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Treasurer’s Report 2012

Accounts 2012

The accounts of the AEMH are very positive for the third year in a row.

We have experienced the 1st Joint Meeting with FEMS, which has been a real success considering the evaluation by the delegates. From a financial point of view this is not quite the case despite sharing of costs with FEMS. This is mainly due to the fact that no local interpreters could be found and once again we had to call on three interpreters from abroad, which always increases considerably the budget.

The Ordem dos Medicos supports our organisation by carrying most of the travel expenses of our president. We are very grateful for this supplement, which contributes to increase further our savings.

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

Concerning the office and administration costs, it occurred that the AEMH website came to saturation and a reconstruction was necessary. This was not budgeted and also turned to be more expensive than initially foreseen. But we have now a powerful and efficient site, which is still upgradable and ready for all new social network performances as fora and blogs. We hope that the investment will be profitable to all delegates and other users.

Despite regular representation at various European events by the officers and staff both travel costs and office and administrative costs are below budget. We could re-install liaison-officers to attend meetings of sister EMOs on a regular basis, which increases mutual understanding and acceptance and which allows to establish closer ties.

The assets of 60,000 Euros invested in November 2009 gained €4000 interests over the past 3 years, but essential was in this time of financial crises to have a safe placement and not to loose money. The contract ended in November and as the bank could not provide any similar or better contract, we stalled the money for the time being on a saving account where it is available at any time to be invested once an opportunity occurs.

Prevision 2013-2014

The subject of interpretation is sensitive and is to be solved year by year with the organizers, according to the resolution adopted in Zagreb. The board decided to have interpretation from Spanish, Italian and French
also for the 2013 meeting with local interpreters from Paris. We are grateful to Prof Degos, who could obtain a sponsorship for interpretation and hopefully it will also cover some of the other expenses. We all know that Paris is an expensive venue. As this year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the AEMH, we have to make it a special event in many respects and we thank our French members for their generous contribution.

Concerning the Brussels office within a Domus Medica there has been no developments. Our address remains in the meantime within the CPME premises, where we pay a monthly rent, which we share with FEMS. The secretariat is run anyway from a virtual office. In this way, from our side there is no haste, but the uncertainty on possible financial consequences remains and makes the drafting of a budget difficult.

Brigitte Jencik’s proposal to split her activity and have the representation part taken over by a qualified independent European Policy Adviser has no financial consequences this year. For the coming year when the administrative part of the European Liaison Office will also be shifted due to Brigitte Jencik’s retirement, there might be a necessity for double occupation for instructing the new secretary. I think therefore prudent to increase this item of expenditure for 2014.

Besides this, I propose a budget almost identical to last year, with increases only on the costs for our meetings and remuneration of the auditors and the webpage but without any increase of membership fee for the 4th year in row.

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