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Brussels, 17 April 2009

Dear Presidents, dear Colleagues,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 April 2009 announcing the resignation of membership of the Danish Medical Association from the AEMH.

I would like to express first of all my regret on your decision, but also my astonishment on the time chosen for this decision, i.e. three weeks before our annual meeting, with at least two important topics, which will shape the future of the AEMH.

Internally, the president's election is on the agenda, and globally, the future collaboration of European Medical Organisations. Your organization has always taken a critical, but constructive part in this debate, as well in the AEMH with the draft of a position paper in 2005, as in the CPME.

The Danish Medical Association has ever since argued for a single European organization, but at the same time it always declared, that this could only be possible with a new overarching structure.

The AEMH-Board together with FEMS shares this point of view and has therefore taken the initiative to propose to unite all European Medical Organisations within a Confederation, which could be a first step to the establishment of a single structure. The CPME faces too many internal problems for the time being to be able to integrate other organizations. Your input in this discussion would have been valuable, as an exchange of different views is necessary to find a consensus.

Finding consensus has always been one of the objectives of the AEMH. Our different members have different structures in their countries, they face different problems nationally, their representation within European organizations is divers. For some of them, the AEMH is the only mean to ensure this representation and others should show solidarity.

From the 2 million European Doctors, 1.2 million are salaried hospital physicians. As long as the specificities of our profession have not the place they merit within another structure, the AEMH will resist to all attempts of dissolution or integration.

Notwithstanding your decision to leave the AEMH, we hope that the Danish Medical Association will join the efforts of those, who endeavour to unite the European Medical Organisations and to achieve our common goal to speak with one voice.

We look forward to collaborate again in this context.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Raymond Lies  
AEMH-President, on behalf of the AEMH-Board