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AEMH Activity Report 2015

AEMH continues to provide a European platform for hospital physicians, which develops and maintains a spirit of cooperation and communication among its national member delegations.

One of our main aims is to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences and the discussion among doctors, patients and politicians with the major objective of promoting health and improving patient safety.

Hospital management based on quality and safety with a larger involvement of doctors are therefore, together with working conditions and CME/CPD, the core values of the AEMH.

AEMH Conference 2015

This year's pre plenary conference explored the issue of Clinical Leadership. Among the topics discussed there were:

- Clinical management versus clinical leadership;
- What is clinical leadership;
- Clinical leadership for doctors, patients and society
- Qualities necessary for the clinical leader
- How to become a clinical leader
- The EU situation: good and bad lessons

The conference enjoyed the participation of great speakers inside and outside the AEMH network, which fostered an interesting exchange of ideas and a lively debate. It also enjoyed an enlarged audience, as it preceded the joint GA of three European Medical Organisations (AEMH, EJD, FEMS).

68th AEMH Plenary Meeting

The 68th AEMH Plenary Assembly and the 2nd Joint General Assembly took place in Vienna, upon the invitation of the Austrian Medical Chamber. For the first time, three European Medical Organisations met together in the plenary session, focusing on a common issue: the European Working Time Directive (2003/88/EC). The GA continued with an individual AEMH session as well as a joint meeting with FEMS, along the model of the Varna General Assembly, which was dedicated mainly to issues and projects of common concern as well as to the presentation of the country reports.

AEMH and FEMS held three parallel working groups:

1. Clinical Leadership, chaired by Dr Erich Theo Merholz (AEMH)
2. Access to online medical files, chaired by Dr Anja Mitchell (AEMH)
3. Working conditions of the European Doctors, chaired by Dr Albert Tomas I Torrelles (FEMS)

Internal Matters

AEMH held elections for President, 1st Vice-President and Treasurer on the same occasion of its 68th General Assembly (Vienna, 8-9 May 2015).

The AEMH executive committee for the period 2016-2018 was elected as follows:

- Dr João de Deus was reelected as AEMH president;

- Prof Vlad Tica was elected AEMH 1st vice-president;
- Dr Hrvoje Sobat was reelected AEMH treasurer.

The AEMH board for the period 2016-2017 will consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the 2nd and 3rd vice-president, who were elected as follows:

- Dr Pierre-François Cuénoud was elected as 2nd vice-president;
- Dr Erich-Theo Merholz was elected as 3rd vice-president.

AEMH has started to produce a quarterly newsletter, aimed at providing members with information on developments at the EU level as well as the EU institutions and media with news from the AEMH network. The 3 issues from 2015 are available on the AEMH website, under Documents/AEMH Newsletter/2015.

Policies

The AEMH opposes mandatory CME/CPD and revalidation. Educational activities should be assessed by the profession. The statement reminds the European consensus statement on CPD adopted in Luxembourg 14 December 2006 and endorsed by all European Medical Organisation and the European Commission “CPD Improving Healthcare Quality, ensuring Patients Safety”. This was taken forward within the framework of a conference organised in December 2015, with the support of the Luxembourg Ministry of Health and the Luxembourg Presidency of the European Union.

Besides CME/CPD, AEMH intends to focus on Clinical Leadership in the near future, to the same aim of achieving increased EU visibility. This is also sought for while pursuing common activities and actions with the European Commission.

AEMH has decided to further explore the issue of e-health, which has lately become a concern for most European Medical Organisations and is increasingly impacting the organisation of the healthcare systems.

External activities

Several AEMH members had interventions at the **Conference on "European Health Systems"** - 13 February 2015 (Florence, Italy), as follows:

- Presentations of the health systems from Portugal - Dr João de Deus
- Germany - Dr Theo Merholz
- Sweden - Dr Thomas Zilling
- Croatia - Dr Hrvoje Sobat
- Romania - Professor Vlad Tica

Since the event was a big success in Italy, at the request of the Italian organizers and also within the framework of the Milan Expo 2015, the conference was replicated in Milan, on 25-26 June 2015, with the same attendance from the AEMH side.

3rd International Congress of Medical Cooperation - Panama 22-25 February 2015. Dr João de Deus made a presentation "Clinical Leadership and Management - is there a relationship?"

Dr João de Deus made a presentation upon the invitation of the Cyprus Medical Chamber on "Doctor's involvement in Hospital Management - Patients Safety and Quality of Care" (Cyprus, March 2015)

ENMCA (European Network of Medical Competent Authorities) - Lisbon 20 April 2015

Dr João de Deus made a presentation on the " Directive on the recognition of Professional Qualifications".

Dr Hrvoje Sobat, AEMH Treasurer, represented AEMH at **the WMA meeting in Tbilisi (Georgia)** – April 2015.

In April 2015, The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AEMH and ISfTeH was officially signed in Luxembourg, acknowledging the collaboration between the two organisations, to the purpose of advancing an interdisciplinary approach to telemedicine, eHealth and mHealth.

IDC Pan-European Healthcare 2015 Executive Summit, Dublin, 22-23 September 2015. AEMH President João de Deus was part of the Advisory Board. He made a presentation on the Portuguese e-health records.

ECDC meeting, Brussels, 29 September 2015. AEMH 1st Vice-President took part in a meeting with the ECDC representatives in the wake of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day (further organised on 16 November in Brussels).

3rd Joint European Hospital Conference, 19 November 2015

AEMH, in cooperation with HOPE and EAHM, organised the [3rd Joint European Hospital Conference](#), as part of the 38th Congress of German Hospitals and the Medica Fair at the Dusseldorf Exhibition Centre. This year's topics were:

- Patient-oriented hospital care in the future
- Patient-oriented hospital care in the practice.

Dr Pierre-François Cuénoud and Dr Hrvoje Sobat were speakers at the conference, while Dr Raymond Lies moderated one session. João de Deus made a presentation on "Patient-Oriented Hospital Care in the Future". Hrvoje Sobat presented the "Patient-Oriented Hospital Care in Practice from the Croatian Point of View".

João de Deus attended the EXPAND Final Event within the context of the Lisbon e-health week on the 11th December 2015.

Conference on CPD, 18 December 2015

Following AEMH proposal to the other European Medical Organisations, the EMOs Presidents agreed during their meeting in Paris (October 2014) to arrange a coming meeting similar to the Luxembourg meeting (December 14, 2006), with the aim to produce a [consensus statement](#) on EU regulation of CPD according to the revised Directive 2005/36/EC accepted by all EMOs and the

European Commission. This conference was organised under the Luxembourg presidency of the European Union and with the support of the Luxembourg Ministry of Health.

Dr Thomas Zilling chaired one working group of the conference which dealt with 'CPD at regulatory level - how to follow and implement the new provision on CPD in Directive 2005/36/EC'.

Dr Sergio Bovenga made a presentation of the "CME in Italy: lights and shadows", for the Working Group 1 – *CPD at regulatory level – how to follow and implement the new provisions on CPD in Directive 2005/36/EC*.

Dr João de Deus presented the "Portuguese experience regarding voluntary CPD" for the Working Group 2 – *What is the impact of CPD on quality of care and patient safety?*

Dr Anja Mitchell further made a presentation for the Working Group 3 – *Barriers and Incentives for CPD on "Obligatory but no dictate – the Danish Medical Association's approach to Continuous Professional Development (CPD)"*.