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CPME MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Dear CPME members,

We are pleased to share with you the latest spring edition of our CPME Monthly Bulletin which follows the EC meeting held in Brussels on the 12th of May. The CPME Executive Committee decisions included amongst others the adoption of the draft CPME statement on classifications of professional qualifications and practice, and the drafting of a CPME policy on pharmaceutical pricing.

We hope the bulletin is informative and we invite you to consult our latest news.
Please, don't hesitate to contact us directly if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Once more, I would like to take the chance to thank you for your confidence concerning my appointment as Secretary General. It is an honour and a great pleasure to work for CPME.

Kind regards,

RA Annabel Seebohm, LL.M.
CPME Secretary General

Internal Affairs and Finance



Terms of reference of WG Diet, nutrition, physical activity

The Executive Committee decided to go ahead with the preparation of a draft policy on obesity, collecting all existing CPME policies and taking into consideration the World Medical Association (WMA) papers.

New rapporteur for data protection dossier

The open position of rapporteur on the data protection dossier was considered. The EC suggested that Dr Maillet as Chair of the E-Health WG might want to consider the nomination of a Dutch expert who is known to CPME.

Development of rules on corporate relationships with industry stakeholders

The Executive Committee adopted a list of principles on interaction with industry stakeholders. The document reflects and formalises standing practices within the organisation and may serve as a basis for discussion at the next General Assembly meeting in view of amending the CPME Rules of Procedures. The document is available [here](#). Members are welcome to provide feedback for further discussion in November.

Open call for expert nomination for the EXPH Group

The Executive Committee was informed that the [DG SANTE Expert Panel for Effective Ways of Investing in Health \(EXPH\)](#) will soon be recruiting new members. Reference was made to past reports published by the EXPH which CPME provided comments to. The EC agreed that the process is of political importance and the involvement of doctors is necessary. More info will be given to members as soon as the official call for application is launched.

Patient safety



The Executive Committee decided to lead the creation of a temporary thematic network for patient safety within the [EU Health Policy Forum](#). The Council of European Dentists ([CED](#)), the European Patients' Forum ([EPF](#)), the European Federation of Nurses Associations ([EFN](#)) and the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation ([HOPE](#)) will join CPME. The aim of such a network is to draft a joint statement asking to reinstate the [EU Patient Safety and Quality of Care Expert Group](#). The role of member states is a crucial one, of great added-value to continue work on patient safety.

Health Inequalities



Following the discussion at the meeting on 17 March 2016, the EC reconsidered the invitation from the [Patient Access Partnership \(PACT\)](#) to nominate a replacement for former CPME Secretary General RA

Birgit Beger who had acted as treasurer on the steering committee of PACT.

The Executive Committee confirmed that work on access to healthcare remains of central importance and CPME should therefore continue its partnership with PACT. In terms of being represented in the PACT steering committee this was welcomed as a useful position to facilitate CPME's input to the various activities and policy approaches. The EC agreed that the new CPME Secretary General RA Annabel Seebohm is well-placed to take over this task. As regards the mandate as PACT treasurer. PACT will be asked to nominate another steering committee member as treasurer.

Occupational Health



The President introduced the call for applications to join the [EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces Campaign 'Healthy Workplaces for all Ages'](#), referring to CPME's involvement in past campaigns and potential activities which could be carried out under the current initiative. The Executive Committee agreed that CPME should apply to join the 2016-2017 campaign.

European skills competences and occupations (ESCO) project



The President presented the draft CPME statement on classifications of professional qualifications and practice. He explained that the statement is a response to the results of the [European skills competences and occupations \(ESCO\)](#) project which creates a taxonomy that describes occupations and related skills and competences for the entire labour market, including doctors.

The statement is to complement the bilateral exchanges through which CPME has communicated its concerns so far.

The Executive Committee adopted the statement and agreed that the project should be opposed publicly, also with a view to its similarities with standardisation initiatives.

Health and Economy



The Executive Committee was presented the summary of research on initiatives launched by the EU and other international organisations which seek to link policy on health and healthcare to measures fostering economic growth and sustainability.

Despite the organisation of healthcare systems remains a competence of Member States, the European Semester initiative addresses national policy-making in this and other areas subject to subsidiarity. The European Semester process is co-owned by the

Commission and Member States and driven by the ministries in charge of economy and finance, with varied input opportunities for the health ministers for example.

The Executive Committee agreed that the processes are of high political impact and should therefore be monitored. The issue will be re-discussed once the European Semester's country-specific recommendations are published in May 2016. The summary of research should also be shared with the CPME membership.

Pharmaceutical pricing



The Executive Committee decided to draft a CPME policy within the WG Pharmaceuticals and present it to the November Board meeting in Tel Aviv (Israel). The draft policy should be of a general nature and orientation.

Diet, nutrition, physical activity



The President informed the Executive Committee of a letter sent to Commissioner Andriukaitis calling for the new Commission proposal for a delegated act on the maximum sugar content of baby food to follow [WHO recommendations](#). The letter is in line with the European Parliament's rejection of a delegated act which had allowed for limits which exceed WHO recommendations threefold. The Executive Committee welcomed the letter and suggested to inform the European

Parliament's Rapporteur responsible for the dossier of the support.



International calendar

The Executive Committee reviewed the CPME participation at forthcoming meetings of CPME members, European Medical Organisations and international partners. Several events are unfortunately subject to conflicting appointments, therefore it will not be possible to provide CPME representation.

Any other business



- Following the decision made during the last CPME Board on 9 April, the Executive Committee proposed to launch the liaison between the CPME Vice-Presidents and the membership in the coming weeks.
- It was reported that the draft survey on defensive medicine, as presented to the CPME Board on 9 April, is currently being consolidated. It was agreed that the revised draft will be presented to the Executive Committee before it is disseminated to the CPME membership.
- Following the discussions at the Executive Committee meeting on 10 December 2015, the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries ([EFPIA](#)) has contacted CPME to arrange a meeting to discuss the revision of the joint principles. The EC agreed that the meeting request should be accepted and next steps based on the outcome of discussions.

Latest updates



Report of the joint conference on CPD for doctors

On 18 December 2016, the European Medical Organisations hosted a joint conference on CPD for doctors. The conference saw a fruitful discussion of experts and the adoption of a consensus statement by all EMOs. We are glad to share with you the final report of the conference available here: [CPME Info 043-2016](#)

CPME launches 'Health Village' toolbox



Promoting healthy lifestyles to prevent disease is a red thread in CPME's public health policies, as doctors' play a key role in this process. In the context of its contribution to the [European Commission's EU Platform for Diet, Physical Activity and Health](#), CPME has created a '[Health Village' toolbox](#) which is to support doctors in bringing messages on diet, nutrition and physical activity to citizens outside the traditional healthcare settings. A 'Health Village' can be created as a tent with skipping ropes and healthy lunch ideas at a school's summer fete or stalls with information on healthy workplaces at a company's team day. The toolbox contains information on the rationale, logistics and implementation of the activity to serve as one-stop shop for anyone interested in creating their own 'Health Village'.



EU General Data Protection Regulation

On 27 April 2016, the Council and the European Parliament officially adopted the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This text is now available online in all the official languages (read more [here](#)).

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Next Executive Committee meeting: Brussels, 09 June 2016, 13h00-14h00