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AEMH-President's Report

April 2004 – September 2004

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-AEMH

23-24 April 2004 in Madrid

The 58th AEMH Plenary meeting took place in a period of grief for the Spanish delegation who nevertheless did a tremendous job in organising not only the plenary meeting but also allowed the AEMH to keep up to its ambition to hold a symposium linked to one of the working groups. The participation of the President Dr Sierra Arredondo who shared his valuable experience and of Dr. Ureña Vilardell, raised the debate and gave a precious input to the working group of Risk Management. This was hopefully the start of what will become a tradition in the AEMH.

From the plenary meeting I retain the excellent spirit and the high level of the debates. A big progress for the future of the AEMH was achieved by the treasurer Dr Kirschner to reach a consensus on the contribution fees linked to the interpretation. I was pleased to see that even the delegations the most attached to interpretation agreed that this is financially not eternally defendable. So we will all be on equal terms and communicate in English as from 2009. I also have not forgotten that the assembly linked this decision to look for opportunities of income and to work out a more equitable contribution key. The topics are on the agenda of the Board meeting in Varese.

With mingled feelings I look back to the elections of the 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents and as I said during the meeting, the narrow outcome of the votes was the expression ranged between continuity and a wish of change and the reflection of respect and consideration for the outgoing board members Prof. Degos and Dr Morresi. What I regret is the procedure of last minute candidatures, which is - although not prohibited by the statutes – inappropriate for our organization. Elections in the AEMH should become more transparent and predictable not in their outcome but as to the candidates enlisted. A deadline for candidatures allows also a better democratic debate about proposals or programmes of all the candidates. I intend therefore to propose to change the statutes in order to

determine a deadline for candidatures. It goes without saying that this is not withdrawing any merit or doubting the capacities of the new elected Board members Dr Zilling and Dr De Deus, who I will be pleased to welcome as from January 2005.

-Open Health Forum, EU-Commission SANCO

17 May 2004 in Brussels.

The Commission has established the “EU Health Forum” as an information and consultation mechanism to ensure that the aims of the Community’s health strategy are made clear to the public and respond to their needs. A key element of the EU Health Forum is the “Open Forum” as an annual conference and exhibition event.

The objective of the Open Forum is to provide a platform for networking and exchange of ideas and views of different stakeholders of the European health community (health professionals’ organizations, public health NGOs, patient groups).

I attended one of the three workshops entitled “The Challenges of Providing High Quality Health Services: Mobility of Health Professionals”, where the President of the CPME, Dr Grewin was one of the speakers.

Dr Grewin presented the shared views and recommendations of health professionals on mobility and named patient safety, risk management, CPD and professional recognition as the requirements to enhance mobility of health professionals and patients.

In order to assure a well functioning system all over Europe the Commission has a central role in monitoring, mapping and collecting of data. It is of the greatest importance that patient’s access to health information is improved, broadened and of equal basic standard all over Europe.

-HEALLO

The meeting **HEAL**th **LO**bbing scheduled for 18 May had been cancelled as the day before the Open Health Forum took place, which all stakeholders and participants in the Heallo meeting attended. No new date has been communicated.

-MCC Hospital World 2004

28 -30 June 2004 in Berlin

The topic of this congress was: Strategic options for the hospital market.

The target group of this international expert and contact event were decision makers in the hospital industry, health insurances, associations, consultative, research and development as well as politics. During the two-day congress MCC hospital world 2004 provided participants with a comprehensive overview of national and international issues effecting hospitals.

I was invited on special recommendation of Pascal Garel (SG HOPE) to be part of the speakers’ panel and gave a presentation, which I entitled “The New Hospital concept in Luxembourg” and based on my experience in the Kirchberg Hospital.

- FEMS

20 July 2004 in Brussels

Following the decision of the assembly in Madrid to study closer collaboration opportunities with FEMS, I met with FEMS-President Dr Bertrand on July 20. The Minutes of this meeting have been distributed and the further steps will be decided in a joint meeting in October. This is an important step for the future of both organizations.

- CPME and AOs' Presidents Meeting

9 September 2004 in Brussels

The "Steering Committee" has been renamed "Presidents Committee" and gave an overview on the planned Patients safety conference, which is to take place in Luxembourg in 2005. The President of the CPME proposed to organize a joint conference on CPD in 2006 in Austria.

Moreover, updates on the state of affairs on the Directive of Professional qualifications and Services were on the agenda.

The Conference on the Future of the European medical organisations has been scheduled for March 2005 and will convene one representative of each National Medical Association, member in the CPME, and the Presidents of the Associated Organisations.

-CPME Sub-Committees and Board Meeting

10-11 September 2004 in Brussels

The CPME Board adopted 8 policy papers drafted by the different sub-committees. An important step could be achieved by adopting of a new contribution key taking into account the population (for 10%), the number of doctors (for 40%), and the GDP (for 50%). Interpretation costs have been excluded from the global budget. These costs will be split, each country paying only for the languages they request. A motion on weighted voting was presented by six delegations. As this implies changes of statutes, the motion was received only for information, further discussions and decisions were postponed.

- Meeting FEMS-President Dr Bertrand

22 September 2004 in Brussels

The meeting was held in preparation to the Joint Executive Meeting scheduled for 2 October in Varese.

- CPME, Preparation meeting Patient Safety Conference -

21 September 2004 in Brussels

I attended this preparation meeting as chair of the hospital workshop. In beforehand I arranged a meeting for the SG of the CPME and the Health Minister of Luxembourg, Mr Mars di Barthelemeo.