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1. Opening and Roll Call

Dr. Wilks (CPME) welcomed all the participants to Winchester and invited all EMOs' representatives to also take an active participation in the upcoming CPME's meetings to be held in the subsequent days.

AEMH: Dr. Raymond Lies and Dr. João de Deus

CEOM: Dr. Pedro Nunes, Dr. Fackie Ahr and Mrs. Olivia Uguen

CPME: Dr. Michael Wilks and Mrs. Lisette Tiddens-Engwirda

EANA: Dr. Jorg Pruckner

FEMS: Dr. Claude Wetzel and Dr. Bojan Popovic

PWG: Dr. Bernardo Bollen Pinto and Dr. Rui Guimarães

UEMO: Mr. Humberto Alexandre Martins

UEMS: Dr. Bernard Maillet

2. Procedural matters

Elected Chair Person: Dr. Raymond Lies (AEMH)

Elected Rapporteur: Mr. Humberto Martins (UEMO)

3. Approval of the Agenda

Approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 1st Joint EMO Meeting 11th June 2009 (PWG)

Approved.

5. Follow-up on the 1st Joint meeting of the EMOs

The state of play and actions undertaken or planned by all EMOS subsequent to the 1st Joint Meeting was reviewed. All the EMOs recognized the advantages of such meeting and expressed their confidence that it will contribute to unite and

strengthen the voice of doctors with the new European Parliament and the future European Commission.

UEMO stressed the positive common work developed in the 1st Joint Meeting and the organisation' commitment in further cooperate with all the EMOs.

UEMS expressed their engagement in contributing to the EMOs' mutual cooperation on the basis of equity and the achievement of a European Domus Medica.

FEMS highlighted the new mandate of their re-elected presidency and their two major objectives: build a closer partnership between the EMOs and approach the EU' labour union representatives.

AEMH reinforced their commitment on a closer cooperation between EMOs and introduced Dr. João de Deus as their elected President.

PWG informed about the new elected executive and introduced Dr. Bernardo Bollen Pinto as their new President. PWG welcomed the joint efforts and stated their willingness to present a number of proposals to reinforce the common voice of EU doctors.

CEOM presented their internal reorganization which translates into goals and objectives focused on their core mission of medical regulation, namely: ethics, discipline and migrations. They expressed their interest in achieving close cooperation between all EMOs.

EANA informed that the organisation had not met since June and re-stated their interest of a close cooperation amongst EMOs.

CPME explained its internal reconfiguration process and explained how the new proposed format of their working groups aimed at identifying "smarter" methods of working, and a continuation of the involvement in CPME working groups of EMOs. Rationalization of costs and joint efforts are added values that should foster closer cooperation between European doctors' representations.

6. Future collaboration in the context of an Alliance

PWG (Letter PWG 2009Oct)

The site www.edomusmedica.eu was presented as a successful example of EMOs' cooperation and PWG asked for more contents and suggested that policy papers should also be added to this platform.

PWG presented proposals to enhance the work at the Presidents Committee. UEMS supported PWG proposals, reinforcing that all EMOs should participate with equity and without any monopoly and suggesting that the Presidents Committee should be hosted by a different EMO each time.

AEMH recalled the successful joint efforts in the "European Working Time Directive" initiative as a model of cooperation between EMOs; we should take advantage of the each and every expertise of the EMOs to boost common and strong perspectives of Doctors in Europe.

CPME suggested the use of more electronic cooperation in sharing expertise and work amongst EMOs and also expressed a positive position about other EMOs hosting the Presidents Committee attached to their own meetings.

AEMH proposed the Presidents Committee should meet on a regular basis three times per year. An e-working group should be established as an adequate system for

the Presidents Committee' work. EANA supported the proposal related to the three annual meetings.

PWG suggested that the Presidents Committee meetings should be scheduled on the basis of the next EMOs meetings and without any rigid or mandatory rotation.

FEMS expressed the need for a clear commitment from each EMOs in aiming at a closer cooperation, which should be reflected on the Presidents Committee' work.

