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**The Future of the European Medical Organisations**

Following different interrogations and reorganization models the CPME-President Dr Grewin took the initiative to invite all the national member associations and all associated European medical organization to a conference during which all different views could be expressed and further developed.

The conference started with a presentation comparing the different European medical organizations and their common or different members. National medical associations expressed their views, which was mostly comparing their national representation model to the European situation. The expression, which was mostly used was to speak with “one voice” or rather the “single” voice of the medical profession. The independent European Medical Organisations got the opportunity to expose their perspectives. Although the single voice was also favoured, the nuance was that this single voice must not necessarily be the voice of the CPME. On this occasion the AEMH-President Dr Lies gave his reflections based on the view of the AEMH-Board laid down in the statement AEMH 04/055.

The conclusion of the meeting was the common view that a better cooperation and coordination of actions has to be reached in the respect of all specificities. Those NMAs and EMOs having not expressed their views are invited to do so. The CPME will keep the lead and follow-up.

**Speech of the AEMH-President Dr Lies**

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**1. Quid AEMH ?**

Since 42 years the AEMH does not only represent the European hospital physicians but studies and analyses the different problems of hospital life. For many years the registered office has been in Düsseldorf in the surrounding of the VLK, the German organisation representing the hospital physicians in leading positions. The AEMH made four years ago under the presidency of Dr Aarimaa as the first European Medical Organisation the step to join the CPME premises. Our independent secretariat would only be too pleased to become more complementary and a proposal for synergy is in this respect is on the agenda of the two organisations AEMH and FEMS at their respective general assemblies in May 2005.

## 2. The Future

Such as the UEMS with the huge professional activity of their sections and since 1998, when we initiated together with Dr Leibbrandt a split of tasks, the AEMH has focused on hospital problems, i.e.

- Working conditions
- Risk management,
- Quality programmes,
- Patients Safety,
- Continuing Medical Education,
- Organisation of departments,
- European legislation and migration of doctors,
- Participation in the hospital management.

I do not revert in detail to the statement of the AEMH-Board which will be submitted for vote to the next general assembly and which takes example on the political structure of the EU, but I consider that the future of the European Medical Organisations should be done with the help of a **Road Map for co-operation** in which progressive terms will allow within the **financial framework established by the treasurers** of all national organizations and submitted for approval to the boards of all European Medical Organisations to settle the complementary or integrated programmes of the future common work (sections or sub-committees).

The Committee of Presidents of the EMOs will be in charge to take care of the **timing**, the **finances** and the **quality of representativity** of the medical organisations (role of **project management**).

This system would allow to rationalize further (=cost saving) while ensuring the specific representativity of the European Medical Organisations. Personally I support the proposal of the UEMS concerning the system of “troika” used by the EU in external relations .

Dr Raymond Lies  
AEMH-President

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