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Minutes
58th AEMH Board Meeting
Brussels, 23 October 2010 - 10:00 – 16:00

Venue: Rue Guimard 15, 1040 Brussels

Participants :

Dr Joao de Deus – President
Prof Claude-François Degos, 1st Vice-President
Dr Hrvoje Sobat, Treasurer
Dr Thomas Zilling, 2nd Vice-President
Dr Mikulas Buzgo, 3rd Vice-President
Mrs Brigitte Jencik, EU Liaison Officer

The President welcomed the participants and opened the session.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Dr Zilling wished to add for information that the Norwegian Medical Association will celebrate their 50th anniversary in April next year. AEMH should be represented at this occasion.

The president agreed and will do his utmost to be present. He asked to be kept informed on the date and venue.

B. Jencik apologized for mistakes in the numbering of the topics.

The participants acknowledged the remarks and approved the agenda with the changes.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the 57th AEMH Board Meeting in Lisbon [AEMH 10-055](#)
6th May 2010**

The minutes were approved without changes.

The president questioned whether there were any news on the ethical guidelines of San Remo meeting mentioned in the minutes. Nobody could answer this.

3. President's Report

a) EMOs Collaboration, state of affairs

CPME - EMOs, e-mail exchange regarding next meeting [AEMH 10-057](#)

BJ reported on a discussion she had with the new SG of the CPME, which confirmed that CPME still considers itself as the overarching European organization. The invitation they had launched to call an EMO meeting was drafted in these terms and was therefore unacceptable for the other organisations. PWG invited to hold an EMO meeting in the context of their General Assembly on 31 October in Amsterdam.

➤ Dr Sobat pleaded that now we have to insist on advancement and concrete collaboration.

Recent collaboration actions

EMO motion on information to patients (CEOM) [AEMH 10-058](#)

All members of the board agreed that this should be an example of collaboration.

b) Domus Medica[UEMS Letter](#)AEMH-FEMS Proposal on the establishment of a Domus Medica [AEMH 10-024](#)

State of affairs (attachment UEMS new premises)

The UEMS had announced at their last meeting that they are close to conclude the purchase of a building in Brussels for 2.2 millions – 3.2 after works. They are willing to host a Domus Medica and attract other EMOS. Co-ownership is preferable for them. The position of the AEMH is still the statement drafted together with FEMS. The topic will be discussed in Amsterdam at the next EMO meeting.

c) Collaboration with FEMS

We have a common strategy regarding the EMO Alliance and Domus Medica.

- Austrian Proposal to hold common meetings with FEMS [AEMH 10-054](#)

The matter was discussed at the last GA of FEMS in Istanbul and approved.

- Bulgarian Proposal to invite both organizations in 2012.

- The President thinks that this is an opportunity to enhance collaboration by holding a joint meeting but for internal topics there need to be a separate part. The annual conference could have the topics of working conditions in hospitals, which is the concern of both organizations.

- Dr Sobat sees some difficulties to adopt documents together, this does not comply with our statutes.

- Dr Buzgo underlined the difference with FEMS: AEMH focuses on the managing of hospitals and quality of hospital care. Trade unionists are more focused on their interests. The common topics are working time, professional recognition and task shifting.

All agreed that both organizations are complementary and can work together in working groups and can hold conferences in common.

- Dr Sobat questioned whether a merge with FEMS could be envisaged, with one wing trade union.

This was rejected, yes to close cooperation but no to merge into a single organization.

d) Collaboration models with other European Medical Organisations

What kind of collaboration do we actually want and how can we achieve this goal?

All agreed that we have to develop the Porto agreement and implement it, but it is difficult.

- Prof. Degos proposed to hold a big conference every five years to show what each organization has achieved and to demonstrate cohesion.
- B. Jencik proposes to hold this conference for the AEMH 50th anniversary, which will be in 2013.
- Dr Sobat reminded the Patient Safety Conference in Luxembourg, which was excellent. But there was no follow-up. The conference proposed by Prof. Degos is more a political issue to demonstrate the collaboration of EMOs.
- Dr Buzgo advocated to call on people from other organizations to solve problems. We have a small number of topics to concentrate on. Let's start to ask others what they think about it. Then there is a better chance to get documents endorsed by others.

- The President agreed that this is precisely the spirit of the Porto agreement. He will take the proposal for a common conference to the next EMO meeting in Amsterdam.

4. Report from EMO Meetings

- **FEMS General Assembly** 1-2 October 2010, Dr Joao de Deus [F10-073 REV2](#)
 FEMS main task is to give support to national delegations. Both the Czech and the Bulgarian delegations requested this support for their national demands.
 FEMS launched two new working groups on remuneration and on hospital normatives.

- **UEMS Council meeting** 8-9 Prague , Dr Mikulas Buzgo [UEMS 10-033](#)
 Dr. Dana Hanson, Past President of the WMA attended, PWG, FEMS and UEMO were also represented. It was the first time that the sections participated in the council meeting. They adopted new statutes and rules of procedure. The finances of UEMS are very positive due to the EACCME. They installed 3 standing committees on postgraduate training, CME and quality management. e-learning has been integrated. UEMS now wants to accreditate the teaching bodies. They are very active in the field of recognition of European diplomas.