FEMS-AEMH bi-lateral agreement

A draft of a bi-lateral agreement was presented as a proposal to further develop the agreement of cooperation established in June amongst all the EMOs. This proposal was supported by FEMS and AEMH and was presented to the remaining EMOs for analysis and discussion on whether this could be a way forward to reach the desired closer cooperation among EMOs. The participants concluded that this type of proposal would meet the interests of EMOs by strengthen cooperation and independence.

The EMOs were unanimous in expressing the need to debate this matter at internal level and committed themselves to provide some input and feed-back on this at the next Presidents Committee.

CPME contribution to the debate (CPME 2009/180)

CPME highlighted that National Medical Associations need to clearly express their interest in new forms of cooperation among EMOs and more clearly state what representation they want within the EU, in particular due to the financial issues involved and in view of the opportunity to gather different expertises. The EMOs considered that this debate must start inside each organization.

UEMO contribution to the debate:

UEMO disagreed that the termination of the agreement they had kept with CPME for the provision of policy advising services was set as an example of low interest in cooperating with the other EMOs. The organisation explained that clarification had been provided to the CPME related to the process in which their general Assembly, after reviewing different proposals, had taken a decision about an internal matter on the basis of the best allocation of resources – this had been done without any meaning or intention to affect the desired close cooperation amongst EMOs.

7. Submission of Documents from EMOs to the other EMOs

EMOs presented documents and exchange views about:

- AEMH

a) Regulation on Education and Training **AEMH 09-049**

b) Definition of Hospital Care **(endorsed by FEMS) AEMH 09-038**

c) Accreditation of Hospitals (3rd part)– organizational standards **AEMH 09-034**

- EANA

- a) Statement on Telemedicine **EANA Statement Stockholm**
- b) Freedom of contracting among social partners within the EU health care systems **EANA Statement Budapest**
- c) Definition of the liberal medical practice **EANA Statement Brussels**
- d) CPME Statement on Global Warming and Health (**CPME 2009/021 FINAL**) and

“Prescription for a healthy planet” (**CPME Info 156-2009**) CPME presented the documents and encouraged other EMOs to undersign the proposal on “the prescription”. This would help to turn doctors into an active and strong voice at the next Copenhagen Climate Conference.

8. Topics of common interests and responsibility

PWG proposed some topics of joint work that could take advantage of an EMOs common positions:

- a) European Directive on Crossborder Healthcare

FEMS supported the idea of issuing a common position of the EMOs about this issue.

- b) European Working Time Directive

FEMS updated several political aspects around this issue and warned about some new initiatives that may be undertaken by the European Commission.

PWG proposed to send a questionnaire on this topic in order to set the scene with accurate data. It was agreed that all EMOS would cooperate in gathering the proper information and send it back to PWG, who will process the data and present the conclusions to the other EMOs.

- c) Post-graduate Training

PWG highlighted that this was a common topic to almost all EMOs, therefore, a theme to be addressed in common.

9. Conclusion on future collaboration

All EMOs stressed their willingness in proceeding with further cooperation and commitment to achieve closer cooperation. The possibility of sharing common premises in Brussels was also discussed and it was decided that an internet-based discussion should follow.

The Presidents Committee agreed that:

- Each EMO will have 2 representatives at the Presidents Committee: the President and another appointed person ;
- Meetings: will be held 3 times/year, hosted by rotation at one of the EMOs' meeting;

- An e-working group is to be created to promote exchange of information (PWG);
- The E-domus medica should be developed in order to incorporate more information about EMOs activities;
- Each EMO will provide feed-back about the draft agreement proposed by FEMS-AEMH;
- The procedures of paper distribution amongst EMOs should be revised (redefinition of procedures of documents "for information" or "for endorsement").

10. **Next Meeting**

5th December, Porto (Portugal) at the CEOM meeting.

11. **Any Other Business**

This being their last participation, the Presidents Committee congratulated Dr. Raymond Lies, Dr. Rui Guimarães and Dr. Michael Wilks for their contributions and thanked their efforts during their corresponding mandates.
