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## **Minutes 46<sup>th</sup> AEMH-Board meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2006**

**Venue : CPME/ AEMH Meeting room – Rue de la Science 41, B-1040 Brussels**

Participants :

Dr Raymond Lies, AEMH-President  
 Prof. Hartmut Nolte, AEMH 1st Vice-President  
 Dr Rolf Kirschner, AEMH Treasurer  
 Dr Thomas Zilling, AEMH 2nd Vice-President  
 Dr Joao De Deus, AEMH 3rd Vice-President  
 Brigitte Jencik, AEMH Secretary General

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

Dr Zilling requested to add the revision of the European Working Time Directive and communication of the AEMH activities to the agenda AEMH 06-055

### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

Document AEMH 06-052 the Minutes of the 45th Board Meeting in Bratislava 28 April 2006 was approved without changes.

### **3. President's Report**

The President summarized his written report AEMH 06-056 and highlighted from his participation in various meetings his involvement as expert in a meeting of the Council of Europe. He furthermore stressed the importance to improve the preparation of AEMH meetings and statements.

➤ Dr Kirschner complimented the president on his activity and increased participation in meetings, which he estimates to be an important factor to be taken into consideration for the election of officers due to the related travel expenses. He furthermore approved the position the president takes in meetings where patient rights are upgraded and doctors hardly mentioned. Concerning the funding opportunities he requested more explanation.

➤ The President replied that the Dexia agreed to finance interpretation costs, but EFPIA never made concrete proposals.

➤ Dr De Deus congratulated the president for his high-profile in meetings and agreed with Dr Kirschner that more and more the patients' voice is heard and the doctors less. This seems even the case in the CPME meetings where the documents from the AEMH and the FEMS on doctors' rights have been rejected. He reported from Portugal where the health professionals have stopped to fight each other and have united to defend their common interests.

➤ The president thanked for the comments but invited the members of the Board to a greater participation and involvement in European policy affairs. Concerning the representation of doctors in these meetings he confirmed that they are a minority.

➤ Dr Zilling, whilst commending the actions of the President, questioned the lack of activity of the AEMH delegations. This subject had been discussed in the meeting of

the Scandinavian medical associations, where especially Denmark had been very critical concerning the AEMH.

➤ The President replied that lobbying activities are meant to increase the power of the organization, but that 10 years ago doctors were not consulted, now they are and the AEMH is part of this process.

➤ Prof Nolte reported from the activities of the VLK President who consecrates 100 days of his time on participating in conferences. As a result the VLK's influence has constantly increased. Concerning the relation patient –doctors he stated that in Germany the patients were on the doctors' side during their strikes earlier this year as they are on the rejection of the health care reform.

#### **4. Finances**

➤ The treasurer Dr Kirschner presented the interim Report on the accounts January-August 2006, document AEMH 06-058 drafted by the accountants. The financial situation for 2006 is according to the prevision. He reminded to bear in mind that interpretation is budgeted for only 3000 Euros. The plenary meeting 2003 in Copenhagen agreed to take the additional expenses from the assets. This has ever since been applied also the following years. He thanked Dr de Deus for representing the AEMH in meetings of the AOs which he attends on behalf of the Portugal Medical Organisation. This reduces substantially the travel costs for a liaison officer. Nevertheless there will be a shortfall in the accounts which will be covered not by selling bonds but by a credit line opened at the Dexia, which both the president and the treasurer agreed upon.

➤ Brigitte Jencik reported from a telephone conversation with Mrs Keup from the Dexia who confirmed the participation of the Bank in the interpretation costs for Vienna 2007. She hoped to be able to finalise this as soon as possible and hopefully before the year end.

➤ Furthermore, Dr Kirschner mentioned not having any suggestions for a short term and long term strategy, but stated from the reaction of some delegations at the last plenary meeting that translation is still a sensitive subject. He does not agree to burden the hosting country with these expenses, his preference for reducing the costs for the hosting country is to charge for the spouses.

#### **5. Working groups**

The members of the Board were unanimously in favour of continuing the parallel sessions experienced for the first time in Bratislava. Nevertheless the sessions need to be better prepared.

➤ Dr Kirschner proposed that the Board should give the objective and nominate a coordinator amongst the members of the board.

➤ Dr de Deus held the position that the groups should be kept small, 4-5 members work more efficiently to prepare documents. At the plenary meeting other delegates can then join the group. But the board must decide on the topics and nominate the participating delegations.

These proposals were retained and the groups were composed as follows:

**1. Pre-, per- and postgraduate medical training**

Members : Germany, Portugal, Sweden, Bulgaria, Slovakia

Co-ordinator of the Board: Dr Thomas Zilling

**2. Accreditation of Hospitals and Centres of Excellence**

Members : France, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland

Co-ordinator of the Board: Dr Joao de Deus

**3. Risk Management and Patient Safety, the perspective of hospital physicians**

Members: Croatia, Denmark, Luxembourg, Austria

Co-ordinator of the Board: Dr Raymond Lies

**4. European Working Time Directive**

Members: Greece, Italy, Norway, Slovenia

Co-ordinators of the Board: Prof. Hartmut Nolte and Dr Rolf Kirschner

The Secretariat will send out this project to the delegations and invite them to confirm their participation. In case of no reply the board will nominate the delegates.

**6. CPD Conference 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006 in Luxembourg**

➤ Dr Zilling, who is involved in the preparation of the conference and will be the rapporteur of one of the work sessions, informed on his concerns and disagreement with the leader of the working group, Dr Routil who is in favour of credit points. Concerning the draft declaration to be adopted at the conference the “**Consensus statement on CPD in Medicine**” he recognized that most of his proposals had been taken into account by Edwin Borman, who is responsible for the drafting of the document. He asked the opinion of the other members of the board.

➤ Dr Kirschner commented that the document concerns more CME than CPD. This point of view was shared by the other members of the Board.

➤ Dr Zilling asked whether it would be advisable to ask the opinions of experts and speakers at the conference. This proposal was approved.

**7. AEMH Conference 2007**

**“European Hospitals evolving into Centers of Excellence?”**

➤ The President pointed on the question-mark, which is meant to provoke the debate on their existence and if they exist, what is the definition.

The Austrian host has drafted a preliminary programme, with topics such as structural changes in hospital care, pharma economics, European vaccination plan and Accreditation, which is the only topic to be covered by a speaker to be proposed by the AEMH.

➤ Dr Zilling reported from the CPME meeting he attended in June and where Robert Madelin, Director General of SANCO, held a speech and mentioned centers of excellence. Dr Zilling proposed to invite a speaker from SANCO and furthermore mentioned that Helle Aggernaes has good experience in the field and would be willing to lecture in Vienna.

- 8. Communication** (topic added on the request of Dr Zilling: How to communicate the work of the AEMH ?)
- Dr Zilling questioned whether the AEMH could pursue the collaboration in the Business Briefing publication as in the past year.
  - Brigitte Jencik reported that this collaboration has not been proposed this year to the AEMH and that in the past years there has never been any feed-back on the publications of the AEMH in this magazine.
  - Prof Nolte mentioned the “Europa” page in the journal of the VLK , in which he in collaboration with Brigitte Jencik publishes a monthly article. He invited everyone to contribute to this.
- This is an example for other delegations to publish articles on or from the AEMH in their National Journal and thus enhance its renown.

**9. Next Board Meetings :**

27 January 2007 in Brussels; 19 April 2007 in Vienna

**10. Miscellaneous**

No other business was brought forward, the President closed the meeting.