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NATIONAL REPORT
PANHELLENIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Panhellenic Medical Association and the Hospital Physicians would like to express the warmest thanks to the AEMH President, Dr. Lies and to the AEMH Secretariat, as well as to the Secretariat and the International Department of the Panhellenic Medical Association that deal with the Medical European Organisations and the CPME, as all the above mentioned contributed with intense efforts made since 2004, so that we are today pleased to host here in Athens the 58th AEMH General Assembly and the Conference on the Continuing Professional Development of Doctors (CPD).

With regard to the activity of the Panhellenic Medical Association (PhMA), that is the remarkable work, presented and developed in 2004 through suggestions, proposals and interventions within Hellas and within the European field (European Medical Organisations), it is as follows :

ACTIVITIES WITHIN HELLAS AND PRESENTATION OF IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DECISIONS

Two of the most active members of the PhMA Board, the President Dr. Kalokerinos and the General Secretary Dr. Karantanas, since 2004 they have undertaken two of the most important posts of the Ministry of Health, with the Minister of Health, Prof. *Nikitas Kakkamanis*, that was considered one of the most successful Ministers in 2004, because with his initiatives and decisions, as well as the appointment of individuals from the Medical Field (who were suggested by the PhMA), in vital posts of the Ministry of Health, he has given solutions to plenty of the remaining problems in the Health area.

This is also due to the fact that the Minister had been the PhMA General Secretary for a long period, and a very experienced syndicalist and has been well-aware of the problems in the Health Care field.

Among the measures taken for the better function of the National Health System (Hospitals and Health Centres mainly in the Province and in the Islands of the country, where there are lots of vacant posts) is the decision taken for the employment of approximately 5.000 doctors and approximately 20.000 nurses and paramedical staff.

Other activities are : the Ministerial Decision on the equivalence of all doctors' signature, the adoption of the establishment of a single Institution of Health by the Ministry of Health, and by the Ministry of Social Affairs, the representation of Medical Associations in the Hospital Boards (a liaison officer to the Hospital Boards), the adoption of a national Agreement of Employment between the Ministry and the PhMA that will be in effect for all physicians and all Insurance Funds.

All the above were proposals made by the Panhellenic Medical Association during its General Assembly and were forwarded to the Minister of Health, who, in collaboration with other competent Ministries, will make every possible effort to materialise these issues, shortly.

The Minister of Health with the collaboration of the PhMA, drew up *Modifications and Improvements* on the Codes of Medical Ethics, (that it will be put in the agenda of the Parliament, in order it becomes a Law of the State), as during the last years there were rapid developments in the Health area and it was considered essential, the modification of the Codes.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PANHELLENIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

During 2004 the Greek Delegation under the presidency of Dr. Emmanuel KALOKERINOS and with his collaborates Dr. Stylianos ANTYPAS, Dr. Lambis CHRISTOPOULOS, Dr. Meropi Paraskeva-Violaki, and Prof. Christos Pissiotis, has presented a remarkable work through suggestions, interventions and proposals which were adopted, in their majority, by the General Assemblies of the European Medical Organisations, and concerned subjects of exceptional medical interest :

- Proposals and resolutions that concerned the fight against doping which has harmful consequences to the health of the young that go in sports, to the athletes and champions.
In particular, during the CEOM meeting that was held in Paris on the 6th December 2004, the Hellenic Delegation presented the issue concerning immediate and effective confrontation through stricter measures against the plague of the century, doping.
- Proposal for the intense presence of the European Doctors via a resolution of protest against any brutal expression of violence, causing major physical and mental effects on the citizens of this planet. (this resolution is for adoption in the current Agenda).
- A resolution was drafted, in order that during the Olympic Games that were held in Athens in 2004, existed world truce and was distributed to the competent governmental institutions and institutions of health.
- With the initiative of the Hellenic Delegation, a proposal was made on the establishment of a Forum of Medical Associations of Balkan countries and following the drafting of the Statutes, they were signed during a meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Very important was also the signature of an agreement between UEMS (EACCME) and the Panhellenic Medical Association, in Paris on 27th November 2004, with regard to the accreditation of Continuous Medical Education (C.M.E.) activities, concerning the application of a formal system of mutual recognition of CME credits. Thus, henceforth the Panhellenic Medical Association has been officially recognised as the only Hellenic CME accreditation organisation for C.M.E. credits.