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Treasurer's Report to the Plenary Meeting 7-8 May 2010

Accounts 2009

The accounts of the AEMH were very positive until the end of the year and I was looking forward to presenting for the second time a positive balance sheet. Unexpectedly, the decision of Brigitte Jencik to resign from her salaried position had consequences in means of final settlement. We had to fulfil a legal social obligation, which could not be evaded. Especially the employer's part on tax and social fees was prohibitively high and caused a deficit of 3 661.38 Euros. Consolation is that the proposal of Brigitte Jencik to work freelance will avoid such surprises in the future as the remuneration is as from January 2010 an all-inclusive fixed amount. I refer to the external auditor's report.

The envisaged collaboration with PricewaterhouseCoopers did not take place and they did not contribute to the costs of last year's conference. Although this is a deception, it has no influence on the accounts, as prudently this sponsorship had not been budgeted.

We could nevertheless obtain a small sponsorship from BASF for allowing the display of brochures on "Antibacterial flooring systems for health care facilities" at our last meeting.

My thanks to all delegations for having paid promptly the annual membership fee, which helps to manage the account serenely.

The plenary accepted as a full member the Romanian College of Physicians. Gaining new members is important for the AEMH, not only from the financial point of view.

The Secretary General and the Board have 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, has been frequent, but both travel costs and office and administrative costs are regulated.

The assets of 55.000 Euros invested in Dexia-bonds did not bring the envisaged interests in the past years, but as the bank had terminated the contract, we recovered the initial amount, which we had provisionally placed on a saving account for 1.15 % interests in anticipation of a suitable offer from the bank. In November 2009 the Dexia proposed a contract blocking the capital for three years with a gain of 2 % the 1st year, 3 % the 2nd year, 4 % the 3rd year. These interests are taxed with 20 %, which will reduce the income, but it is without any speculation and a safe placement. The board agreed to block 60.000 € on this account for 3 years.

Prevision 2010

The “meeting package” is now included in the financial guidelines to allow all delegations to host a meeting as it lifts part of the financial burden.

The decision to have interpretation from Spanish, Italian and French for this meeting was possible thanks to the generous offer by our host, the Ordem dos Medicos.

This was a relief as the potential sponsor BASF had backed out recently from participating in this year’s conference. They nevertheless expressed interest in participating next year.

The plenary had accepted the proposal of Brigitte Jencik to work freelance from a “virtual office”, which has come into force since January 2010. Under these circumstances, AEMH could not “provide” secretarial services to FEMS any longer. This has no influence on the collaboration with FEMS, and Brigitte Jencik continues providing the services, but invoices FEMS directly. We have issued a revised budget 2010, which is simply less income from FEMS and less expenditures for the office and includes the membership of the new Romanian member.

The plenary had decided to keep the office space which we rent, together with FEMS, Rue Guimard 15. This office is not staffed and serves as mailbox and storage place for files. The costs are currently 6000 Euros per year. As a treasurer I cannot find any reasonable justification, especially as there is no evidence that Rue Guimard is or will become the Domus Medica of the Alliance of European Medical Organisations. We have a contract with CPME with a 6 months’ notice; my recommendation to the plenary is to vote the termination of the contract for the end of the year.

We received recently a request from the ECDC to make an offer on “Developing a tool to support evaluation of European Antibiotic Awareness Day amongst hospital prescribers of antibiotics”, which you will hear more about from the President. The board has decided to take up the challenge and I trust that all delegates will feel concerned and ensure us their collaboration. The project is funded by the European Commission to up to 60 000 Euros. Besides this potential income, the European Association of Senior Hospital Physicians cannot be indifferent to the request and the topic.

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