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AEMH Activity Report

This year was a special year as it marked the 50th Anniversary of the AEMH.

50 years after, the motivation of the AEMH remains towards providing a European platform for hospital physicians, by developing and maintaining a spirit of cooperation and communication among its national member delegations, the exchange of ideas and experiences and the discussion among doctors, patients and politicians with the major objective of promoting health and improving patient safety. Hospital management based on quality and safety with a larger involvement of doctors are, together with working conditions, training and CME/CPD, the core values of the AEMH.

1. AEMH Conference 2013 explored the « Role, Practice and Future of Senior Hospital Physicians », in particular
   - the status of doctors in public and private hospitals;
   - contracts and liability of senior hospital physicians;
   - enhancement of the involvement of doctors in hospital management;
   - the coordination of management and medical professionalism across European hospitals, and the role of the AEMH (a body of Hospital Physicians or a body of wage earner’s ?!).

2. 66th AEMH Plenary Meeting
In the follow-up of the AEMH Conference 2013, the 66th AEMH Plenary adopted unanimously The European Hospital Physicians Declaration 2013. In this document, the hospital physicians reaffirm their important role for an enhanced organisation of healthcare, as managers of their hospitals, taking part in the governance of the hospital, as a key component of the success of health improvements. The statement has been sent to European stakeholder suggesting to consider AEMH’s view point in their reflection on health systems. The Declaration was endorsed unanimously by FEMS General Assembly and by representatives of UEMS, EJD.

The plenary adopted the Statement on Regulation of Training and CPD in view of the update of the Professional Qualification Directive 2005/36/EC AEMH 13-047 Educational activities should be assessed by the profession.

At this special occasion the AEMH invited 4 of its past-president from back to 1986 to express their views.

The AEMH held 3 parallel working groups:
1. Professional Qualification / Training
2. Patients Safety / Medical Competence
3. Role, Practice and Future of Senior Hospital Physicians

The sister European Medical Organisations were also represented: UEMS, CPME, FEMS and EJD exposed their activities.
3. External activities

AEMH proposes a common European Medical Organizations statement regarding CPD regulation within the European Union, according to the revised Directive 2005/36/EC and accepted by the European Commission. AEMH suggests to the member organizations represented in the Presidents committee to arrange a coming meeting similar to the Luxembourg meeting 14 December 2006, with this consensus goal.

Disclosure of payment to health professionals by the pharma industry - AEMH President Joao de Deus and 1st Vice-President Thomas Zilling met with EFPIA Director Richard Bergström and discussed the public disclosure of financial support to health professionals. The topic will be followed up in the 2014 conference in Stockholm where R. Bergström accepted to give a lecture on the topic.

Centre for Medical Education in Context (Centre for Distance Learning) - AEMH 1st Vice-President Thomas Zilling was involved in the web-based master programme of Keele University on accreditation and assessment in health professional education.

Other international Conferences: "INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICAL COOPERATION", Med-e-Tel Conference of the International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth, “Efficient Hospital Management”, IDC's Pan-European Healthcare Executive Summit 2013 “, 2nd European Hospital Conference – where AEMH-President Joao de Deus tackled the topic of centres of excellence. Thomas Zilling lecture on information centres in Sweden and Sadek Beloucif on the benefit of innovation in hospitals. Past-President Dr Lies has been entrusted with the sum-up of the conference.

4. Next meetings - SAVE THE DATES:

29 May 2014: The AEMH Conference 2014 “Patients Safety - Antimicrobial Resistance” in Stockholm/ Sweden, which will explore

- the global public health threat of antibiotic resistance;
- the perspective of the pharmaceutical industry;
- the perspective of ECDC;
- the increase of patients safety;
  - by state-of-the-art planning;
  - by improvement of settings and systems;
  - by clinical leadership.

30-31 May 2014 67th AEMH Plenary Meeting in Stockholm/ Sweden