New CPME EC board

On 1 January 2019, the new Executive Committee (EC) of CPME started its term. The CPME Executive Committee for 2019-2021 consists of:

- Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery – PRESIDENT (Germany)
- Dr Ray Walley – VICE PRESIDENT (Ireland)
- Dr Ole Johan Bakke – VICE PRESIDENT (Norway)
- Dr Christiaan Keijzer – VICE PRESIDENT (Netherlands)
- Dr Daiva Brogiene – VICE PRESIDENT (Lithuania)
- Dr Marjo Parkkila-Harju – TREASURER (Finland)
- Dr Jacques de Haller – IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (Switzerland)

New CPME workplan and priorities

The new CPME Executive Committee reviewed CPME policy clusters and workplan. The policy areas were divided into 5 clusters with a list of the different dossiers:

1. Public Health and Disease Prevention
   The priorities for this policy cluster include health security and vaccination. The goal is to increase vaccination numbers across Europe and tackle vaccine hesitancy.

2. Professional Practice and Ethics
   The priorities for this policy cluster include collaborative practice and skill mix. The goal for CPME is first, to consolidate role of doctor in care provision, and second, to reinforce collaboration between doctors and other professionals, e.g. pharmacists and nurses.

3. Patients’ Rights and Patient Safety
   The priorities for this policy cluster include patient empowerment. The objective of this dossier is to ensure good patient-doctor relations across Europe.

4. Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare Products
   The priorities for this policy cluster include action on antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The objective of the dossier is to reduce AMR across Europe.

5. eHealth
   The priorities for this policy cluster include artificial intelligence (AI). The objective of this dossier is to ensure the development of an adequate regulatory and ethical framework for AI-based technology in the European health sector.

A full overview of the policy clusters and CPME policies can be found here.
CPME Board meeting, Valetta 5-6 March 2019

During the biannual meeting the CPME Board adopted several new policies. These included: a CPME policy on healthy living, a CPME statement on the future EU framework on artificial intelligence (AI) and a position paper on defensive medicine. The CPME General Assembly also unanimously adopted statute changes which maintain the British Medical Association’s status as a full member to CPME after Brexit.

Recent CPME events
- On the 5 December 2018, CPME, in collaboration with Council of European Dentists, Federation of Veterinarians Europe, European Dental Students Association, European Medical Students Association and International Veterinary Students Association organised a pilot conference on the ‘One Health approach in undergraduate education’. This event, supported and hosted by the French Medical Council (CNOM), brought together about 45 participants from France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (incl. representatives from academia, health professions, students, policy-makers and regulators) to discuss concrete ways to integrate One Health into undergraduate education. Given the success of the event the CPME hopes to continue the collaboration and format of discussion this year.
- On 27 February 2019, CPME alongside the British Medical Association, the Irish Medical Organisation and other European Medical Organisations co-hosted a conference on 'Brexit: the impact on healthcare services in the EU27'. The event took place in the European Parliament and aimed to present the European medical profession’s concerns regarding Brexit to Member of the European Parliament. CPME has also participated in several stakeholder meetings and exchanges of letters with Brexit negotiators on both sides. Most recently this included a meeting European Commission’s Taskforce 50, in charge of negotiating the Brexit withdrawal agreement, to discuss the continuation of the mutual recognition of qualifications. CPME also exchanged letter with the Secretary of State for the Department for Exiting the European Union, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, and the chair of the House of Common’s Health and Social Care Committee calling for an end to the uncertainty for patients and doctors on both sides.

CPME Health Check 2019

CPME has published a ‘Health Check’ for the upcoming European elections. The Health Check calls for action in six areas:
- Future of health
- Skilled doctors/safe conditions
- Enable healthy living
- Invest in health security
- Foster trust in the sharing of health data and
- Guarantee access to medicines.

CPME is currently disseminating the Health Check to relevant parties. In this, CPME members have provided crucial support in particular with dissemination at national level.