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Minutes of the 49th AEMH-Board meeting
27 October 2007 - 10:00 – 16:00

Venue : CPME – AEMH Premises - Rue Guimard 15, 4th Floor - B-1040 Brussels

Participants: AEMH-President Dr Raymond Lies, AEMH-Treasurer Dr Rolf Kirschner, AEMH-Vice-Presidents Dr Thomas Zilling and Dr Joao de Deus, Secretary General Brigitte Jencik (see list of attendance).

The AEMH President opened the session by welcoming the participants in the new premises. Brigitte Jencik forwarded the apologies of Prof Nolte who was prevented to attend due to other obligations. Dr Sobat, who had been invited as treasurer-elect, had also sent his apologies.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Dr Zilling and Dr de Deus requested to add information under point 10 of the agenda. The agenda was approved with this change.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 48th Board Meeting in Brussels 19 April 2007. The minutes, document AEMH 07-045, were approved unanimously without changes.

3. Change of the AEMH registered office

from Rue de la Science 41 to Rue Guimard 15.

The AEMH-board approved unanimously the legal change of the registered office of the AEMH and the publication in the Belgian Official Journal to comply with the national rules.

The reasons for the change of offices were briefly reported, but the AEMH did not get involved and the decision was made by the CPME. The rental costs are lower, and 3 months are granted for free. The president will discuss with CPME President and CPME Secretary General whether the AEMH will also benefit of this advantage.

4. President's Report

Presidents' Committee, document CPME 2007/136, CPME 2006/127

The President reported from the Presidents' Committee Meeting in June 2007 and the recent one in Brussels 18 October 2007. He regretted that much time was wasted on discussion concerning the organisation and denomination of this body. The name is internally the CPME and its AOs and externally the EMOs, which includes the CPME. On the organisational part, the Board supported the proposal to enlarge the meetings to the Secretary Generals of all organisations and not only the CPME. The AEMH Board also defends the position that a President may depute one of the Vice-Presidents if he/she is prevented to attend. The AEMH President will defend this position. It is decided not to formalize this position in written form but the president will discuss this personally with the elected president of the CPME, Dr Wilks.

The UEMS issued a separate e-health document, which was seen as a breach of the commonly accepted "speaking with one voice" strategy. At the last meeting the UEMS was not represented and could thus not give an explanation.

On the agenda of the Presidents' Committee was again the organisation of a joint Meeting of all EMOs in June 2009.

A discussion on how this can fit in the agendas of the AEMH conference and plenary meeting ended in the conclusion that the AEMH will keep its initial programme to hold its annual conference and plenary session in spring in Sofia and be represented in the joint EMO meeting by its Board in the different sub-committees and common working groups. Nevertheless, the AEMH should submit proposals and at least one document to each sub-committee. The subject will be included in the agenda of the plenary meeting in Zagreb in 2008.

- Report from the EHPI (European Health Professionals and Institutions)
6 June and 28 September 2007 F07-059 + AEMH 2007-050

The Presidents expressed his satisfaction on these informal meetings, which although informal are important because they bring together all actors in the hospital field. A good communication especially with HOPE is needed. At the last meeting the discussion on privatisation especially in the central and Eastern Europe was interesting.

- Report from meeting with European Executives of PricewaterhouseCoopers on 23 July 2007 and Collaboration agreement with PwC.

The AEMH-President had been contacted to give a presentation of the AEMH in Prague to CEOs from PwC, who look for a partnership for the exchange of expertises in a "win-win" situation in the full respect of independency and medical ethics. The agreement does not mention any financial consequences.

PwC is interested in the financial input of quality programmes in the healthcare sector for which they need medical advice. In case the AEMH would agree to include the topic into the 2008 programme in Zagreb, PwC would agree to participate financially.

- Dr Kirschner expressed some concerns about the agreement, which is not precise enough to judge on the feasibility of a firm commitment. Nevertheless, he does not oppose and thinks the collaboration could be a good idea. In any way, the final decision belongs to the plenary assembly.

- Dr Zilling agreed that the draft agreement is rather confused and vague. If PwC wants expertise for example for accreditation purposes, the remuneration should be proportional to the important amounts involved.

