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## Draft Minutes EMOs presidents meeting

**Brussels, 12 October 2014**

### Roll-call

Invited by the European Federation of Salaried Doctors (FEMS), the Presidents' Committee, consisted of the following representatives of the following European Medical Organisations (EMOs), convened in Paris, on 12 October 2014 from 09.00h till 11.00h.

Organisation	President /Vice president or their substitute	Secretary General/Deputy Secretary General or their substitute	Other representatives
European Association of Senior Hospital Doctors (AEMH)	<i>Dr João de Deus (President)</i>		
Conseil Européen des Ordres des Médecins (CEOM)			<i>Dr Monique Gauthey (EMOs' Liaison officer)</i>
Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)	<i>Dr Katrín Fjeldsted (President)</i>		
European Working Group of Practitioners and Specialists in Free Practice (EANA)	<i>Dr Claude Schummer (President)</i>		
European Junior Doctors (EJD)	<i>Dr Carsten Mohrhardt (President)</i>		
European Medical Students Association (EMSA)			<i>Kristina Mickeviciute</i>
European Federation of Salaried Doctors (FEMS)	<i>Dr Enrico Reginato (President)</i>		<i>Diana Voicu</i>
European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO)	<i>Prof Ferenc Hajnal (President)</i>		
European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)	<i>excused</i>		

Others	N/A		

**Draft Agenda:**

- approval of draft agenda
- approval of draft minutes of last meeting
- Policy items:
  - Draft letters CEN / Patient safety Quality care in times of crisis
  - Continuous Professional Development – Joint EMOs Conference
  - TTIP
- Any other business
- Next meeting

**Draft minutes:**

**Chairperson and rapporteur:**

The participants appointed:

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted (Chairperson)

Diana Voicu (Rapporteur)

**Summary of the discussion on agenda topics:**

**1. Opening of the meeting by the hosting EMO**

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

Dr João De Deus proposed to add the TTIP issue under “Any other business”. The draft agenda was approved unanimously with this modification.

**3. Approval of the minutes of last meeting in Heidelberg on 10 November 2013**

The draft minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. Draft letters CEN / Patient safety Quality care in times of crisis**

- a) *Aesthetic surgery letters by CPME (to health ministries and EC)*
- b) *Open Letter on CEN Standards (UEMS)*

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted explained that there is a technical difference between an open statement and a letter addressed to either the Commission or the national authorities, in the sense that the wording is different and the content is structured differently. She suggested all three documents may be adopted, as follows: the letters prepared by CPME should be sent one to the Commission and one to the National Health Authorities; the open letter drafted by UEMS should be adopted as a common statement of the EMOs to be distributed to the EMOs and national medical associations.

In principle, the EMOs present agreed on this, with the mentioning that some of them still needed to pass the second version of the UEMS document through the regular internal process of approval (i.e. EJD)

#### 5. Continuous Professional Development – Joint EMOs' conference

Dr João de Deus informed that the CPD conference will not take place in Vienna, alongside the joint AEMH/FEMS GA. It needs to be a distinct event, organised separately.

Dr Thomas Zilling suggested organizing this conference along the model of the one that took place in Luxembourg in 2006. He inquired whether the CPME may host a working group to draft the background document for the conference.

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted reminded that Luxembourg will hold the EU presidency in the second half of 2015; she said she had approached in this sense Dr Raymond Lies in point of potential lobbying work with the EC for the organisation of such an event. She also suggested that the statement of the 2006 conference on CPD needs re-examination in order to check its present validity.

Dr João de Deus insisted that the ideas in the document are still valid, it only needs updating. He suggested that each EMO should appoint a representative to work on the draft document. The European Commission should also be involved in this process.

Dr Hajnal Ferenc suggested that a task force may be organised to join CPME in their work.

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted explained that the current CPME project, aiming at mapping the CPD situation for all medical professions is nearing its deadline; as it was contracted by the EC, it is them that will have the final results. Nevertheless, the results of the project may be further used in view of the new CPD conference and updating the CPD statement, thus acting as a project follow-up action for the Commission.

