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53rd AEMH-Board meeting
24 January 2009

10:00 – 12:30 AEMH Board meeting

Present :

Dr Raymond Lies, President
Dr Joao de Deus, 1st Vice-President
Dr Hrvoje Sobat, Treasurer
Dr Thomas Zilling, 2nd Vice-President
Brigitte Jencik, Secretary General

Venue : Hotel NOVOTEL, Paris CDG Airport Terminal 3

1. Approval of the Agenda

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The minutes were approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 52nd Board Meeting in Pinneberg 15 November 2008.

[AEMH 08-065](#)

Changes requested : Portuguese Medical Organisation Association, 52nd Board meeting in Zagreb Pinneberg. The minutes were approved with the changes.

3. President's Report

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[CPME 2009-005](#)

a) CPME –Strategy Working Group, proposals for the future

- The president reported that the Presidents of EMOs met in Strasbourg prior to the dinner with MEPs to discuss the vote in EP on EWTD. The EMO Presidents discussed the possibility of uniting in a confederation, which was generally approved. This project was also referred to during the meeting of the CPME strategy group.
- The president report briefly: CPME Vice-President Montgomery was not in favour of creating a new organisation. Generally it was not considered that the CPME SG should necessarily be a doctor. Several members requested closer cooperation with other organisations. Dr Lies found the outcome rather disappointing. France did not seem ready to any compromise, they insisted on weighted votes and that the SG should be a doctor elected by the GA. Dr Nunes advocated more collaboration with EMOs. Dr Kubek made proposal on a voting system, mixing both one country-one vote, weighted votes and qualified majorities. Dr Palve from Finland considered CPME as the only overarching medical organisation. There was no concrete result in the end. A small WG will meet again to make a proposal to the June meeting. CPME President, Dr Wilks asked Dr Lies to consider to call a Presidents' Committee before Prague.
- Dr Sobat questioned the real reasons behind the position of the French CPME delegation.
- Dr Zilling reported from the Scandinavian meeting, where he learned that the Danish Medical Association wants to create a Nordic Association, leaving the southern countries out.
- Dr Sobat reflected that this will not solve the problem of the CPME, and even less the concern of the profession to speak with one voice. It is not the right time to reshuffle the cards.

b) PricewaterhouseCoopers

- The president had a meeting in January with the new head of EMEA Health Research Institute, Fiona Nicholas. PwC is interested in continuing the collaboration and send a speaker to the conference. They have launched a new study and ask for collaboration of

individual doctors, whose contribution might be quoted in the final report. He will send the presentation he was given by e-mail to the members of the board.

4. **SG's Activity Report 2008**

[AEMH 09-002](#)

- Brigitte Jencik referred to the written report and stated that the French EU presidency had been very active organising many conferences in the health field, which she tried to attend and report on.
- She furthermore reported on an increased workload due to FEMS activity but expressed her satisfaction as to working for FEMS.

5. **Financial Report**

a) Provisional Closing of Accounts 2008

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b) Treasurer's Report 2008

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- Dr Sobat reported that that all delegations had paid their contributions, also the one-off contribution, which allowed together with the sponsorship from PwC to reach a positive balance.
- He read the note of accountants. We start the financial year with positive result 2178.44 €. He stated further that interpretation was the main expenditures.
- c) Prevision 2009 (additional income)
 - Dr Sobat warned that there is still danger of an unbalanced budget, as no long-term contract has been signed with sponsors.

For Sofia we have to budget about 4500 € (local interpretation and technical equipment). But with Sofia as venue we might also attract the Balkan countries in order to increase the number of members.

We should ask FEMS to increase the contribution for the office, according to increased working hours.
- d) Provisional Budget 2010
 - The budget 2010 has not been drafted yet.

6. **AEMH Conference 2009 Sofia, 7 May 2009 "Privatisation of hospitals"**

Coordinator: Dr Raymond Lies

Speakers : Professor Johan Calltorp, Sweden

PricewaterhouseCoopers, tbc Ian Wootton, UK, Portugal, tbc, Tokuda ? HOPE ?

- Dr Lies: we have to differentiate privatization of hospitals and outsourcing of services to private companies.
- Dr Sobat: the difference is also between GPs and hospitals. GPs in private practice are no problem, but there is a problem for instance in Hungary where whole hospitals are sold.
- Dr Lies reflected whether Switzerland would be an interesting example.
- All members of the board were unanimous that FEMS should also be involved in the conference.
- B. Jencik informed that FEMS have a working group which had launched a survey amongst their member.

7. **AEMH 62nd Plenary Meeting Sofia, 8-9 May 2009**

- The president confirmed that this is his last year of Presidency and he will not stand for re-election. The election for President concern the term 2010-2012.
 - Joao de Deus informed that he will candidate with the support of the Portuguese Medical Association, which is also prepared to contribute financially to presidencies expenses. He will announce his candidature to all delegations in advance.
- B. Jencik will send out a reminder for the different elections: President and 3rd Vice-President, term 2009-2010 due to the resignation of Dr Kirschner. In case of election of Joao de Deus as president, his post of 1st vice-president will also become vacant.

Other points to be included in the agenda of the plenary meeting:
 The situation of the CPME and the future of EMOs.
 The situation in Bulgaria.

8. Call for support from the Bulgarian Medical Association[**AEMH 09-004**](#)

and letters of support received.

The board discussed the matter and came to the conclusion that it should be discussed extensively in the plenary meeting, which could result in the adoption by the AEMH Plenary of a motion to support the Bulgarian Medical Association.

9. Preparation of common Board with FEMS

- Purpose and Strategy

All agreed on further increase collaboration with FEMS and work towards a federation of all EMOs.

The president advocated that this could be the solution to reunite the profession as it allows everybody to save the face.

Joao de Deus informed that Portugal is in favour of a federation, it might change the attitude of the 3 countries which resigned from the CPME.

- Future bi-lateral collaboration

All agreed on the continuity of bilateral board meeting.

- Future of European Medical Organisations (Report from the meeting of the CPME Strategy Working Group 20 January 2009).

[**CPME 2009-005**](#)

- Promoting the establishment of a "Confederation of European Doctors" with all EMOs united in a Domus Medica.

[**AEMH 08-064**](#)

- Topics to propose to the joint EMO board meeting, Thursday afternoon 11 June 2009, in Brussels? PWG Proposals

[**AEMH 09-005**](#)**10. Next Board Meeting : Sofia/ Bulgaria 7 May 2009, from 9:00 – 12:00****11. Any other business**

No other matters were brought forward. The president closed the session.