharmaceutical sector in the EU and to highlight the challenges for the future. The key objective was to tackle the relative decline in competitiveness of the European-based pharmaceutical industry compared with its US competitors.

“EU Public Health Policy Dialogue”

15 July 2004 in Brussels

The meeting had been called by commissioner Byrne who at this occasion launched a reflection process on what the EU should do to provide all citizens with good health care.

“AEMH-FEMS Presidents meeting”

20 July 2004 in Brussels

In preparation of the meeting comparative surveys on the members, the structure and the statutes were drafted. A proposal to host a permanent FEMS secretariat and provide secretarial tasks was put forward. For this purpose and to whom it may concern I have issued a job description.

ECA, Accountants

4 August 2004 and 22 September 2004

The meeting was initiated in order to give instructions for an intermediary report of the first semester 2004 in order to allow a closer follow-up of the accounts and ensure to comply with the budget.

CPME

10-11 September 2004 in Brussels

I attended the meetings of the Sub-committees of Ethics and Prevention while the President attended the parallel session of the Training and Health care commission. The CPME meetings give also the opportunity to meet medical associations which are not member in the AEMH. I met Miss Lenka Grohova, assistant to the President of the Czech Medical Chamber, who will investigate for a possible membership.

Consultation on a Comprehensive EC/EU Policy to Confront HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria globally, EU Commission, DG Development

14 September 2004 in Brussels

This meeting was chaired by the Directorate Development and reported on the global state of these communicable diseases as well in developed as in developing countries and put the question of how to reconcile needs-based and rights-based approaches. Problems such as poverty in developing country, nutrition, education and discrimination of the infected population evidenced the need for a cross-sectorial programme.

4. Objectives 2nd semester 2004

The increase of the tasks demonstrated the necessity to structure the activities of the secretariat. On the basis of the new job description I will therefore work out a time sheet to fill in, enabling to

- evaluate the expenditure of time per post;
- optimize the sequences of activities;
- improve the efficiency;
- explore options of time saving.

The target is to show total transparency of what is done and what it costs. In case the FEMS answers positively to the proposal of hosting their secretariat it is valuable to have a clear picture of the activity of the secretariat. However, the main addressees will be the Member delegations who are entitled to know what they pay for, as the salary post is the highest in the budget.