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**Draft Minutes**  
**73<sup>rd</sup> AEMH Board meeting**  
20 November 2015, 9:00 -12:30

*Venue: Messehochhaus (Administration Building), 11<sup>th</sup> floor, Stockumer Kirchweg 61, 40474 Düsseldorf*

João de Deus thanked the members of the board for being present, as well as Dr Theo Merholz, who could attend this meeting prior to his taking over the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> AEMH vice-president from 1 January 2016.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved to the following modifications:

To item 13 (Any other business), the following requests were added:

- A letter of support to the French Medical Chamber for the tragic events occurred in Paris on 13 November (João de Deus)
- A letter of support to the Romanian Medical Chamber in the aftermath of the tragic events occurred in the “Colectiv” club (Vlad Tica)

To item 8 (AEMH Office), point 8.c was added, concerning Domus Medica (João de Deus)

The agenda was further approved with these changes

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the 72<sup>st</sup> AEMH Board Meeting**

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The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. Review 2015**

- a) AEMH Activity Report 2015
- b) President’s Report

João de Deus briefly presented the actions and events he had been part of since the last board meeting; thus, he attended the conference in Milan on the comparison of the health systems across Europe, where he introduced the Portuguese medical system (25-26 June). He attended 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of EMSA (17-19 September) as well as the EMOs Presidents’ Committee meeting (20 September) hosted by EMSA in Berlin. He was further part of the advisory board of the IDC Pan-European Healthcare 2015 Executive Summit (22-23 September 2015) in Dublin (Ireland). Next, he took part in the General Assemblies of FEMS (Krakow, 9-10 October) and UEMS (Warsaw, 16-17 October).

- c) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President’s Report, Thomas Zilling

Thomas Zilling thanked the board for their cooperation along the years of his mandate, as this was his last board meeting participation.

He further informed about his attendance of a meeting with ECDC representatives (29 September, Brussels), in view of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day. He further informed about a meeting with CPME technical staff responsible with the organisation of the CPD conference in Luxembourg (18 December). He further updated on this event to be organised jointly by the EMOs. Thus, the event will benefit from the participation of valuable speakers (such as Dave Davis, from Canada, a top authority on CPD over the past years, Janet Grant, in cooperation with whom Thomas Zilling has recently published a paper in the British Medical Journal- <http://www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h5229> - and others).

He mentioned problems with advertising the event, and, as a result, the registration seemed to be rather low, also due to the holiday season and the fact that the Luxembourg presidency could not provide a different date for the organisation of the event.

He next informed that the purpose of the conference is to have a consensus document endorsed by all EMOs, especially in the context of the new EC Directive which states that CPD should be mandatory for all healthcare professions; the 2006 consensus document needs to be updated. Concerning the draft consensus document, it now has 8 bullet points and no mentioning of EACCME, as he initially drafted it. The document was approved by the Presidents' Committee. Nevertheless, UEMS will have EACCME introduced in the morning plenary meeting session.

João de Deus thanked Thomas Zilling for all his efforts in the organisation of this event (i.e. drafting the consensus statement, contacting the speakers, advising as to the organisation, etc).

He further expressed his deep regret that Thomas Zilling is leaving the board of AEMH, as AEMH thus loses an important contributor.

Vlad Tica also expressed his regret with respect to Thomas Zilling leaving the AEMH board. He joined João de Deus in congratulating him for his entire work for AEMH. As in the previous meetings of the AEMH board, he reiterated the need to keep Thomas Zilling as a chair of a working group or as an expert to AEMH meetings, also pointing out that he would need help from Dr Zilling in taking over the position of AEMH 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Thomas Zilling thanked the board members for their kind words and reassured them that he will always remain available for consultation if requested.

d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report, Vlad Tica

João de Deus suggested Vlad Tica should be the AEMH liaison officer at UEMS meetings, his tasks being to inform UEMS about AEMH activity and further report back to AEMH.

Vlad Tica further presented 3 proposals as to AEMH activity:

- 1. Further to the Clinical Leadership Conference in Vienna, AEMH should consider developing a training curriculum (i.e. training for trainers, tailored courses on clinical leadership, etc.) What to do with the conference in Vienna? It would be a shame to lose the results;

João de Deus agreed that, further to Vlad Tica chairing an AEMH working group on Clinical Leadership together with Theo Merholz, AEMH could design a training programme, where participants could get diplomas.

Thomas Zilling also suggested web-based courses may be produced, which would significantly reduce costs for both organisers and participants.

Vlad Tica further said that, in order to be granted, diplomas need to be also endorsed by either academic institutions or European organisations (to be identified), besides other EMOs. In cooperation with Theo Merholz, he would think of designing a curriculum, while the other board members should consider potential institutions to back up the diplomas/certificates. Diana Voicu offered to look if it could be possible to obtain such an accreditation from

European institutions – like the European University in Florence. Another possible direction evoked was UNFPA – Vlad Tica said he would look into it.

- 2. Why should a National Member Organisation wish to be a member of AEMH? He proposed that one vice-president takes over this task and thinks over how AEMH should best serve its members and potential members.

Thomas Zilling informed that, at the level of the Scandinavian platform, AEMH is considered as a platform for distribution; it is, therefore, up to the members to produce documents they wish to be distributed and worked on.

João de Deus said a statement should be produced, in which AEMH fields of expertise and specific activities are highlighted. He suggested Theo Merholz should take over this task in view of the next AEMH board meeting (February 2016). Further on, he insisted that, given the time limitation, meetings cannot cover all topics relevant to hospital doctors, which makes it important, politically rather than technically, to define and highlight specific areas of expertise.

Theo Merholz said he would produce the document and circulated it among the board members.