- Dr de Deus also agreed on the principal but requested more profound discussion.

The president resumed that the board gives in principal a positive opinion but that further details are needed before decision. He nevertheless warned on waiting too long as in PwC the personal turnover is two years and that their strategy might change.

It is decided to follow the track and to propose a common meeting AEMH-Board + PwC in January in order to clear all uncertainties. PwC will be invited to send a letter of intent to the AEMH before any draft agreement.

5. Change of Austrian Membership

- Request for joint membership: Austrian Medical Chamber and Austrian Association of Senior Hospital Physicians (VLKÖ).

The President read the letter received recently from the Austrian Medical Chamber AEMH 07-055 informing on a take-over of membership fee and voting right from the VLKÖ.

Brigitte Jencik delivered a message from Prof Nolte, who had asked her to express his disapproval. Quote: "The AEMH represents Senior Hospital Physicians and it is not guaranteed that the Austrian Medical Chamber is the right body to represent Austrian senior hospital physicians."

- Dr Kirschner reflected on the fact that this seems more to be an internal Austrian affair, for the AEMH it is important to have the more representative organisation as a member.

- Dr Lies reminded that the statutes allow only one national delegation, but France is an exception. Both French members share the membership fee, but have only one vote.

- Dr De Deus questioned whether the VLKÖ will continue to send a delegate.

This could not be answered from the content of the letter of the Chamber.

- Brigitte Jencik reminded that only the general assembly can accept new members even if it is in case of a shift or share of membership.

The AEMH-Board decided that the VLKÖ has to send a letter confirming their approval and in this case it is considered as an internal Austrian decision, to which the AEMH Board gives a positive advice and submits for approval to the plenary.

6. Finances

- Interim Results 2007

AEMH 07-052

Dr Kirschner gave a brief overview of the results, which are very much in line with the budget. Office expenses have been kept very low, which compensates partly the unbudgeted reconstruction of the website. Travel expenditures are also below budget. The expenses for the conference were not budgeted and have been higher than expected.

- Future Strategy

a) 5 % increase on contribution fees for 5 years (2008-2012) AEMH 07-054

Dr Kirschner reminded that this was a decision taken by the plenary in Vienna and thus an accepted fact.

b) additional exceptional one-time contribution: 1000 € old countries, 500 € new countries; according to the proposal of the Norwegian Delegation (excerpt of minutes of the 60th AEMH Plenary Meeting "Dr Ursin read a proposal from the Norwegian delegation that established member delegations should pay a once-off contribution of 1000 € and the new countries a 500 € this year in order to cover the existing deficit and to avoid future deficits. ")

This proposal could not be voted on as it was not on the agenda. Dr Kirschner recommended to put the topic on the agenda of the Zagreb meeting promptly as the delegations have to be notified in due time. A quick calculation resulted in an extra income of totally 15.000.

c) other income opportunities (PwC)
see last paragraph point 4 of the agenda.

d) Bank account for assets (state of affairs and future strategy)

Dr Kirschner briefly reported that a calculation on a hypothetical sales of bonds showed that this would not solve the lack of income on interests. The nominal value of the bonds is currently too low to take this risk. Therefore, the time is not opportune for changes.

- Revision of AEMH Financial Guidelines AEMH 07-053 REV1

The Board proposed some minor amendments due to organisational changes and a clarification on the tasks of the mandate of the internal auditor. “The internal auditor should verify whether the budgetary actions are taken in accordance with the aim and the statutes of the AEMH.”

Document AEMH 07-053 REV1 will be proposed for approval to the plenary.

- Procedure of transfer of office Dr Kirschner to Dr Sobat

This will be discussed at the next board meeting and finalized at the plenary meeting in Zagreb.

7. Working Groups

The discussion on the working groups which met in Vienna ended with the conclusion that from the four groups only EWTD would cease as for the time being there is no political evolution.

-Accreditation

Dr de Deus will work on the second part of the statement on Accreditation (AEMH 07-042), which should implement the outcome of the Vienna-conference on centres of excellence. The statement will cover three points:

- 1- Hospital accreditation based on quality and safety (2006 Conference)
- 2- Hospital development and centres of excellence (2007 Conference)
- 3- Hospital organizational standards

-Patient Safety/ Risk Management

Dr Lies will carry on the working group on Patient Safety/ Risk Management. He mentioned that the AEMH should plead for mediation committees in hospitals, which could solve 90 % of litigations.

