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During the past 12 months, I routinely:

- Read European Union related news to identify what could be of interest to AEMH and its members,
- Relayed information to AEMH secretariat and Board on EU related subjects, either for information or for potential actions,
- Liaised with Brigitte Jencik, from the AEMH secretariat,
- Answered emails and questions from AEMH members, Brigitte Jencik, and from third parties.

I seized all opportunities **to raise awareness about AEMH and its positions, with EU officials** when I could and in particular:

- With EU Commissioner for health, Tonio Borg, on the occasion of a cocktail drink I was attending at the Directorate General for health (DG SANCO),
- With DG SANCO officials at official meetings:
 - o with Katja Neubauer, deputy Head of Unit ‘Healthcare systems’, DG SANCO and in charge of the dossier of Healthcare professionals mobility, recruitment and retention,
 - o with Martin Seychell, Deputy Director of DG SANCO, at an informal meeting in Venice, during the summer,
 - o with Andrzej Rys, director of DG SANCO health systems and products Unit,
 - o with Sylvain Giraud, Head of Unit Strategy and International at DG SANCO, and working with the World Health Organisation (WHO) on health systems reforms,
 - o with mentioning the association at public fora, where EU commission officials were attending.

I am planning on setting up a meeting with representatives of the DG in charge of **recognition of professional qualifications, mobility of professionals, DG MARKT**, in the near future, to introduce them with the work of AEMH, and in particular, with Claire Bury and Martin Frohn, both working in the Unit “e-services”, which includes “free movement of professionals” (!)

I also attended several events in the name of AEMH:

- the ECDC European Antibiotic Awareness Day launch event,
- the UEMS Conference on “CME-CPD in Europe”, together with Dr. Thomas Zilling,
- The EU conference "Modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive [PQD]: safe mobility (see report),
- the 2nd European hospital conference, together with Dr. Joao De Deus and Dr. Thomas Zilling,
- EU conference on “Health in Europe, making it fairer” - This major conference highlighted current issues on fairness in health, access to health and discrimination in health in Europe and allowed an exchange information on policies and good practice in improving fairness and equity in health and combatting discrimination – some [bits](#) from the conference,
- The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) working group meetings and workshops on healthcare professionals and all of its monthly Policy Coordination Meeting (PCMs). I was nominated at co-opted EPHA Board Member (until the next general meeting) in April 2014.

I met on numerous occasions with **sister organisations** to discuss, *inter alia*, CPD, automatic recognition of professional qualifications, training and education, and patient’ safety with: CPME, UEMS, HOPE, EFN, EAHP and PGEU.

I also attended AEMH board meeting in Cologne, in November and the joint AEM/FEMS Board meeting in Catania in February. I met with UEMS (Frédéric Destrebecq) to discuss the progress of the “Domus Medica”.

Any questions or comments: policy@aemh.org