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Minutes
47th AEMH-Board meeting

27th January 2007

10:00 – 15:00

Venue : NIB meeting room –3rd Floor, Rue de la Science 41, B-1040 Brussels

Participants :

Dr Raymond Lies, AEMH-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

Prof. Hartmut Nolte, AEMH 1st Vice-President, excused

The President welcomed the participants and opened the session.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Brigitte Jencik requested to add the costs for the reconstruction of the AEMH website in the financial topic. The agenda AEMH 06-063 was approved with this change.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 46th Board Meeting in Brussels 21st Oct. 2006. Document AEMH 06-062 was approved unanimously.

3. President's Report, AEMH 07-006 REV2

The President started his report by reminding that this is not only definitely his last term of office, but that he is furthermore open to all proposals should a premature end be required.

Concerning the AEMH activities, he stressed that the parallel session needed to be prepared now.

The President reminded that all financial discussions are directly linked and proportional to the organisation's activities. He keeps close contact to the Dexia bank and could negotiate the reimbursement of bank fees. He will also discuss sponsorship for a presence at the AEMH website.

The President opened the floor for debate and the participants commented on different topics addressed in the report.

➤ Dr Zilling took up the effectiveness of a website and wondered on the best use. Could it be envisaged that patients put questions and get advises via the AEMH website? He also proposed to include a news page.

➤ Dr Kirschner agreed that the website could be a good marketing tool and interest banks and insurance companies.

➤ Dr de Deus addressed the economical problem of hospital care costs and medical treatment and the pressure on doctors who want the best for their patients but are confronted with prescription rules which privilege economics to quality.

➤ All participants agreed and gave examples from their different countries. The issue was considered as being sufficiently important to make it a topic for the **AEMH conference 2008** with the title **“Hospitals costs and Medical ethics”**. This decision is provided the agreement of our host for the 2008 meeting, the Croatian Medical Chamber.

4. Secretary/ Secretary General Report

Brigitte Jencik referred to her written report AEMH 07-001 and expressed her satisfaction on the work for and with FEMS.

➤ Dr Kirschner responded to her interrogation on preventive policies in hospitals. Yes, there are, but they should be enhanced. Example from his own professional experience: he knows how much female health is affected by overweight.

5. Finances

➤ Dr Kirschner presented his report for 2006. AEMH 07-007

a) Preliminary Report Accounts 2006 drafted by the auditor/accountant (AEMH 07-004)

b) First analysis on Accounts 2006 by the AEMH-treasurer

➤ Dr Kirschner commented the closing of accounts which showed nothing unexpected. The shortfall on interests had been amply explained previously. The deficit is due to the costs for conference speakers, which had not been budgeted and the interpretation, which are since 2004 budgeted at a level, which is as generally known insufficient.

The assets of the organization have dropped to an alarming low level representing barely more than half a year of the operational costs of the organization, though a sane situation requests reserves amounting 1 ½ years.

c) Prevision 2007 based on the Budget 2007 (AEMH 06-008 FIN REV)

Reconstruction of the AEMH Website, cost estimation

➤ Brigitte Jencik explained the situation of the current website which had come to saturation and needed to be reconstructed. The cost estimation of roughly 4000 € was considered as more than reasonable by the members of the Board and they approved to entrust the web designer with the contract. A counter of visitors should be included to attract sponsors who would pay according to the number of clicks accounted. These 4000 € have not been budgeted as they could not be foreseen. It is thus important to use the opportunity of a new website to attract sponsors.

d) 1st draft Budget 2008 (AEMH 07-008)

The members of the board approved the budget 2008 drafted by the treasurer. All agreed that the financial situation needs to be reconstructed. The President and the treasurer committed to draft a proposal for a sponsorship frame for sustainable income. The website and the conference should be promoted for marketing purposes to banks, insurance companies, pharma industry. Dr Kirscher estimated the additional needed income at € 10,000, but the target is to reach € 15,000.

5. CPD Conference 14th December 2006 in Luxembourg

➤ Dr Zilling reported from the conference which outcome was laid down in the **CPD Consensus statement**. He expressed his satisfaction with the final version of the document and thanked the Portuguese delegation for having supported his ideas. The importance of the document is that it does not put the burden on the doctors.

6. Working groups

➤ Dr Zilling presented the questionnaire he had drafted for the WG Nr 1: Pre- per and postgraduate Medical Training. After having agreed on some amendments the enquiry will be sent out to the delegations.

➤ Dr de Deus distributed a document entitled “Accreditation of Hospitals based on Quality and Safety”, which is an amended version of the summarizing document of the Bratislava Conference 2006. Before sending to the members of the WG 2 “Accreditation and Centres of Excellence?” Dr de Deus requested the members of the board to send their comments.

7. AEMH Conference 2007 in Vienna 19 April 2007

“European Hospitals evolving into Centers of Excellence?”

The up-to-date draft programme did not satisfy the president as besides Prof Waneck no speakers had been confirmed. The AEMH has only been granted one topic “Developing Hospital Accreditation in Europe”. Dr Helle Aggernaes was named by Dr Zilling and Dr Kirschner as being an expert in the field and B. Jencik should ask the Danish Medical Association to intervene for inviting Dr Aggernaes or any other suitable speaker.

Furthermore the board requested that both Prof Waneck and Dr Lies chair the conference.

The President will phone Prof Waneck personally to agree on the way of doing.

8. 60th AEMH Plenary Meeting in Vienna 20 & 21 April 2007

The parallel sessions will this year take a big part of the meeting, i.e. 3 ½ hours on Friday afternoon. As the working groups did not elect any leader, the members of the board will act as chairmen.

Concerning the election of treasurer, Dr Kirschner will inform shortly the other members of the board on his decision whether he will be candidate for another term of office or not.

9. Next Board Meeting : 19 April 2007 in Vienna, 9:00 – 12:00

10. Miscellaneous

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