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**Minutes of the AEMH-FEMS Joint Executive Meeting
Varese, 2 October 2004
Opening : 9.00 – Closing : 13.00**

Venue: Hotel Chateau Porro Pirelli

Participants: Dr. Antony Bertrand, President FEMS
Dr. Maurizio Dal Maso, Vice-President FEMS
Prof. Claude-François Degos, 2nd Vice-President AEMH
Dr. Jean-François Gillette, Treasurer FEMS
Brigitte Jencik, Secretary General AEMH
Dr. Rolf Kirschner, Treasurer AEMH
Dr. Raymond Lies, President AEMH
Dr. Pier Maria Morresi, 3rd Vice-President AEMH
Prof. Hartmut Nolte, 1st Vice-President AEMH
Prof. Reinhart Waneck, Vice-President FEMS
Dr. Claude Wetzel, Secretary General FEMS

Dr Bertrand and Dr. Lies opened the session by thanking Dr Morresi for having initiated this meeting and for the warm welcome.

Dr Lies then reminded the circumstances which have led to call this meeting, i.e. the integration proposal into the CPME of all European medical associations. This proposal emanated from the BMA and the Irish Medical Organisation, both not member neither in the AEMH, nor in the FEMS. As both AEMH and FEMS reject the integration proposal and both are the stakeholders of the hospital sector, this meeting should lay the basis for a common position and an alternative proposal of cooperation. The aim is to present a common position at the CPME conference on the future of the European Medical Organisations.

1. Personal Introduction by each Attendee

Each participant gave in a roundtable a synopsis of his professional and -concerning Prof. Waneck- his political background.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Analysis of the situation AEMH & FEMS within the framework of CPME / AOs

Dr. Wetzel wondered whether the members of the AEMH, who are also member in the CPME want the end of the AOs. This was denied by Prof. Degos as the French Chamber is member in the CPME but they do not represent hospital physicians. Dr Kirschner reported from the Norwegian medical organisation, comprising indeed all branches under one umbrella organisation, which is strongly represented in the CPME. Nevertheless they want to see the AEMH grow stronger.

Prof. Waneck agreed that one organisation would not be sufficient for the medical profession to be represented in Brussels. This led Dr Dal Maso to question whether the problem is not the CPME.

Dr. Lies agreed that in fact the CPME does not primarily handle hospital problems, but we need the CPME and it is up to us to get more influence within in the CPME. Dr. Wetzel reflected on the position of the PWG as another stakeholder involved in hospital problems and whether a closer co-operation should be envisage in a farer future.

4. Short term strategy AEMH & FEMS

a) In course of implementation:

➤ Exchange of information (AEMH: “News from Brussels”, access to “members only” website; FEMS : “Info France”)

The exchange of information has already become routine on both sides.

➤ Common meetings on Executive level:

Meetings should be limited to executive level for the moment. One should also avoid to talk about merger or fusion. It must be made clear that AEMH and FEMS work together but stay independent from one another and keep their specificities.

➤ Joint statement (First example “The Future of EMOs”)

It was decided not to compile the AEMH and the FEMS document but first to reach an approval on the documents separately.

b) Evaluate possible further co-operation

➤ Merge of working groups

It was decided to concentrate on one or two topics per year, which have been defined as being : Financing of hospitals, Patients Safety in hospitals, Participation of doctors in management problems, CPD.

➤ Joint Permanent Secretariat

During the Presidents Meeting in July Brigitte Jencik had proposed to provide secretarial tasks to FEMS within the AEMH office. This proposal was retained in principle. The two treasurers and the secretary will work together on the practical and financial conditions.

All participants agreed that this is a positive action for all parties involved, including the CPME in its attempt to achieve the Domus Medica.

5. Long term strategy AEMH & FEMS

➤ Under this topic it was restated that AEMH and FEMS will remain two independent organisations.

6. Framework of Actions

➤ Organise further meetings on executive level.

➤ Reach agreements on common documents.

7. Miscellaneous

No other items being brought forward, the Presidents Dr Bertrand and Dr Lies closed the meeting by thanking Dr Morresi for this fruitful meeting, which might well be remembered in the future as the Morresi-agreement.