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ACTIVITY REPORT

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The first months of the year were consecrated to the preparation of the AEMH Plenary Meeting and especially the AEMH conference, organized without external assistance, which was a good lesson to learn. At the start was the drafting of an advertising in the European Pharmacotherapy Publication, than the programme and speakers' list. The advertising in a Brussels Newsletter was an unexpected bonus, and encouraging to see that the efforts made to get into the Brussels scene pay off .

Whilst the Conference 2005 has been organized under the leadership and with constant liaising with Dr Zilling, for the AEMH Conference 2006 this leadership has yet to be decided. Nevertheless, the advertising in the European Pharmacotherapy could be renewed and the short deadline needed rapid action to draft a logo and a rough programme. This will be on the agenda of the Board meeting in October and need to be finalized.

A change in the activity occurred due to the agreement the AEMH and the FEMS signed concerning the provision of office space and secretarial tasks. This agreement started the 1st July and necessitated the purchase and installation of material, phone and fax lines, the registration of an independent e-mail account, the installment of a separate data basis, etc.

The FEMS took actions to defend the position of Croatian doctors in their fight for their legitimate rights and alerted the members of European parliament and the International Labour Office of their situation. All 730 MEPs received a letter from the FEMS sent out by the Secretariat.

The FEMS held their second annual meeting 7-8 October in Bulgaria. Although the meeting was attended by the former secretary, all documents had to be gathered, formatted and registered. The FEMS is working bilingually, i.e. all documents are distributed in French and English. Some have to be translated or proof-read.

This new activity increased considerably the work load and might be a conflict in case both organizations hold their meetings in a short interval. For 2006 this will 27-29 April for the AEMH and 12-13 May for the FEMS.

Nevertheless, it would be premature to draw conclusions after three months only, an extensive evaluation should be made for the year end.

The external meetings I have attended in Brussels are listed in the table at the end of this report. From the established contacts I would pick out one which could be laid thanks to the stakeholders' role the AEMH had at the Patients Safety Conference and the President's chair of one of the panels.

I was contacted by Mr Paul Belcher, EU Advisor of the Royal College of Physicians, who visited me in the office. He was surprised to see the AEMH in the premises of the CPME. They cannot be member of the CPME as the CPME only accepts one member per country, which has to be the most representative. For the UK this is the BMA. Therefore the Royal College is looking to join another European organization. He explained that the RC is in the UK the chamber or college and seeing that the AEMH has many other members of this rank, he thought a collaboration would be interesting. The RC is very active in CME/CPD and Paul Belcher has good contacts to DG Sanco. Since his visit we staid in contact and could arrange a meeting with the Presidents of our respective organizations. Dr Lies will meet the Board if the RC in November in London at the occasion of the Patient Safety Summit organized by the UK Presidency.

Here below the meetings I attended, listed chronologically.

Date	Contact	Subject
30 March	Mr René Jost, Assistant of Dr Guisan	Evaluation of the Questionnaire
4/5 April	Patients Safety Stakeholders	Patient Safety Conference in Luxembourg
7 April	CPME	Conference on the Future of EMOs
8/9 April	CPME	Subcommittee, Board
13 April	Mrs Pickaert/ EFPIA	Preparation AEMH Conference
14 April	Paul Belcher/ Royal College of Physicians	Activities of both organisations
12 May	Delegations	AEMH Conference
13-14 May	Delegations	AEMH Plenary
31 May	PS stakeholders	Patient Safety – Evaluation meeting (on behalf of the President)
7 June	EC, NGOs	Therapies and Tissue Engineering
20 June	UK Representation in Brussels	Stakeholder Briefing on Priorities of the UK Presidency
22 June	EP, EPHA, BEUC	Launch Meeting of the Intergroup EPHA (European Public Health Alliance) and BEUC (Bureau Européen des Consommateurs-EU Consumers Office)
7 July	Dr Bertrand	FEMS activities
8 September	EuroSOCAP, European Standards On Confidentiality And Privacy	Workshop on the development of guidelines and recommendations

16 September	EESC (European Economic and Social Committee)	Public Hearing on the proposal of a common programme (2007-2013) of Health and Consumer protection
12 October	Committee of the Regions	Workshop: Facing the change of social evolutions (healthcare in remote areas)
13 October	ASMOF (Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation) Peter Somerville	Organization of the Medical Organisations in Europe, general topics on the EU agenda (EWTD, professional recognition), patients safety, the AEMH Conference 2006
26 October	DG Sanco	Impact Assessment

Upcoming : OPEN HEALTH FORUM – 8th November