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CEOM Report

Good morning Mr. President, Dear Diana and Dear Delegates,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you for this excellent organization in the era of “online meetings”, as result of the pandemic of Covid-19, installed worldwide. In this context I would like to give you an idea of how the CEOM’s work has been carried out, both in the individual context and in working together with European Medical Organizations (EMOs), in order to minimize the consequences that the Covid-19 caused in ethical, social and health context, as well as in personal and professional relationships.

Summing up

Since March:

CEOM created and adopted, by a Spanish proposal, the day 12th March as the European day battling violence against doctors and other health professionals. It was also elaborated a statement about the prior subject, both supported by all EMOs.

EMOs presidents meeting, where was taken the decision to create working groups, in order to discuss violence against doctors and other health professionals, so as the issue “burnout” as a form of violence.

WMA Webinar, to present and discuss the new international code for medical ethics.

Meeting chaired by CEOM of the working groups to discuss violence against doctors and other health professionals and specially “burnout”.

CPME online meetings to discuss and update information about Covid-19.

CEOM endorsed FEMS-AEMH statement on Covid-19.

CEOM reunited with all the EMOs prepared a “join press release” to condemn and alert the violence “cases” of health professionals, who were being attacked, because people feared they would spread the coronavirus.

CEOM is part of the “EU coalition for vaccinations”, which collaborated on multiple campaigns to promote the uptake of vaccines among health professionals and patients, fully supported by CPME and other organizations.

CEOM “survey” on teleconsultation and protection of health care staff (the main objective was to elaborate a mapping of the best practices that were taken to facilitate doctors vital work while

protecting their health during Covid-19 pandemic).

Multiple web meetings concerning Covid-19 pandemic and protection of health professionals and patients.

EMOs presidents meeting on last week.

The Way Forward

CEOM is currently preparing a tool kit on decision-making and medical ethics in times of crisis, that will be useful in case of keeping this pandemic for much longer.

Based on the result of CEOM consultation on the use of telemedicine and teleconsultation, CEOM will conduct on the state of the doctor-patient relationship and what changed on the ethics and deontological medical performance, in the light of the actual Covid-19 pandemic.

CEOM also has a priority to put under the spotlight the “ethical management of chronic and non-Covid related diseases” during this pandemic. Have they been diagnosed and treated efficiently? What will be consequences for our patients?

To finalize, and to inform you all that our next CEOM meeting will take place on November 27th, between 10 and 12 a.m., via Zoom. AEMH and the other European Medical Associations are, as usual, invited.

The CEOM board also decided to postpone the elections for the new board, on the next Spring, during the plenary’s CEOM 2021.

Thank you once again.

Best regards,

José Santos

CEOM President