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The meeting began with 3 workshops regarding important issues:

- **Disaster preparedness**
- **E-health**
- **Tobacco strategies**

The opening ceremony, with the presence of the Israeli Minister of Health and the President of the Israeli Medical Association, welcome the participants and was followed by a conference about shortage of physicians.

Presentations delivered:

1- Ethics regarding physician assisted suicide

Different views, different laws, different ethical codes and different thoughts in medical profession were discussed.

2- Physician migration

A very interesting conference by doctor Kloiber, secretary general of World Medical Association, identifying the problem and giving some solutions to solve it:

- improvement of working conditions
- allow professional autonomy
- giving fair payment
- allow reasonable work/life balance
- reduce bureaucracy

3- Health policy reforms

Reports from various countries – Slovakia, Bosnia and Ukraine

4- Public-private partnership

The view of the Israeli Director of Hadassah Medical Organization about their experience of Private Medicine in Public Hospital and the problem existing in Czech Republic – Privatization of health system and insurance companies.

5- Disparities in health and the role of the physician

The Israeli experience on health inequality

6- Quality improvement

The importance of quality improvement, changing of procedures and assessment.

7- Obesity

A strategic document was approved about obesity.

It was also presented the conclusions of the 3 workshops that took place on the first day.

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