



CPME MONTHLY BULLETIN

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February 2016

Dear CPME members,

We are pleased to send you our February edition of the CPME Monthly Bulletin with the Executive Committee decisions from the web-meeting held on 25 February 2016.

The CPME Executive Committee decisions included inter-alia the possibility to establish a stronger liaison between CPME members and Executive Committee and the draft questionnaire on the effects of “so-called defensive medicine”.

Furthermore, if you have not already, we kindly invite you to register by sending us the filled-out registration forms for attending the CPME meetings in Brussels (08-09 April 2016). Please find [here](#) the registration form. Please, also note that the draft agendas and documents of the CPME Board, General Assembly and Working Group meetings will be sent with the first send-out on 17 March 2016.

We hope the bulletin is informative and we invite you to consult our latest news and the members’ section of our [website](#). Since this is the last Bulletin for me, I would like to take the opportunity to wish CPME and its members all the best in its mission to achieve the best possible health care for everyone. It was a great pleasure and honour having worked for you during the last 5,1/2 years. I look forward to say good-bye personally at the CPME General meetings in Brussels on 8-9 April 2016.

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels for the Board and General Assembly meetings.

*Cordially,
Birgit Beger
CPME Secretary General*

Internal Affairs and Finance



Concept note on liaison between CPME members and Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee welcomed a proposal to enhance the link between CPME members and the Executive Committee. The proposal aims at building a closer liaison by which each Executive member acts as a reference point for a group of CPME members. The aim of this project is to inform the Executive Committee better about the different situation in every National Medical Association through the Vice-Presidents who act as liaison person, each for a group of NMAs; in return, the NMAs will also be better informed about the activities of the CPME. The Executive Committee will further discuss the project at its meeting on 17 March 2016 and present it to CPME members at the next Board meeting in Brussels on 9 April 2016.

Draft final accounts 2015/revised draft budget 2016.

The Executive Committee took note of the draft final accounts 2015 and the revised draft budget 2016. The documents will be discussed and approved during the next EC meeting on 17 March, prior to the send-out for the next CPME General Assembly.

Update on CEN Strategy on standardisation of healthcare services

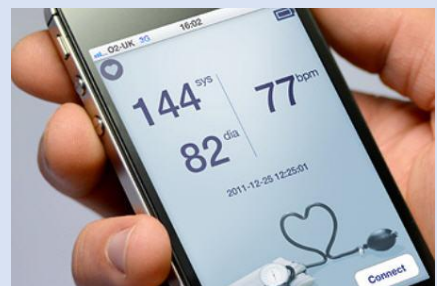


The Executive Committee took note of the up-date note which summarises the recent developments relating to activities carried out by the European Committee for Standardisation [CEN](#) on the standardisation of healthcare services, in particular the CEN strategy which is being developed with the input of an expert group in which the CPME is represented in. At the last meeting of the expert group held on the 11th of February 2016, CPME's request for the medical profession's opposition to CEN's activities in the area of healthcare services to be acknowledged in the strategy was not accepted. The

Executive Committee will review the situation at its next EC meeting on 17 March.

Position paper on mHealth of MEP Michal Boni

The Executive Committee considered the latest version of the position paper of MEP Michal Boni (EPP, PL), to which CPME had contributed in the past. It was decided not to support the position paper for the time being and to consult the new CPME rapporteur, Dr Jacques Lucas, on the issue.



CPME research on the effects of ‘defensive medicine’ on the healthcare system

Defensive Medicine



In order to find out about the effects of “so-called defensive medicine” in our daily work, the Executive Committee had decided to undertake a survey among its members. For this purpose, it reviewed a draft questionnaire, which was accepted without further changes. The EC briefly discussed the policy context of the topic and agreed that the outcome of the explorative survey would be awaited to determine further action. The questionnaire will be presented at the CPME Board meeting for decision.

International calendar

The Executive Committee took note of future meetings and conferences where CPME will be represented by the President, the Executive Committee members and/or the Secretary General.



Venues for CPME meetings 2017

7-8 April 2017, Vilnius (Lithuania)
24-25 November 2017, venue tbc

CPME exchange programme



We would like to remind you that, as decided during the Board and General Assembly Meetings held in Brussels on the 31st of October 2015, the CPME is pleased to facilitate a programme for the secretariats of NMAs and the CPME to gain new insights and exchange best practices on representing doctors in policy-making. The exchange programme is open to members interested in visiting the CPME Secretariat in Brussels or for national medical

associations wishing to receive either a member of the CPME secretariat or a member of another CPME member's secretariat.

If you are interested in taking part in this program or in getting further information, please contact secretariat@cpme.eu or sarada.das@cpme.eu.

Riga conference 2016 'The doctor – patient relationship and migration crisis in clinical practice medical political – clinical conference'



The CPME invites you to participate in the Riga Conference which is organised by the Latvian Medical Association in Riga (Latvia) on 22nd – 23rd April 2016. The event will focus on the trust between the doctor and the patient and is open to all experts active in patients' care, family doctors, residents, advanced medical students and the medical policy makers.

More info available [here](#).



We are pleased to share with you some moments from the farewell reception held on Monday 29 February 2016.

Thank you Birgit, we couldn't have done it without you!

[Presentation available here.](#)

[@CPME EUROPA](#) Twitter activities. We renew our invitation to follow us on Twitter to be daily informed on the CPME activities. The CPME account is carefully followed by the European Institutions, in particular the DG SANTE, and from the main stakeholders in the healthcare sector. The CPME Secretariat makes active use of this social media to share messages and for lobbying purposes.



Next Executive Committee web-meeting: [meeting 17 March 2016, 09h00-16h00](#)