Treasurer’s Report to the Plenary Meeting 27-28 May 2011

Accounts 2010

The accounts of the AEMH are even more positive than expected. Two reasons for that, firstly the self-employment of Brigitte Jencik fully benefits to the AEMH since 2010 as it is a direct collaboration without any interference of tax or social authorities. Secondly, last year’s conference and plenary meeting have been fully supported by the Ordem dos Medicos. We are very grateful for this supplement, which increases considerably our savings.

My thanks also to all delegations for having paid promptly the annual membership fee, which helps to manage the account serenely.

Furthermore, we have managed to keep the running costs well within the budget. Despite regular representation at various European events by the officers and staff both travel costs and office and administrative costs are below budget. Here again my thanks to the Ordem dos Medicos, which paid the presidents travel costs.

The assets of 60.000 Euros invested in November 2009 brought the first gain of 2 %. This year will earn 3 % and 4 % next year. These interests are taxed with 20 %, which reduce the income, but it is without any speculation and a safe placement.

Prevision 2011-2012

The “meeting package” has now become a rule and is hopefully accepted by all delegates and accompanying persons.

The decision to have interpretation from Spanish, Italian and French also for the 2011 meeting was based on the foreseen sponsorship offered to BASF. Unfortunately, they have backed out from participating in our conference, which means that the interpretation costs will burden the accounts 2011. Furthermore, Swiss interpreters being extremely expensive, we decided to “import” from Austria and Belgium.

The subject of interpretation is sensitive and is to be solved year by year with the organizers, according to the resolution adopted in Zagreb. Nevertheless, one day we have to take up the debate again. As in 2012 we will hold our meeting together with FEMS, I suggest to try FEMS’ interpretation method, which is bilingual English-French. This will facilitate cost-sharing and might be a first step to a change.

For the AEMH Conferences we succeed to attract renowned speakers, who lecture for free but we have to pay travel and accommodation expenses. This was possible as long as we had sponsors. It seems now that we cannot count on these revenues, which makes the organisation of conferences in the future precarious. We have to decide whether we can afford such high-level events, which are mainly for the AEMH delegates as the local attendance is rather limited.
In 2012 we will be able to pursue the tradition, the joint AEMH-FEMS meeting is the rescue as it will allow sharing the financial burden.

Concerning the office, we await a concrete proposal from the UEMS to move into their premises, which they have bought recently. The plenary 2010 has mandated the president and the board to proceed in this matter to the best of our organisation. For the office in the rue Guimard, our share of the office is 3,000 Euros annually, FEMS paying the same amount. We have a contract with CPME with a 6 months’ notice.

But we expect from a Domus Medica more than renting office space. A common secretariat with other EMOs would facilitate collaboration but has financial consequences, which we cannot measure now but which we have to keep in mind when taking decisions which might jeopardize our financial ability to take part in this challenge.

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