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President's Report 2013

2013 has been an important year, as at our 66th Plenary meeting in May 2013 we looked back on 50 years of existence. Three past-presidents -covering almost half of this period- gave a moving overview of their term of office. Flash-back to the past and yet in some aspects so up-to-date and lively, reminding that the fundamentals of our organisation are unchanged. "Senior hospital physicians with final responsibility for the patients, with the primary goal to improve all aspects of hospital life in Europe, assuming responsibility, while claiming total independent medical freedom of choice to ensure effective practice".

Despite these universal, unalterable values, we must admit that the medical world has changed and hospitals and doctors need to adapt to these changes in order to take advantage of new technologies, drugs and innovations. Besides, hospitals have to cope with pressures on budgets due to the economic crisis, which induces some countries to reduce the public health budget, the number of hospital beds, the health workforce and the salaries.

Doctors can and have to play a key-role in decision-making in hospitals by advocating a greater active involvement in management of hospital physicians as leaders and drivers of change in the maintenance of traditional clinical duties. More and more surveys and studies show evidence that outstanding hospitals tend to be those run by somebody with a medical degree, even when it comes to the financial outcome.

This is together with working conditions, training and CME/CPD one of the main targets of our organisation and the "European Hospital Physicians Declaration" (AEMH 13-052) adopted in May in Paris is an important tool to demonstrate at political and decision-making level that we are the representative voice of European hospital physicians.

To achieve our ambitions to become an essential stakeholder in Brussels, the AEMH recruited Catherine Hartmann, a professional public affairs lobbyist. The AEMH European Liaison Office is now staffed with a secretary and a European policy adviser.

Thus, after 50 years of existence and tradition the AEMH gives itself the means to promote its image, build a reputation and a sustainable future.

In all my previous reports, I called for more personal involvement on the part of the delegates. I am happy to see that there is progress. But we can do better and I count on all delegates to get actively involved in the activities. Let's make best use of our greatest wealth: a network of responsible hospital physicians providing information, exchanging experiences, sharing professional, organizational and social knowledge.

We have all necessary expertise amongst us, let us compose together the partition of the future of the AEMH.