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AEMH Activity Report 2016

AEMH continues to provide 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 and CME/CPD, the core values of the AEMH.

AEMH Conference 2016

This year's pre plenary conference explored the issue of corruption in healthcare systems across Europe. Among the topics discussed there were:

- What is corruption?
- How to prevent illegal issues and corruption in the health system
- Transparency-based Medicine: what does it mean for European Doctors?
- The silent killer: corruption in healthcare. Report on the EU study of corruption in healthcare
- Corruption in the German Health System: Exception or a Widespread Phenomenon?
- Corruption and Healthcare Inequalities in Europe

The conference enjoyed the participation of great speakers inside and outside the AEMH network, which fostered an interesting exchange of ideas and a lively debate.

69th AEMH Plenary Meeting

The 69th AEMH Plenary Assembly took place in Naples, upon the invitation of the Italian Medical Chamber (FNOMCEO). Aside from dealing with internal organizational matters, the delegates had the opportunity to attend two working groups on:

1. Clinical Leadership, chaired by Dr Erich Theo Merholz, AEMH 3rd Vice President
2. Access to online medical files, chaired by Dr Anja Mitchell

The two working groups produced two statements, respectively on:

- Clinical Leadership: [AEMH 16-039](#)
- Medical Records and Electronic Medical Records: [AEMH 16-038](#)

Policies

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". This was taken forward within the framework of a conference organised in December 2015, with the support of the Luxembourg Ministry of Health and the Luxembourg Presidency of the European Union.

Besides CME/CPD, AEMH intends to focus on Clinical Leadership in the near future, to the same aim of achieving increased EU visibility. This is also sought for while pursuing common activities and actions with the European Commission.

AEMH has decided to further explore the issue of e-health, which has lately become a concern for most European Medical Organisations and is increasingly impacting the organisation of the healthcare systems. The working group on access to medical files that took place in Naples, further endorsed by the general assembly, proposed to organise the 2017 AEMH conference on the topic of e-health. The conference will take place on 4 May 2017 in Luxembourg, prior to the AEMH annual general assembly.

External activities

Several AEMH members had interventions at the **Conference on "European Health Systems"** -6 February 2016 (Catania, Italy), as follows:

- Presentations of the health systems from Portugal - Dr João de Deus
- Germany - Dr Theo Merholz
- Switzerland – Dr Pierre-François Cuénoud
- Croatia - Dr Hrvoje Sobat
- Romania - Professor Vlad Tica

4th International Congress of Medical Cooperation - Panama 23-27 February 2016. Dr João de Deus made a presentation "Clinical Leadership and Doctors' Involvement in Management - is there a relationship?"

ANAAO-FEMS conference on "Physician working conditions in European Healthcare Systems" – Genoa, 8-9 April 2016. Dr Theo Merholz made a presentation on the "Physicians' working conditions in Germany".

FEMS conference on Healthcare Systems in Central and Eastern Europe, 7 October, Bucharest, Romania

Dr João de Deus presented the Portuguese medical system – its problems and solutions, as a potential model for partners in Central and Eastern Europe.

Professor Vlad Tica made a presentation on "Medical Corruption – Villains or Victims. A Romanian Tale".

UEMS Conference on CME/CPD, 12 November 2016, Amsterdam

Dr João de Deus presented the perspective of AEMH on CME/CPD.

European Antibiotic Awareness Day – 18 November 2016, Brussels

Raymond Lies participated at the event organised in Brussels by the European Commission regarding the European Antibiotic Awareness Day.

EU Health Policy Platform meeting – 5 December 2016, Brussels

Dr Hrvoje Sobat attended the annual meeting of the EU Health Policy Platform. Following the call for proposals of themes for the new thematic networks, he suggested "Litigation claims - defensive medicine - safety risk from unnecessary examinations".