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AEMH Activity Report 2017

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 2017

This year's pre plenary conference revisited the issue of e-health in hospital care, an issue taken then forth to the 3rd European Hospital Conference (organized together with HOPE and EAHM in November 2017 in Dusseldorf). Among the topics discussed there were:

- Sharing and exchanging healthcare data between hospitals and other healthcare providers
- Clinical leadership in times of digitality
- The challenges and lessons of e-health
- Handling health data in the context of medical research
- A hospital perspective on the integrated medical record
- Data protection in the context of medical files

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.

70th AEMH Plenary Meeting

The 70th AEMH Plenary Assembly took place in Luxembourg, upon the invitation of [AMMD](#) (Association des Médecins et Médecins Dentistes), the AEMH member in Luxembourg. Aside from dealing with internal organizational matters, the delegates had the opportunity to attend two working groups on:

1. [Clinical Leadership](#), chaired by Professor Vlad Tica, AEMH 1st Vice President
2. [Patient Safety](#), chaired by Dr Hrvoje Sobat, AEMH treasurer

Internal Matters

AEMH held elections for 2nd and 3rd Vice-President on the occasion of the 70th Plenary Assembly in Luxembourg.

Thus, Dr Erich-Theo Merholz was elected as 2nd Vice-President and Dr Sergio Bovenga was elected as 3rd Vice-President for the period 2018-2019.

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

- Dr João de Deus - AEMH president;

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

The AEMH board for 2018 will consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the 2nd and 3rd vice-president newly elected in Luxembourg.

Policies

The AEMH opposes mandatory CME/CPD and revalidation. Educational activities should be assessed by the profession. AEMH endorsed the European consensus statement on CPD adopted in Luxembourg 14 December 2006 (also endorsed by all European Medical Organisation and the European Commission) - "[CPD Improving Healthcare Quality, ensuring Patients Safety](#)". The statement was revisited in December 2015 and resulted in a [new document](#) by the EMOs.

Besides CME/CPD, AEMH intends to focus on Clinical Leadership in the near future and further establish a European certification body in the area of Clinical Leadership. The project is currently under development, exploring potential involvement of other EMOs as well as of universities active in the area.

AEMH has decided to re-open the file of patient safety and to address the issue of defensive medicine in this context. The conclusions of the working group held in Luxembourg pointed to the:

- need for paradigm change – creating a system that will protect doctors and enable free and autonomous practice of medical profession;
- need for “no shame – no blame” environment;
- need for reporting of all unwanted events and “nearmisses”;
- need for organisation which learns from mistakes and constantly evolves and improves.

External activities

Dr João de Deus attended a meeting with Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis on 31 May 2017, together with a FEMS delegation. Following this meeting, FEMS decided to organize a conference on the working conditions and salaries of European doctors (Brussels, 21 September 2018), where AEMH will provide a keynote speaker.

Dr Hrvoje Sobat attended a conference organized by ANAAO on 23 September 2017 on the topic of tasks and competencies of future doctors.

On 16 November 2017, together with HOPE and EAHM, AEMH organised the 4th European Hospital Conference in Dusseldorf, Germany, alongside the MEDICA fair and the 40th German Hospital Conference taking place at this time in Dusseldorf. The conference’s theme was “Chances and Challenges of E-health. The AEMH speakers were Dr João de Deus and Dr Erich-Theo Merholz.