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**Minutes of the
44th AEMH-Board meeting, 28 January 2005**

**Venue : Rue de la Science 41, B-1040 Brussels
10:00 – 16:00**

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved.

- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 43rd Board Meeting in Luxemburg 29th October 2005.**
The document AEMH 05/064 need to be corrected for two spelling mistakes.

3. President's Report : Resume 2005, Previsions 2006.

The President referred to his written report AEMH 06/001 and reported in more details on the patient safety summit in London, which had turned in a show playing with the feelings of the audience. There is a need for doctors to redirect the trend away from guiltiness. Concerning the revision of statutes, the president confirmed that he is open to every proposal to reduce the term of presidency.

Referring to the participation of the AEMH in the Social Dialogue, he gave an overview on his experiences from the tripartite discussion in Luxembourg.

He considers essential to enlarge the AEMH and encouraged all members of the Board and all delegates to recruit new members.

4. Relation with CPME and AOs

The relation with the UEMS was evoked and some uncertainty since the UEMS starts 2007 with a new Management Council. Dr de Deus will try to improve the relations and also the President will increase his contacts.

4.1. Presidents' Committee, report from last meeting November 2005. There was no written report available and relevant topics would be later on the agenda of this meeting.

4.2. Follow-up on the conference "Future of European Medical Organisations".

The questionnaire issued by the CPME was approved as being a good survey but considered to be answered by the National Member delegation and not by the Associated Organisations. The President reiterated his request to analyze the financial consequences of one single organisation, which would not necessarily be cheaper.

The document "The Future of the AEMH in the new environment of the European Medical Organisations" AEMH 05-061 REV1 was approved by the members of the board as being a good summary of the situation and the current position of the AEMH Board and as such an input to the further work of the working group.

5. **Relation with FEMS**

There has been no further development since the last board meeting. The secretary Brigitte Jencik deplored that some disagreements within the organisation of the FEMS led to an uncertainty within the management council. The AEMH Board members advised neutrality.

6. **SG/ Secretary's Report : Resume 2005, Previsions 2006** **AEMH 06/002**

Brigitte Jencik referred to her report and added that although in Brussels the year 2005 was frequently considered as an "annus horribilis" due to the failed referenda and unsatisfactory budget negotiations, she considered that for the AEMH this did not apply. On the contrary it has been a very fruitful year and therefore the aims and objectives could simply be to continue in this ascending trend.

7. **Finances**

7.1. Preliminary accounts 2005 elaborated by the accountant/ auditor and

7.2. First analysis on accounts 2005 by the AEMH treasurer.

Dr Kirschner commented the results of 2005. Expenditures were quite in line with the expectations, but an unpleasant surprise on which the auditors had made an explanatory note, were the interests on the saving accounts, where the fees to buy bonds left only a surplus of 300 Euros out of the interests. This was due to a re-fund on a placement, prematurely terminated by the bank. The AEMH subscribed then to a similar contract, but the 1% fee applied again, thus twice in the same year. The President will ask for explanation to the bank.

The income from the FEMS contract allowed nevertheless to reach a positive end result, and will also give a balanced budget for 2006 (7.3.).

7.4. The 1st draft of the budget 2007 included a salary increase of 5 % for the Secretary General. Dr Kirschner argued that the budget 2006 had already been voted and the salary in that budget included an approx. 5 % increase. He suggested a common rule of a 5 % yearly increase, 3 % inflation and a 2 % extra for merit. B. Jencik thanked the board.

8. **Working groups**

8.1. The members of the board went through the proposal elaborated by Mrs Blindheim for the Revision of the Statutes and implemented some changes. In particular the proposal for an election committee was lively discussed and finally rejected by three vs two. The reason for the rejection was that it does not seem democratic to grant the power to an election committee to accept or to reject candidates.

The revised version of the statutes will be sent to the delegations for comments in order to reach a decision during the plenary meeting in Bratislava.

8.2. Participation in **CPME Working groups**

- "The **Social Dialogue** in the hospital sector "

CPME 2005/142

The AEMH has confirmed its candidatures to take part in this group.

- "The **Management of documents** submitted by the Associated Organisations to the Board/General Assembly of CPME". The document for revision **CPME 2004/003 REV3** did not inspire the members of the Board to any proposals for changes.

-“CME-CPD – CPME Conference”. Dr Zilling attended the meeting of the working on 23 January, where many of his proposals were accepted, especially the participation of Dr Holm as speaker.

9. Communication

The members of the Board expressed their opinion that the policy of the AEMH should be made visible by taking active part in the works of the Council of Europe, in the Social Dialogue and in publications. Prof Nolte reported from his project to publish articles in “Arzt und Krankenhaus”, the Newsletter of the VLK. The first article will be drafted in collaboration with B. Jencik.

10. AEMH Conference 2006 “Hospital Management”

10.1. Programme and speakers. Some progress could be made in the recruitment of speakers. Still pending are the replies of the Royal College of Physicians and EFPIA.

10.2. Speakers’ lunch, speakers’ dinner, speakers’ gifts. No official lunch or dinner invitation. Concerning small gifts for the speakers, they should be Slovakian and bought locally.

11. Plenary Meeting in Bratislava

11.1. A draft agenda was elaborated taking the parallel working sessions into account.

11.3. Elections of 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents for the term 2007-2008 will be due notwithstanding the amendments made to the statutes as they will only be applicable when approved by Royal Belgian Decree.

The Austrian delegation, host of the AEMH plenary meeting in 2007, had proposed dates. The Board decided to withhold the 20-21 April 2007 in Vienna.

12. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will take place in Bratislava 27 April 2006.

13. Miscellaneous

No other business was brought forward and the President closed the session.