

## Cooperation between the European Association of the Senior Hospital Physicians and PricewaterhouseCoopers

Considering :

The European Association of Senior Hospital Physicians ( AEMH ) is a not for profit organisation, whose members are national organisations of hospital physicians with full healthcare responsibility over their patients, which are active at the national level. The AEMH defends their interest and promotes health care, in particular in the hospital sector, on a European level.

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) provides industry- focused assurance, tax and advisory services to build trust and enhance value for its clients and there stakeholders. More then 140,000 people in 149 countries across the network share their thinking, experience and solutions to develop fresh perspectives and practical advice. The Europe, Middle East, Africa (EMEA) healthcare network of PwC provides these services for government, healthcare providers, payers and suppliers to the health industry.

The AEMH has an interest in working together with a professional firm like PwC

- to benefit from the experience of PwC;
- to broaden its knowledge by tackling health related topics from a different angle;
- to enlarge its annual conference to a different stakeholder group;
- to enhance the communication of their activities;
- to share ideas around health issues.

PwC is interested in the vision of the members of AEMH when PwC performs research or in advisory situations where PwC is interested in the view of members of the AEMH.

AEMH and the EMEA health group of PwC agree :

1. To set up an annual plan for the activities where AEMH and PwC will cooperate. For example, consideration will be given to how AEMH can contribute to PwC research projects; and how PwC can contribute to working groups of the AEMH etc. The agenda/annual plan should specify the time commitment from both sides and the persons responsible to implement the agreed activities.
2. To set up a steering committee composed of two representatives from each organisation to meet 2 times a year to decide on the annual plan and monitor the agreed activities. The first annual plan should be agreed by 31 October 2007 and should include at least one common event in order to enable a networking between the two organisations.
3. The agreed activities should not harm the independency of AEMH or PwC and be in compliance with the ethical guidelines agreed by doctors and representatives of the industry.