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Candidate to UEMS President Capacity

INTRODUCTION

As is well known, U.E.M.S. was established in 1958 and is the largest Specialists Association in Europe.

It needs of all possible cures to maintain its rule and to defend Specialists and Citizens interests. Currently, we are living a very important moment for Specialists, for NMAs and, consequently, for U.E.M.S.

THE MOST IMPORTANT GOALS TO UEMS

1- The new European Medical Specialist concept

New technologies are daily approaching and consequently transforming medicine and also medical specialists. UEMS needs to follow these changes currently because our important aim is to take care for the quality of patients' care, It is absolutely necessary to prevent that medical specialists would become only technicians without being able to hold the leadership to these changes.

2- UEMS as the reference frame for all National medical Associations (NMAs) in Europe

Despite NMAs are UEMS members there are very often political actions running different way. I am convinced that UEMS must be the reference frame for all NMAs and it has to be more actively involved in European Commission discussions and political decisions.

3- Domus Medica Europea (DME) as the venue of all NMAs

It has been often forgotten that NMAs are the UEMS owners. Consequently we have to offer NMAs the possibility to use DME without paying rent as being the owners of DME. This is the most important way that will surely bring to have more collaboration and better understanding.

4- Closer collaboration with other European Medical Organizations (EMOs)

Currently, there are four EMOs, namely UEMS, AEMH, FEMS and EJD). Surprisingly, most of NMAs are paying two different membership fees (UEMS and AEMH) without being given in return the benefits of a co-operation between them. I would suggest starting the project on EMOs working-together to maintain identity and autonomy of medical specialists with a special accent on EJD as our future.

5- Economic autonomy as the first liberty

As I have been UEMS Treasurer for seven years I learnt our financial difficulties and insufficiencies and above all lack of competencies. It is very important to increase UEMS incomes without increasing NMA's membership fees because the majority of them are lacking money too. Altogether we have to take care for UEMS because UEMS is a property and a value of all of UEMS members and not a personal property of UEMS management.

6- Our colleagues, European doctors, are the fantastic added value Inside UEMS we have the possibility to know and work together with the best brains in Europe. This human capital cannot be measured and assessed by any money and any economic calculation. We have to turn this advantage to the best account and present our experience for the best of all European population.

Conclusions

I think we could add a lot of items, but, in my opinion, these are the most important. In the same time, just as I asked a strongest collaboration with National Medical Associations, could be opportune that everyone can add a particular or general necessity to solve without other hesitations. As usual, I'm looking at my capacity as a Colleagues's service and will continue with their essential help.