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It is with a great pleasure that I present the proposed budget as treasurer of AEMH,

I will first thank the Austrian Medical Chamber for the excellent and fruitful meeting in Frauenkirchen last year and the excellent location in the very special hotel and meeting venue.

The pandemic has now loosened its grip and we are coming back to more normal activity although we still meet much more in very effective hybrid meetings from time to time. But it is with great pleasure we can meet this year again in real life and this time in the capital city of Europe hosted by ABSYM - Association Belge des Syndicats Medicaux.

For the first time for a long while there is a deficit in the budget. Nevertheless, in 2022 we had a surplus of 34.000 and in 2021, about 38.000, so we can afford to go negative for once.

The main reason was the need to change the statutes due to the change in Belgian legislation. This wasn't budgeted for. This is always costly, around 15.500 so far for the lawyer and notary, and there are still probably 5000 for this year and then it's over.

The other reason is the EACL activity where we covered the travel expenses for our experts in the EACL board. We had a promotional free offer with around 50 applicants for fellowships assessments from which we learned a lot. The thought is 500/applicant in the future and then the EACL will be self-funded.

Other circumstances for the proposed budget are:

-We have raised the meetings budget because of increasing travel costs.

- Office costs will maintain as budgeted with the well-established common secretariat shared with FEMS both professionally and financially.

- AEMH maintains a significant amount of money placed on the saving account, not blocked in any long-term contract with the bank since 2012.

However, given the increasing costs, I want to propose a slight change in the annual fee calculation. To this day we haven't raised the membership fees since 2010. Due to augmenting costs for almost anything, I would like to propose a yearly indexation of the fees of 2%. Thus, we will be able to keep the budget in a steady state and avoid big raises at once in the future.

All and all, I am glad for the financial situation, the big costs we've had this year should not repeat. I look forward to the next year and hope for a lot of applicants for our EACL Fellowships from you and your countries as well as other important political advocacy.

The budget for 2025, submitted to the plenary, is rather similar to last year's with the expectation that 2023 will finally be a year that things come back to normal and that AEMH will be able to resume its activities without major constraints.

I invite you to kindly support this proposal.

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