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Report on CPME Activities

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The CPME has entered 2006 with a totally renewed Executive Committee:

President Dr Mart/ Luxembourg, Vice-Presidents Dr Bitenc/ Slovenia, Dr Fjeldsted/ Iceland, Dr Calloc'h/ France, Dr Sanchez/ Spain and treasurer Dr Lemye, Belgium.

Three from four presidents of the sub-committees have also changed. Dr Routil remains President of the Sub-Committee of Medical training, continuing professional development and quality improvement. Dr Wilks is the new President of the Ethics and professional codes sub-committee. Dr Montgomery chairs the Organisation of health care, social security and health economics sub-committee. Dr van der Vliet regains his chair of the sub-committee on Public health, prevention and environment.

The CPME is the recognized consultative body of the medical profession to the European Institutions as such represented in most working groups, fora, conferences etc. From all the various activities of the CPME I will select those involving also the other EMOs, demonstrating the progress of co-operation on the initiative of the CPME

Patient Safety.

The topic has been a good example of cooperation of all stakeholders with the same objective to promote the change from today's individual fault and blame system to a reporting system without individual repression.

Since CPME initiated the Luxemburg Conference in April 2005 on Patient Safety the issue has been further worked upon in various ways. Patient safety has also been taken on by the Health Policy Forum as an important issue in the support of health care development. The patient safety stakeholders group in which CPME took the lead met several times and presented a document at the London patient safety conference in November 2005.

CPME is part of the working group on patient safety of the High Level Group.

The Directive on Recognition of Professional Qualifications

CPME has established a working group in which all AOs participate in order to influence the drafting of the annex on medical specialities that are to be recognized. Here again the EMOs demonstrate the unified position of the medical profession.

The "Service Directive"

It is expected that a sectoral Services Directive focusing on health services will be developed. The CPME intends to play an active role in this process and will therefore establish a working group in order to draft an own "Health Services Directive".

Sectoral Social Dialogue

CPME contacted EPSU (European Federation of Public Service Unions) with respect to the involvement of CPME in the sectorial dialogue of the hospital sector. EPSU needs the

physicians to qualify as a real representative of all hospital employees. Both EPSU's and CPME's executive bodies will decide on the extent of future collaboration. AEMH and FEMS have demonstrated their interest to participate.

CPD

The CPME work is continuing on establishing the CPD of the medical profession as a key component of quality health care in safeguarding equal and high professional performance throughout the EU.

CPME plans a conference "CPD improving healthcare" which will take place 14th December in Luxembourg or Brussels. A working group including UEMS and AEMH is in charge with the preparation of the conference and the elaboration of a position paper on CPD – Quality Management of and framework for CPD.

The Future of the European Medical Organisations

In the follow-up of the conference a summary of the respective questionnaire has been disseminated. The President Dr Mart invited the CPME member delegations to give a clear message to the Executive Committee and the Board on how to further proceed.

Hereafter some other topics where the CPME is actively participating :

Obesity

CPME as one of the original stakeholders has taken on the responsibility to fight the obesity. CPME adopted its action plan on obesity which has been submitted to the the EU stakeholders' platform on "Diet, Physical Activity and Health".

HIV/AIDS

The CPME working group has established a policy paper, which has been adopted in November.

Pharmaceutical Forum

CPME is part of this forum together with representatives from the Pharmaceutical Industry. The pharmaceutical forum meets on a working group basis. CPME is involved and represented in three of them: "patient information", "pricing" and "relative effectiveness". An official high level forum meeting is planned for June.

e-health

CPME has been invited by the Commission to be part of a stakeholder group working on the establishment of recommendations with regard to interoperability of e-Health in Europe.

Mental health

CPME supports the Green Paper of the Commission but stresses on the importance of information and knowledge, prevention, and the social inclusion of mentally ill people and on protecting their rights.

At its board meeting, Stockholm, 18 November 2005, CPME endorsed the following document:

- FEMS Declaration on a Libyan Court's Sentence (F 05/050 EN)

At its board meeting, Stockholm, 18 November 2005, CPME adopted following policies:

- CPME motion on Guantanamo - (CPME 2005/175 Final)
- CPME policy paper on HIV/AIDS (CPME 2005/098 Final EN/FR)

At its board meeting, Brussels, 11 March 2006, CPME adopted following policies:

- CPME reaction to Green Paper: "Improving the mental health of the population. Towards a strategy on mental health for the European Union" (CPME 2006/018 Final EN/FR)
- EU Commission "Green paper" consultation on the fight against obesity in Europe: CPME contribution (CPME 2006/020 Final EN/FR)
- Rights of young people to information and informed consent: CPME recommendation - (CPME 2006/030 Final EN/FR).

More information and all documents are available on request and can be retrieved from the Secretariat.