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1. Administration

Thanks to contacts with the Belgian Ministry of Justice we could finally amend the AEMH statutes in a way that they could be adopted by the plenary assembly and the final version has been sent for approval together with the list of the members of the board and a short description of the objectives of the association in December to the to the Belgian Minister of Justice, Monsieur Marc Verwilghen. The procedure of adoption can take from 6 months to one year. This means that the re-elections of the President, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents have still to be registered in Düsseldorf and we have to undergo the usual procedure of notary certified signatures, certified translation of the minutes of the plenary meeting.

The accountancy raised no problems, money transfers from the German account to the Belgian account were made without delay whenever needed by the treasurer and allowed in time payment of all running costs.

The documents for the external auditor have been gathered, with additional translations into German in order to facilitate an earlier editing of the Closing of Account than last year. They will be held in Brussels until the Board meeting of 17 January for eventual inspection by the treasurer.

2. Meetings

In March took place the CPME meeting in Brussels.

The preparation of the 54th Plenary meeting in Berlin started in February after a visit in Brussels of Mr Norden from the VLK, the hosting organisation, to discuss all details and split the tasks as the VLK had no internal resources for the event. In Berlin a local secretary assisted the secretary and the delegates. Information material from the CPME, other Associated Organisation and European Institutions were displayed for the member delegation.

Two weeks after the AEMH plenary meeting the CPME meeting took place for which the working document had to be prepared. The CPME operated for the first

time their sub-commissions in parallel sessions, so that the President attended the Training and Health care commission, while the secretary attended the Ethic and During the meeting the AEMH statement on regulation of on call duties was presented and received favourably, but could only be adopted during the October meeting of the CPME in Salzburg. Due to cost saving reasons the secretary did not attend this meeting and will no longer attend external meetings except of course for the AEMH. At this CPME meeting the yearly AEMH activity report was presented by the President.

In December the AEMH received an invitation from the European Forum for Dentistry on the subject “Financing Health Care for European Citizens”. I subscribed as the subject was rather general and not focused on dentistry. To resume this meeting which finally was not about the funds but more about free movement of patients : health care is in the hands of the national governments and it is the European Court of Justice that is bringing progress via the different decision starting from the Kohll and Decker case.

3. Internal and External Communication

The internal communication with the member delegations is slightly in progress and is essentially based on e-mail exchanges, which is most suitable for everybody. The “News from Brussels” are sent out on a irregular basis whenever an information comes across that is not already disseminated by the CPME or others. A feed-back would be appreciated in order to learn on which topics to focus on.

The website could be experienced by all delegations in the preparation of the plenary meeting in Berlin as all working documents could be downloaded from the website on the “Members only” page.

The preparation of AEMH Newsletter Number 1 included the request for articles to the associated organisations and presidents of the CPME subcommittees and resulted in collecting 4 articles. In order to collect funds for financing the publication the President provided addresses of pharmaceutical companies who received proposals for advertising. This gave no result and the only sponsorship was brought in by the President from the DEXIA bank and a consultancy office.

The requested quantities from the National delegations were very disappointing and lots of numbers remain still in the office. The dispatch from Brussels of 75 numbers to actors in the European Institutions was accompanied by the AEMH statement on Regulation of on-call duties.

The World Market Research Centre approached the AEMH with a proposal of collaboration. This was approved by the General assembly in Berlin and the

AEMH had the possibility of a one-page advertising in their publication. Attached the page that has been worked out to promote the AEMH.

In December Christmas cards were sent to some EU actors, to the Presidents and all delegates of the member delegations and to the Presidents of the AO's.

5. Objectives

Promoting the name of the AEMH is in one way achieved by the office space within the CPME, on the other by subscribing to all kind of newsletters and maybe future meetings free of charge. In this way we get on mailing lists, gather a maximum of information and make the name of the AEMH known.

6. Future

The future structure of the European Medical Organisation is challenging for the AEMH but also means an uncertainty to the staff. A Domus Medica will mean staff sharing and different distribution of tasks.