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Draft minutes

EMOs' Presidents meeting

Berlin, 20th September 2015, 9-11:30am

Charite, Virchow street 6, Berlin

Meeting room: *Seminar room 4, second floor*

Invited by the European Medical Students' Association (EMSA), the Presidents' Committee convened in Berlin, on 20 September 2015 from 09.00h to 11.30h and was attended by the representatives of the following European Medical Organisations (EMOs):

| Organisation | President president or substitute | /Vice or their substitute | Secretary General/Deputy Secretary General or their substitute | Other representatives |
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| European Association of Senior Hospital Doctors (AEMH) | Dr João de Deus (President) | | | |
| Conseil Européen des Ordres des Médecins (CEOM) | | | | Dr Monique Gauthey (EMOs' Liaison officer) |
| Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) | Dr Katrín Fjeldsted (President) | | RA Birgit Berger (Secretary General) | |
| European Working Group of Practitioners and Specialists in Free Practice (EANA) | Dr Claude Schummer (President) | | | |
| European Junior Doctors (EJD) | Dr Carsten Mohrhardt (President) | | | |
| European Medical Students Association (EMSA) | Mr Jannis Papazoglou (President) | | | Ms Kristina Mickeviciute (Vice President); Pascal Nohl-Deryk (Policy Making Officer) |
| European Federation of Salaried Doctors (FEMS) | Dr Enrico Reginato (President) | | | |
| European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO) | excused | | | |
| European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) | | | | |

Chairperson and rapporteur:

The participants appointed:

Jannis Papazoglou (Chairperson)

Kristina Mickeviciute (Rapporteur)

1. Welcome and roll call
Jannis Papazoglou opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Next, the participants introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Draft Agenda
The agenda was unanimously approved.
3. Approval of Draft minutes of last meeting in Vienna on 10 May 2015
Draft minutes
Dr Joao De Deus (AEMH) suggested a change in the page 2 of the document for the word "organization" to be changed to plural - "organizations". It was unanimously agreed to implement the change and minutes are adopted
4. Standardization – the involvement of stakeholders in EU policy making under new Commission

CPME has offered this topic to be discussed and Secretary General, Ms. Birgit Berger has introduced the background of the topic and the reasons behind offering this item for the agenda. CPME has been long in contact with European Commission regarding the standardization issue, but European Commission seems to be struggling to understand what standardization implicates in healthcare. The letter has been drafted by CPME to go out to the European Commission on behalf of the EMOs and now the decision should be made towards when the letter should be sent out and if everyone agrees to do so.

Dr. Joao De Deus commented that AEMH raised the point of maybe asking dentists to get on board with this issue as well. It was noted by CPME that they have already contacted Juncker asking to address this issue which was followed by receiving a reply letter from the Commissioner Andriukaitis who seems even somewhat passionate about health advocacy, standardization does not appear to be a topic which he takes deep interest in.

Mr. Jannis Papazoglou, President of EMSA has stated that EMSA has recently adopted a policy paper on standardization and would agree to cosign the letter.

Dr. Fjeldsted, president of CPME has stated that the EMOs need to ensure that standardization processes are done by the profession of doctors. It is important to understand that the medical profession is of course not opposing best practices with regards to patient safety, but that also doctors should take part in these processes. Otherwise standardization of medical procedures without doctors being part of it interferes with the professional independence and autonomy.

Dr. Reginato (FEMS): We should consider approaching MEPs about the standardization issue. MEPs then might question the European Commission about it.

Ms. Birgit Berger (CPME): CPME has a contact with a group of doctors who are members of the European Parliament and we could contact them on behalf of EMOs, but we first need a joint statement of EMOs to be approved to work with.

Dr. Joao De Deus (AEMH): AEMH is ready to approve the document with one minor spelling mistake in page number 2 (organizations instead of organization). Also the offer would be to approach the MEPs with the joint statement and then through the national medical associations lobby ministries at home. Maybe we should set a meeting with a commissioner about this where we all (EMOs presidents) would participate.

Dr. Reginato (FEMS): If possible, after approving the joint statement letter we should ask for a meeting with the Commissioner Andriukaitis and send the letter.

UEMS prior to this meeting sent in an email agreeing to all the documents, thus it is considered that they agree to co-sign the joint statement as well. UEMO will be contacted by Dr Schummer and he will inform about the decision to co-sign on their behalf.

Ms. Birgit Berger (CPME): After signing the joint statement two letters would be compiled: one addressing national ministries of health and one addressing the European Commission

A decision is made, that the present organisations agree with co-signing the letter drafted by CPME and for it to be sent to EC.

5. Joint EMOs draft CPD consensus statement and CPE Conference

CPD Statement has been circulated and changes were suggested by most of the organisations. EJD is fine with the document, however would need an explanation why some entire paragraphs were deleted or altered. Additions and changes offered and discussed are applied to the document. CPME will clarify the details of the document with regards to deletion of some paragraphs after they are clarified by the policy advisor Ms. Sarada Das and then will circulate an email regarding this matter. It is agreed that the document will be ready as a very advanced draft for the upcoming CPD conference. Deadline for the final revision of the document and clarification of the changes made prior to the presidents' meeting is due in 2 to 3 week from the 20th September 2015. Consensus document should be featuring only things that organisations agree on.

The CPD conference (December 2015):

Attendance fee for the conference is discussed and it is decided that it will be 100 euros per participant with discounts (or pools of waiver) for Eastern European countries participants as well as junior doctors and students. EJD has raised a concern that in case junior doctors would need to pay full price they probably would not afford to attend. The venue and catering is covered, the participants' fee would go to cover speakers' travel expenses and printed materials. Three organisations are contributing 2000 euros each (CPME, AEMH, FEMS - Dr. Reginato is to clarify if the organisation is capable to allocate these funds), EANA does not have financial capacity to contribute. CEOM might be interested - Dr. Monique Gauthey will contact the CEOM president and will announce their decision shortly. UEMS is to be contacted by the CPME with regards to interest in joining the organisation of the conference.

6. Any other business

EMOs mailing list revision is made by Dr Mohrhardt together with the participants.

Refugee crisis in Europe:

Dr. Reginato (FEMS): we should react to this topic. An option would be to pick up the WHO paper on migrants' and asylum seekers' health which in 2010 was endorsed by the CPME and renew the endorsement as EMOs. This statement should be circulated by the CPME shortly after the meeting and EMOs will be able to co-sign it.

7. Next meeting

Will occur during the CPD conference on the 19th December in Luxembourg. EANA will host the meeting.

The date was approved.

Jannis Papazoglou thanks the participants and closes the meeting.