Hrvoje Sobat said this may end up in the document on why EMOs should have one voice;

- 3. Vlad Tica suggested the representatives of the European Commission are contacted (i.e. Annika Nowak from the cabinet of commissioner for health and food safety) to see in which way AEMH could be the representative at the European level in a specific area of expertise, especially as, as Miss. Nowak stressed out, one of the main EU initiatives and activities are “Skills and workforce”; and AEMH is particularly well placed in this field, concerning a major part of the physicians – the hospital doctors.

e) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President’s Report, Pierre-François Cuénoud

Pierre-François Cuénoud did not have any particular issue to report.

**4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint European Hospital Conference, 19 November 2015, Dusseldorf** [AEMH 15-030](#)

Conclusions and follow-up.

All board members agreed that the conference had been quite a successful event, in which AEMH was well represented (i.e. Raymond Lies chaired part of the meeting, there were two speakers from AEMH board). João de Deus suggested AEMH had more contact with the co-organizers of the event (HOPE and EAHM) in the future.

Hrvoje Sobat agreed that it may be useful to attend the meetings of these organisations, rather than those of EJD or EMSA.

João de Deus suggested Raymond Lies remains the liaison officer to the organization of this event in the future.

**5. Joint EMOs CPD Conference, Luxembourg, December 2015 – updates**

- Conference [agenda](#)

- [Registration](#)

Besides his report on point 3.c, Thomas Zilling added that he had asked Mr Gerd Norden to further publicize the conference within Germany; he also asked Annabel Seebohm to advise, as the countries should report back to the Commission in respect to CPD on 16 January 2016.

## **6. AEMH Conference 2016 – 26 May 2016, Naples, Italy**

It was decided that João de Deus contacted Sergio Bovenga to commonly decide on the topic of the 2016 AEMH conference.

Hrvoje Sobat suggested AEMH could draft a letter to the Italian organisers, in which several topics to be addressed at the conference are ranked according to AEMH interests

Vlad Tica suggested taking advantage of the presence of FEMS and CPME representatives in Naples, for an intervention at the conference. Function of the topic that will be eventually decided upon, he offered to prepare a survey.

Ideally, by the time of the Luxembourg conference, a final topic as well as a draft programme should be decided upon.

## **7. Update on European Affairs**

Diana Voicu informed on her attendance of the opening event of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day (Brussels, 16 November 2015), event hosted by the Commissioner for health and consumer affairs. All different European updates will be made available via the AEMH newsletter.

## **8. AEMH Office**

a) AEMH newsletter - update – [Issue no. 2/2015](#); preparation Issue no. 3/2015

Diana Voicu informed on the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the AEMH newsletter, which will focus on e-health; Anja Mitchell, chair of the newly set AEMH working group will have a major contribution in this issue, especially in view of organizing the working group in Naples.

Thomas Zilling suggested adding a Google function that explores the number of visits to the various newsletter issues.

b) AEMH website and webhosting – update

Diana Voicu informed about the change in the internet provider as well as the redesign of the website, which have turned it more flexible and user-friendly. Overall reduced costs with the website will apply from next year.

c) Domus Medica

João de Deus informed that the first approach by UEMS to relocate to Domus Medica was rejected, as the initial proposal was not appropriate financially and technically.

Thomas Zilling insisted that, politically speaking, AEMH will lose significantly if it moved from the CPME offices.

UEMS unsecure future was also mentioned and consequently, the board members agreed that it was politically safer for AEMH to remain with the CPME premises; further consultations will be engaged with FEMS board, in the context of the next joint board meeting of FEMS/AEMH (February 2016).

## **9. Financial Reports by AEMH-treasurer Dr. Sobat**

a) Treasurer's report

- b) Financial Situation as of 30 September 2015
- c) Draft Budget 2017

[AEMH 15-005](#)

Hrvoje Sobat invoked a good and stable financial situation of AEMH. He inquired about the French contribution, so as to revise the budget for 2016. According to Professor Claude Degos, CNOM will take over the contribution of SNAMHP (the exiting member from France), therefore no change in the budget is foreseeable. The treasurer informed that he would prepare the report for the February board meeting.

#### 10. 68<sup>th</sup> AEMH Plenary Meeting Minutes (for information)

Request to change the minutes by the Panhellenic Medical Association

[AEMH 15-048](#)

João de Deus informed that, during the joint AEMH/FEMS GA in Vienna, the Greek delegation already asked that the report of the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association is not considered the official report of Cyprus.

For political correctness, the board members agreed that all reports by FEMS member organisations should be removed from the AEMH minutes of the General Assembly in Vienna.

#### 11. International meeting Calendar [International EMOs' Calendar](#)

Date and place	Event	Attendance AEMH
18 December 2015, Luxembourg	CPD Conference	João de Deus, Thomas Zilling
8-9 April 2016, Brussels, Belgium	CPME Meeting	João de Deus
6-7 May 2016, Cyprus	FEMS GA	João de Deus
18-19 November 2016, Athens, Greece	CPME Meeting	

#### 12. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will take place on 5 February 2016, in Catania, jointly with FEMS board.

#### 13. Any other business

- Membership of SNAMHP Syndicat National des Médecins, Chirurgiens, Spécialistes et Biologistes des Hôpitaux

[AEMH 15-049](#)

João de Deus said that AEMH should write a letter to the SNAMHP president, in reply to their leaving AEMH, expressing AEMH regret for this decision and welcoming them to join in the future, should their financial situation allow. At the same time, AEMH should thank Professor Claude Degos for CNOM' decision to take over the AEMH membership fee of SNAMHP.

- A letter of support to the French Medical Chamber for the tragic events occurred in Paris on 13 November (to be drafted by the AEMH secretariat)
- A letter of support to the Romanian Medical Chamber in the aftermath of the tragic events occurred in the "Colectiv" club (to be drafted by the AEMH secretariat).