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***Report from the AEMH-Working Group on CME/CPD for the 56th
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The rapid medical and technical developments in medicine make a comprehensive and systemised Continuing Professional Development (CPD) more necessary than ever.

In order to get a picture of the AEMH member countries attitude to some questions regarding CPD, we have sent a survey to the member countries.

The results of the survey shows that:

- 90 % have a clearing house for accreditation of CME/CPD activities.
- 90% are willing to promote the CPME document to doctors, national authorities and providers of CPD.
- 80% are willing to promote the CPME document to medical faculties.
- Only 30% are willing to promote the CPME program to the general public and insurance organisations.
- 40% are willing to promote the CPME document to consumer organisations, employers, other funding bodies.
- 70% suggest that funding for CPD should be done by the employer and the individual doctor.
- 60% suggest that funding for CPD should be done by the government and the medical industry.
- Only one country has a national assessment programme for poorly performing doctors.

(The following countries did answer the questioner; Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland, France, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia and Greece).

There is no doubt that the below mentioned documents on CPD by the CPME and the UEMS have started a process to develop and support professional development in the member countries of the AEMH. The majority of the AEMH member countries have

clearing houses for accreditation of CPD activities which will improve and guarantee quality for the future.

The difference in opinion regarding funding probably expresses the differences in healthcare systems among the member countries.

- 1) ***Policy Statement on CME/CPD***(CP 2001/082 Final EN/fr). This is the official document of the CPME. The AEMH has taken an active part in preparing this document and all statements on CME/CPD of the AEMH are included in the document. To create a consensus on the topic CME/CPD the document has been written by a working group with representatives from all the Associated Organisations.
- 2) ***Basel Declaration*** (D0120) is the UEMS policy on continuing professional development.

Today there is mutual agreement that recertification as a means for identifying of incompetent doctors represents a bureaucratic system of poorly documented value and is not recommended. Also quality control in the meaning of recertification is an expensive and bureaucratic method with probably poor outcome for the society.

However the individual doctor must be able to show to the general public and national authorities that they are updated regarding knowledge and competence to deliver high-quality-care. We therefore presents a proposal for AEMH to start a working group for AEMH statements on Quality Assurance and Quality Control. The UEMS is preparing a paper on Quality Assurance which is very focused on the special situation in England and calling for heavy bureaucracy (copy enclosed).

The AEMH has participated in a CPME working group regarding funding of CME/CPD (draft number 2 is enclosed)

Question to be discussed in Copenhagen;

1. AEMH statement on Quality Assurance and Quality Control.
2. Shall the AEMH create a **logbook for CME/CPD** and/or a **guide for professional development interviews** to be downloaded from the AEMH website?
3. Can the AEMH support the draft 2 of the CPME policy on funding of Continuing Medical Education(CME)/ and Continuing Professional Development (CPD)?

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