Kristina Mickeviciute explained that the results of the project cannot be made public unless the Commission decides so; nevertheless, some observations that were encountered along the development of the project may be used in the drafting work of the CPD background document. She pointed out the fact that the project has raised serious debates at the national level.

Dr Claude Schummer said he will approach the Luxembourg Minister of Health to explore various options in view of the conference organisation.

Dr Enrico Reginato suggested that Dr Raymond Lies approached new EC president while EMOs representative should establish a meeting with the newly appointed Commissioner for health.

Dr Carsten Mohrhardt insisted that the conference should also take the form of a workshop, so that the actual drafting work of the CPD statement may be seen by everyone. He suggested December 2015 as timing for organizing the conference and he offered EJD to contribute in the organisation.

Dr Claude Schummer advanced 11 December 2015 as a potential date for the conference, with 4 December as a second option. He will explore possibilities with various conference venues in

Luxembourg.

A taskforce for the conference organisation was commonly agreed on, consisting of Dr Katrín Fjeldsted, Dr Thomas Zilling and Dr Raymond Lies. This taskforce is to hold a working meeting in Budapest, on the occasion of the CPME GA.

#### 6. Disclosure of payment to health professionals – update on CPME Memorandum of Understanding (CPME-EFPIA MoU)

Dr João de Deus explained that this issue has been raised for discussion at the last AEMH GA (Stockholm, May 2014). He pointed out that it is an issue linked to CPD, as in many countries CPD is not possible without support from the pharmaceutical industry.

Dr Claude Schummer said the pharmaceutical industry is not interested in having a common document with doctors.

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted highlighted that doctors are clearly interested in having transparency.

Dr Thomas Zilling suggested a new contact is established with EFPIA and updated information will be provided at the next EMOs meeting.

#### 7. Domus Medica Update

Dr Hajnal Ferenc pointed out that UEMO is only interested in a virtual office with the Domus Medica.

Dr Carsten Mohrhardt suggested that a meeting may be organised in Brussels (maybe on the occasion of the UEMS GA in April 2015) for visiting the premises of Domus Medica and deciding on further action. He expressed his concerns as far as the visibility of each organisation within the Domus Medica, pointing out that there is a difference between the initial proposal and is now profiled as a result.

Dr João de Deus expressed his concerns as far as the costs involved.

Since no concrete information was available with respect to Domus Medica, all discussions were postponed to a further date, when complete data may be available.

#### 8. Any other business

a) Website eDomusMedica

The EJD President Dr Carsten Mohrhardt asked for financial support of other EMO's, as EJD is covering all the costs alone right now.

b) TTIP:

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted mentioned the letter of the British Medical Association, which points out that there is no guarantee that health services will be protected. She explained that CPME responded to a consultation from the EC based on information from the British Medical Association.

Dr João de Deus inquired whether EMOs should express a common position on the issue of TTIP.

Dr Enrico Reginato offered to draft a letter, stating that the health sector should be left out of TTIP.

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted said CPME may circulate their response to the EC consultation.

Dr Claude Schummer said that wording is very important, as one should speak about health “systems” and not “services”; Europe is about social security/social welfare systems.

Dr Carsten Mohrhardt explained that the term “services” mostly points to the devices used to provide various services, therefore it is not the classical meaning that is used.

#### 9. Next meeting

The next Presidents’ Committee will be organised on 10 May 2015 in Vienna 2015, following the joint AEMH/FEMS/EJD GA.

#### 10. Closing of the meeting

Dr Katrín Fjeldsted thanked all the participants and closed the meeting.

#### **Documents agreed:**

- *Draft Minutes Presidents Committee, Brussels, 6 April 2014*
- *Aesthetic surgery letters by CPME (to health ministries and EC)*
- *Open letter on CEN standards by UEMS (to health ministries)*

#### **Topics for further elaboration:**

- CPD conference in December 2015

#### **EMOs calendar:**

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