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Minutes of the 40th AEMH-Board meeting, Varese 1st October 2004

Venue: Varese Offices of the Ordine dei Medici

Opening : 9:00, Closing 13 :00.

Participants : Dr Raymond Lies, President
 Prof. Hartmut Nolte, 1st Vice-President
 Dr. Rolf Kirschner, Treasurer
 Prof. Claude-François Degos, 2nd Vice-President
 Dr. Pier Maria Morresi, 3rd Vice-President
 Mrs Brigitte Jencik, Secretary General

The President opened the session by thanking Dr Morresi for the organizational arrangements and the warm welcome all participants received in Varese.

Ahead to the discussion to take place under topic 6, he reported that the call for a common meeting with FEMS had provoked various reactions and seem to intrigue some, although it was merely the follow-up of the decision taken in the last AEMH plenary meeting. He then proceeded with the course of the Agenda.

1. **Approval of the Agenda** AEMH 04/061. The Agenda was approved.
2. **Approval of the Minutes** of the 39th Board Meeting in Madrid AEMH 04/051. The minutes were approved without changes.

3. **Finances**

- **Interim Report on the accounts Jan-July 2004**, AEMH 04/062.

This was the first time the AEMH could present an interim report allowing a follow-up of the accounts and ensure to comply with the budget. The treasurer Dr Kirschner reported that since this report was established the two missing contribution fees could also be banked. He furthermore reported that the income on interests will be significantly lower than estimated due to a serious decline of interest rates in Norway. In his opinion there is no chance that this trend changes and therefore the AEMH should look if the assets could not be transferred to an "Euroland", which would save transfer fees. The President proposed to investigate on interest rates in Luxembourg. B. Jencik reported that the banks in Belgium do not issue credit cards (VISA etc.) to not-profit organizations. When looking for a change of bank, this fact is to be taken into consideration.

- **Reflection on**

a) **Income opportunities**

The President gave his view that sponsorship from the pharma industry is to be totally excluded considering some reactions from delegations especially from the

Scandinavian countries. Dr Kirschner confirmed this and gave the example from Norway on the strict rules for CME/CPD which is not counted as education when sponsored by industry. On the other hand, he suggested as an income opportunity that the webpage of the AEMH could include a search engine leading to a sponsor and accounting the number of visitors.

Another form of income could be the proposal to provide secretarial services to FEMS, as some administration costs could be divided. Brigitte Jencik mentioned also efforts to gain new members.

b) **New contribution key**

Some delegations requested during the last plenary meeting that the AEMH Board should look into a more transparent and traceable contribution key, as the current key is merely based on history. B. Jencik had worked on different projections applying all kind of parameters. The results were not realistic as too far from the current contributions and the Board decided to leave the contribution key as it stands.

**4. Secretary/ Secretary General's Report
- Job Description**

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B. Jencik presented her report and the job description, which she also meant to be indicative for FEMS if they should wish to respond positively to the proposal to share the secretariat.

5. President's Report

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Dr Lies referred to his written report and highlighted the external meetings. For instance Hospital World gave the opportunity to meet with many stakeholders and to get involved in many other congresses.

The CPME meeting on Patients Safety will be an important event under the Luxembourg presidency. He could interface CPME and the Luxembourg health minister.

The President asked whether his action is in line with the activity programme established at the beginning of his mandate, on which the other members of the Board agreed unanimously.

6. The Future collaboration with FEMS

The comparison of the members of both organizations showed that although there are great differences, they are not contradictory but complementary.

The statutes of the AEMH show clearly the representation of hospital doctors, whereas the FEMS' representation is more vague. This is also reflected in the objectives which are broader in the AEMH, FEMS objectives are one part of the interests of the AEMH.

Concerning the document on the future of the European Medical Organisations, it was decided not to compile the AEMH document with the one from FEMS, but first to

reach an approval of the AEMH document 04/055 and separately on the FEMS document.

7. Next Board Meeting

The Friday 28th January 2005 was determined for the 41st AEMH Board meeting.
Venue : Brussels.

The President closed the session by thanking the outgoing Board members Prof. Degos and Dr Morresi for their valuable work throughout their mandate.