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AEMH Activity Report 2013

This year was a special year as it marked the 50th Anniversary of the AEMH. The organisation was established in 1963 because the founder organizations considered *"With regard to the revolutionary development of hospitals and the establishment of new positions and services in hospitals, the interests of senior hospital physicians in responsible positions will not be sufficiently discussed in already existing organisations."* (quote from the minutes of the first meeting).

50 years after, this remains the motivation of the AEMH by providing a European platform for hospital physicians, which develops and maintains a spirit of cooperation and communication among its national member delegations. One of our main aims is to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences and the discussion among doctors, patients and politicians with the major objective of promoting health and improving patient safety.

Hospital management based on quality and safety with a larger involvement of doctors are therefore, together with working conditions, training and CME/CPD the core values of the AEMH.

AEMH Conference 2013

This year's conference explored the **« Role, Practice and Future of Senior Hospital Physicians »,** in particular
- the status of doctors in public and private hospitals;
- contracts and liability of senior hospital physicians;
- enhancement of the involvement of doctors in hospital management;
- the coordination of management and medical professionalism across European hospitals, and last not least the role of the AEMH (a body of Hospital Physicians or a body of wage earner's ?!).

The final programme with presentations of the speakers can be found here http://www.aemh.org/_literature_111418/AEMH_Conference_2013

66th AEMH Plenary Meeting

At this special occasion the AEMH invited 4 of its past-president from back to 1986 to express their views and understanding of developments in medicine in general and the role of hospital physicians in Europe in particular.

The sister European Medical Organisations were also represented. The presidents and representatives of CPME, EJD, FEMS and UEMS exposed their activities to the delegates of the AEMH.

The AEMH held three parallel working groups:

1. Professional Qualification / Training
2. Patients Safety / Medical Competence
3. Role, Practice and Future of Senior Hospital Physicians

Internal Matters

The AEMH decided to split the activities of its European Liaison Office into administration and policy. Brigitte Jencik continues the secretarial administrative part, for the European Policy Advisory part, Catherine Hartmann was recruited to represent the AEMH in Brussels. *Catherine Hartmann* holds a master in EU law and has proficiency in NGO management. She has specialized during her career in public health policy. Her job within the AEMH is monitoring EU news, sharing information, proposing actions and reactions and to strive recognition of the role of the AEMH by the EU institutions.

The AEMH held elections for treasurer**, Dr Hrvoje Sobat** has been re-elected treasurer for the term 2014-2016.

The return of **the Danish Medical Association as full member** was approved unanimously and with applause.

Policies

In the follow-up of the AEMH Conference 2013, the 66th AEMH Plenary adopted unanimously

The European Hospital Physicians Declaration 2013 **AEMH 13-052**
In this document, the hospital physicians reaffirm their important role for an enhanced organisation of healthcare, as managers of their hospitals, taking part in the governance of the hospital. They state that their managerial skills, in addition to their clinical knowledge and experience are a key component of the success of health improvements.
The statement has been sent to European stakeholder suggesting to consider AEMH's view point in their reflection on health systems.

The Declaration was endorsed unanimously by FEMS General Assembly in Port 5th October 2013.

Furthermore, the plenary adopted unanimously

Statement on Regulation of Training and CPD in view of the update of the Professional Qualification Directive 2005/36/EC **AEMH 13-047**

The AEMH opposes mandatory CME/CPD and revalidation. Educational activities should be assessed by the profession. The statement reminds the European consensus statement on CPD adopted in Luxembourg 14 December 2006 and endorsed by all European Medical Organisation and the European Commission "CPD Improving Healthcare Quality, ensuring Patients Safety".

External activites

Disclosure of payment to health professionals by the pharma industry
AEMH President Joao de Deus and 1st Vice-President Thomas Zilling met with EFPIA Director Richard Bergström 1st February 2013 and discussed the public disclosure of financial support to health professionals.
The topic will be followed up in the 2014 conference in Stockholm where R. Bergström accepted to give a lecture on the topic.

Centre for Medical Education in Context (Centre for Distance Learning)
AEMH 1st Vice-PresidentThomas Zilling was involved in the web-based master programme of Keele University on accreditation and assessment in health professional education, in which he wrote the module on CPD.

"INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICAL COOPERATION" co-organized by the Goa Medical College and AEMH "Clinical Involvement in Health Management – Transforming Health Care" AEMH President was co-organizer and speaker.

Med-e-Tel Conference of the International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth, Luxembourg 21 April 2013
The AEMH was represented by its past-President Dr Raymond Lies. The AEMH plenary approved to enter a collaboration contract with Med-e-Tel.

Conference, "Efficient Hospital Management" Moscow May 31-June 1, 2013
AEMH-President had the opportunity to expose AEMH's policy on doctors involvement in hospital management.

IDC's Pan-European Healthcare Executive Summit 2013 "3 Forces of Healthcare Change: Personalization, Integration and Industrialization" London, 10-11 September 2013
AEMH President was member of the Advisory Board and moderated a plenary session.

2nd European Hospital Conference, co-organized with HOPE and EAHM (European Association of Hospital Managers) Düsseldorf, 22 November 2013
This is the second time the EHC will take place. This year the topics are
- Implementation of the European Directive on Patients right to crossborder healthcare
- Innovation access in European Hospitals.

AEMH-President Joao de Deus tackled the topic of centers of excellence. Thomas Zilling lecture don information centres in Sweden and Sadek Beloucif on the benefit of innovation in hospitals. Past-President Dr Lies has been entrusted with the sum-up of the conference.
Programmes and presentation **AEMH 13-078**

Next meetings

SAVE THE DATES :

29 May 2014 AEMH Conference 2014 "Patients Safety"
30-31 May 2014 67th AEMH Plenary Meeting in Stockholm/ Sweden

May 2015 – 2nd Joint Plenary Assembly AEMH - FEMS in Austria on invitation of the Austrian Medical Chamber
Reminder: The 1st Joint meeting AEMH-FEMS took place in Varna/ Bulgaria in May 2012 on invitation of the Bulgarian Medical Association. The delegates of both organizations evaluated the meeting for 88 % over all very good/ good and 90 % were in favour of future joint meetings AEMH-FEMS.