



European Medical Organisations' Presidents' Meeting

6 April 2019, Valetta

Hotel The Phoenicia Malta

The Mall, FRN1478, Floriana, Malta

Room: Knights

16.15-17:30

DRAFT MINUTES

- **Welcome**

Present: Dr Maillet (UEMS), Ms Cetin (EMSA), Dr Mohan (EJD), Dr Merholz (AEMH), Dr de Deus (FEMS), Dr Santos (CEOM), Prof. Dr Montgomery (CPME)

Excused: Dr Boutin (EANA)

Guest: Ms Seebohm (CPME)

- **Approval of the minutes**

EMOs Presidents approved the minutes of the meeting in Brussels, 18 October 2018.

- **EMO`s manifestos for European elections**

EJD is in the process of developing a toolkit for the European Parliament elections. EMSA has published their manifesto (available shortly). UEMS hasn't prepared its own manifesto.

FEMS and CEOM support the CPME Health. CPME has published its "Health Check" [here](#).

Furthermore, Presidents discussed the future of health at EU level in general, i.e. the future Commission set-up and the role of DG Santé and the Health Commissioner.

- **Role of industry in CME accredited events**

EMOs Presidents support the Consensus Statement of the EMOs on CPD, Luxembourg, 2015.

However, given that participants agree that industry must not "organise" (i.e. selection of speakers, topics etc.) CME events which are subject to accreditation (a position promulgated

by EFPIA in its recently revised self-regulation¹), the Consensus statement from 2015 should be updated. UEMS volunteers drafting a paragraph to be sent ahead of the next EMOs Presidents meeting in due time.

▪ **Maintenance of competence (revalidation, recertification)**

EMOs Presidents discuss the lacking/controversial causality between revalidation/recertification and patient safety. FEMS refers to Portugal where no revalidation/recertification but a “career-step-approach” exists, i.e. doctors have to proof CME/CPD. Where no proof exists, doctors will not receive a rise in salary. Portugal prefers an incentive model rather than a sanctioning model.

▪ **Update and Exchange on the Professional Qualifications Directive**

CPME reported that the European Commission has launched a process to explore the potential review of some of the elements of the Professional Qualifications Directive. In a meeting with DG GROW in March 2019 it was clarified that any review would be limited to adjustments of existing provisions, e.g. changes to length of specialty training, and not introduce any new rules. In this scope, it has commissioned a study to look into the minimum training requirements for nurses for general care (see [tender specifications](#)). There will be studies for other professions apart from nurses depending on professions’ interest in a revision. Should professions not be subject of a specific study, there would be alternative consultation mechanisms to determine the need for and scope of any changes to the minimum training requirements for doctors.

EMOs Presidents discussed changing the minimum duration of specialty training in Annex V; FEMS and CPME highlighted that in PT and DE durations are usually longer than stipulated in Annex V.

▪ **Any other business (AOB)**

Next meetings:

- 30 November 2019 at 9 am in Lisbon (along CEOM)
- 4 April 2020 in Brussels (along CPME)

▪ **Closing**

EMOs Presidents suggest having the draft Directive on transparent and predictable working conditions COM(2017) 797 final on the next agenda.

¹ In 2018, the EFPIA Ethics and Compliance Committee worked on the consolidation of the three EFPIA Codes (HCP Code - Patient Organisations Code - Disclosure Code) aiming “to remove redundant provisions, improve some wording, clarify a few concepts, and align some provisions with the IFPMA Code”.