5. European Liaison Officer's Report

a) Brussels health community, state of affairs

- Membership in EPHA (European Public Health Alliance)
 - B. Jencik expressed her satisfaction on the umbrella role EPHA plays towards its members. EPHA holds monthly policy communication meetings, which are confidential as insider information is exchanged.
- Open Health Forum 29-30 June 2010 [AEMH 10-059](#) + [AEMH 10-060](#)
 No further discussion.

b) The AEMH statutes stipulate currently:

“Article 3.2. The Association shall act as a reciprocal information resource for all issues concerning hospital life in Europe and draft proposals for improvements in this field at a European level. The AEMH shall in addition have the function of information provision and consultation to the Standing Committee for European Doctors (CPME).”

It was decided to change into “The AEMH shall in addition have the function of information provision and consultation to other European Medical Organisations (EMOs)”. Statuts changes have to be approved by the plenary.

c) Handling of Information documents, e.g.

[AEMH 10-067](#)

The point was on the agenda due to a protest on external information sent out by the European Liaison Office without commenting on the content. The board supported the dissemination of information to members. B. Jencik informed that in the future she will add the mention “Info-documents disseminated by the AEMH European Liaison Office do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the AEMH and its Board. Info-documents are meant to inform, to raise awareness, to alert, to launch a debate, to incite taking action.”

The board agreed on this proposal.

6. Financial Report

a) Provisional Accounts 2010

- Dr Sobat commented the positive balance of the bank accounts and thanked the Portuguese Medical Association, which contributed to this sound situation as they generously supported the costs of the past plenary meeting. We will meet next year the request of the external auditors for reserves amounting to a one year operation.

7. Working Groups

Present and future strategy

-Training

- Dr Zilling stated that the working group has achieved its task by providing AEMH with a clear position included in the bullet points adopted in 2009. The working group will redirect towards "learning needs assessment".

- Patient Safety

- Dr Sobat reminded this year's statement on task shifting and questioned whether the ratio of drugs in the health budget would be an appropriate subject as pharmaceuticals increase by 20%.
- Prof Degos warned that this is not a hospital subject.

- Doctors' Involvement in Hospital Management

[AEMH 10-048](#)

The subject is closed. The draft statement should be sent to all delegations asking for input in order to finalize and adopt it in Montreux.

Future topics:

- Prof Degos reflected on a new theme taking into account the change of hospital life, which could be named "hospital of the future".

8. AEMH Conference 2011 Montreux, 26 May 2011

The brainstorming on titles concluded in "Skill mix in Hospitals" and will have the subtitles

- Task shifting
- Recognition of qualifications of hospital doctors
- Shortage of hospital doctors
- Assessment of hospital staff

Other topics:

- Hospital benchmarking
 - Contemporary trends in hospital design
- could be retained for a future conference.

9. AEMH 64th Plenary Meeting Montreux, 27-28 May 2011

No special topics were brought forward for the agenda. Business as usual.

10. International Meeting calendar

| Date | Place | Organisation | To be attended by |
|---------------------|------------|---|-------------------|
| 29 October 2010 | Brussels | European Commission DG Intern.Market and Services "Evaluation of the professional qualifications directive" | BJ |
| 29-30 October 2010 | Amsterdam | PWG | |
| 31 October 2010 | Amsterdam | EMO Alliance Meeting | JDD + BJ |
| 10 November 2010 | Amsterdam | EPHA General Assembly | |
| 12-13 November 2010 | Porto | UEMO | JDD ? |
| 16 November 2010 | Brussels | Friends of Europe "An innovative Healthcare Agenda for Europe" | BJ |
| 18 November 2010 | Brussels | ECDC - Antibiotic Awareness Day | BJ |
| 17-20 November 2010 | Düsseldorf | "MEDICA" Trade fair and Conference | Dr Lies |
| 26-27 November 2010 | Brussels | CPME | |
| 3 December 2010 | Brussels | Belgian Presidency, HST & EFPIA 21 st Century Healthcare | BJ |
| 2 December 2010 | Paris | EMO Alliance Meeting | CFD BJ |
| 3 December 2010 | Paris | CEOM | CFD+BJ |
| 15 January 2011 | Paris | AEMH - FEMS Board Meeting | All ? |
| 29-30 April 2011 | Brussels | CPME | |
| 13-14 May 2011 | Barcelona | FEMS | |
| 26 May 2011 | Montreux | AEMH Board and Conference 2011 | all |
| 27-28 May 2011 | Montreux | 64 th AEMH Plenary Meeting | all |
| 7-8 October 2011 | Vienna | FEMS | ???? |
| 28 January 2012 | Paris | AEMH-FEMS Board Meeting | all |
| 18-19 May 2012 | Bulgaria | AEMH-FEMS Plenary and GA ???????? | all |
| 5-6 October 2012 | Strasbourg | FEMS | |

It was decided that we reinstall permanent liaison officers to the EMOs.

CPME and FEMS: President Dr de Deus

UEMS : Dr Thomas Zilling

PWG : Dr Hrvoje Sobat, convenient as next meeting in Zagreb.

10. Next Board Meeting :

15 January 2011 in Paris CDG – partly in common with FEMS Board

11. Any other business

Dr Zilling will liaise with Norway for the 50th anniversary.

The president closed the meeting at 16:00.