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## ACTIVITY REPORT

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### Resume 2005

2006 will be my fifth anniversary of staff membership in the AEMH and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues who I had the pleasure to work with at the occasions of the plenary meetings in the different countries. This is one of the nicest aspects of the job having met Edith, Eva, Susanne, Beatriz, Anna and Helen and I look forward to those to come.

Looking back on the past five years, 2005 has been for the secretariat's activity the most interesting and as this is closely linked to the activities of the AEMH, I dare say that this is a rising curve and in the trend of the general ambitions of the AEMH in a process of what started with the move to Brussels. My activity is following this curve due to the confidence of the members of the Board, who support my initiatives and I would like to thank the precedent and the current Board for this.

The past year has been marked by four major events for the secretariat, which I rank here chronologically as they cannot be compared with each other.

#### **1. Patient Safety Conference**

Assisting the CPME secretariat in the organization of the conference was a good help for the organization of the AEMH conference. But more important was the impact of the AEMH's and the President's involvement, which generated many new and interesting contacts.

#### **2. Future of European Medical Organisations**

I am of course following the progress of the discussion with a particular interest as the secretariats will be the first in line for changes and especially in the event of a single medical organization.

Although the AEMH Secretariat has been a pioneer in joining the CPME in what we call the Domus Medica, the integration is purely geographically, within the same walls, under the same roof. There has never been any attempt for a joint venture with the CPME secretariat. The good personal relationship with the CPME staff is nevertheless a great help in what would otherwise be a very lonesome position.

#### **3. AEMH Conference**

The enthusiasm and assiduousness in the preparation and organization of the conference of Thomas Zilling ensured the success, which also reflected on the secretariat and I thank him for this experience which gave a new dimension to my job.

#### **4. FEMS Secretariat**

Since July I am also running the FEMS secretariat and I have quickly stated the difference of both organizations. Having also been alerted at the plenary meeting of the fear of some AEMH delegations that this collaboration is the start for a merge, I am anxious to keep both activities strictly separate. I find disappointing that the initiative of a common secretariat which is in the trend of consolidation and rationalization of costs is not recognized as such but doubted and questioned.

It is an enriching experience to see two organizations following the same topics in dealing in different ways. Both can learn from each other.

#### **Prevision 2006**

As stated earlier I see the activities of the AEMH and thus the secretariat in an ascending curve and therefore all activities are supposed to develop.

#### **Information**

The focus of the secretariat will be to inform and alert of all major events and decisions in health care in Europe in order to feed the working groups on topical subjects and allow them to be proactive.

#### **Funding**

In the same way I shall be attentive to all calls for proposals of the European Commission with possibilities of funding. It is worth a trial. But a better way would be to launch a specific project of general utility on a topic where the AEMH is expert (hospital accreditation, HCAI (healthcare-associated infections) and to apply then for funds.

#### **Lobbying**

The external activities, which are commonly called lobbying, should be enhanced as much as possible. Lobbying means literally “the intervention of a private or public organisation to influence the lawmakers”. This is essentially the role of the CPME, as it is the recognized consultative body representing the medical profession to the European Institutions. But lobbying also means networking and this is where I can be useful. Attending the different meetings and conferences to which the AEMH receives invitations since we have started to profile the organization in the Brussels, allows to meet other stakeholders and to inform about the AEMH activities.