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## **Treasurers report for 2007**

Again the accounts for the AEMH showed a deficit larger than budgeted. While the budget for 2007 was accepted, albeit against the rules of the constitution, with a deficit of € 2475, the final accounts resulted in a deficit of € 8528,91.

The Secretary General and the Board has managed to keep the running costs well within the budget. The regular representation at various European events by the officers and staff, which is necessary for a well-functioning European association, have been frequent, but both travel costs and office and administrative costs are regulated.

The national delegations are commended for prompt payment of the yearly contributions, but extra income is difficult to generate. There is a small fee for an article in “Arzt und Krankenhaus” that of course is welcome, and an income from cooperation on the website of “Incopa”. The income from FEMS is vital, but of course may be a burden on the shared Secretary of the Associations.

The income from Dexia-bonds is a huge disappointment, interest being non-existing, and the € 1100 income being a result of refund of bank charges, obtained after negotiations.

The lack of income reflects again the state of the AEMH funds, now depleted to less than 6 months running.

The costs of the annual general meeting, including the symposium, was very expensive in 2007. Translation and technical equipment, together with the costs of speakers explains the final result. The refurbishing of the website was a necessary action, as was the costs of moving the office.

As the external auditors state, the AEMH should have reserves amounting to at least one years' running. Thus, it is necessary to increase the incomes. There are several ways of doing this: finding sponsors for the AEMH conference if it shall be a continuing event, increasing the number of members, receiving extraordinary contributions from the existing members as suggested, or finding other, permanent cooperative efforts. In 2007 the AEMH already accepted an extraordinarily high increase in the contributions for the next five years, i.e. at least 5 % yearly.

The Treasurer thanks the national organisations for hosting the Annual General Meetings, but it is necessary to be very strict regarding the framework and costs of this event in the future.

The Treasurer is as always grateful that the Secretary General, Brigitte Jencik, keeps the office in Order and within budget, and is an increasingly active participant on the Brussels scene for the AEMH.

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