-Training

Dr Zilling will carry on with CME/CPD despite the fact that the Luxembourg Consensus Declaration is an achievement against the credit points systems. The group will take the topic of recertification on board.

Dr Kirschner proposed to create a working group for the Zagreb conference on **Cross border healthcare**. He agreed to take the lead, trusting that Dr Sobat would carry on after the end of his mandate.

The President questioned whether the AEMH should define precisely what it represents and stands for. The board decided to establish a reflection on:

Purpose, objects and aim in 2008. This task incumbs upon the AEMH Board rather than a working group.

8. - AEMH Conference 2008 , definition of title and programme (proposal “Cross Boarder Health care”)

**- 61st AEMH Plenary Meeting
Zagreb, 1-3 May 2008**

Brigitte Jencik informed that she met Maja Lackovic from the Croatian Medical Chamber, who is in charge with the organisation of the AEMH meetings 2008. She informed that Dr Radziwill from the Polish Medical Chamber and future Vice-president of the CPME agreed to lecture.

As there was no other confirmation of speakers, Dr Kirschner and Dr Zilling proposed to find a speaker to report on Scandinavian cross border healthcare systems. The President proposed to fill in if necessary and report on the financial consequences he experiences in Luxembourg ,as well as on the mix of languages patients, doctors, nurses.

9. Next Board Meeting

The first date agreed 19 January 2008 in Luxembourg was changed into **2 February 2008** and be proposed to PwC for a joint meeting.

10. Miscellaneous

Motion to support the Czech Medical Chamber

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| - Explanation on the situation | AEMH 07-056 |
| -CPME Motion supporting the CZ Medical Chamber | AEMH 07-057 |
| - FEMS MOTION | FEMS 07-097 |

The president Dr Lies reported from the last CPME meeting where the motion to support the Czech Medical Chamber was adopted. Dr Lies expressed in the name of the associated organisations their support. Dr Kubek, president of the Czech Medical Chamber asked nevertheless for a specific AEMH support.

- Dr Kirschner and Dr Zilling questioned whether the Czech systems should be supported as Scandinavian countries are against mandatory membership in a doctors' organisation. The Czech Medical Chamber is not a member in the AEMH and therefore the Czech organisational system is not known and the explanation do not answer all interrogations.
- Dr De Deus disagreed vigorously as it is about supporting the legitimate request of colleagues and not a system.

After discussion, the AEMH-Board decided to give its full support to the CPME motion, which will be notified to the Czech Medical Chamber with a mention that the AEMH invites the Czech medical chamber to further discussions.

PWG request for a financial proposal to provide secretarial services AEMH 07-058

- Dr Kirschner thinks that this should be left to the principal concerned, i.e. secretary/ secretary general Brigitte Jencik.
- Dr De Deus warned that the PWG is very active and thus that the work load is not to be underestimated.
- Brigitte Jencik informed about the discussion with Rui Guimaraes -PWG -President- at the last CPME meeting who informed that the CPME abstained from a financial proposal. This is the only condition which could be a reason for the AEMH to consider a cooperation model, as a competition with the CPME is to be avoided. Brigitte Jencik could consider eventually an hourly invoiced service, not taking office-space-rental and

other administrative cost-sharing into account, meaning that this service would be without any benefit to the AEMH or FEMS but essentially cover the overtime work of Brigitte Jencik.

- Dr De Deus accepted to take up the subject with Rui Guimaraes to clarify the situation.

Additional information Dr Zilling:

Dr Zilling handed out the programme of a conference on November 16, on the topic of the EWTD, organized by the Scandinavian Medical Associations. FEMS President, Dr Wetzel has been invited to give a lecture on the situation of European legislation.

Additional information Dr De Deus:

He informed on his election as Vice-president of the CPME Sub-committee on Ethics. The other members of the board congratulated Dr De Deus with his election.

No other business being brought forward, the President closed the session.