

## **DR. OTHMAR HAAS**

### **CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UEMS**

#### **Personal data:**

- born on 31st August 1960 in Cleveland/Ohio (USA)
- Austrian Nationality
- married, one child

#### **Qualifications:**

- 1985 graduation from Medical University of Graz
- 1990 diploma as general practitioner
- 1994 specialist qualification in pneumology
- 1994 – 2003 senior physician in the department of pneumology at the Landeskrankenhaus Klagenfurt
- Since 2003 self-employed medical activity in Klagenfurt

#### **Political Career:**

- 1999 – 2012 President of the regional Medical Chamber of Carinthia
- 2003 – 2007 Vice-President of the Austrian Medical Chamber
- 2007 – 2012 Treasurer of the Austrian Medical Chamber
- 2003 – 2012 Member of the Executive Committee of the Austrian Medical Chamber
- 2003 – 2007 Austrian Delegate to FEMS
- Deputy Chairmain of the “Ärztbank” (bank of physicians)
- Since 2003 member of the supervisory board of the hospital group of Carinthia (Kabeg)
- Since 2012 Head of the Austrian delegation to UEMS
- Consultant for social insurance matters for the regional Medical Chamber of Carinthia
- Since 2014 chairman of the administrative committee of the regional Medical Chamber of Carinthia
- Member of the financial committee of the UEMS

#### **Vision for UEMS:**

The UEMS Executive should represent a broad range of medical specialists in the EU. Self-employed doctors play a vital role in the Central European region. For this reason, I am convinced that I, as a person who is neither affiliated with university nor working in a hospital full-time, may contribute with my experience and insights as a specialist to the benefit of the UEMS Executive.

Having been engaged in political activities at the Austrian Medical Chamber for many years, I am particularly interested in the professional representation of doctors. This involves taking care of their working conditions, their salary and professional perspectives. In addition, I consider the balance between patients' expectations and the provision of medical services a task of paramount importance.

In the process of discussing the financial situation and having in mind the structure of the UEMS with its sections and scientific boards which naturally represent their own interests, I have seen how important it is to also guarantee the influence of the founding members, that are the National Member Associations. Furthermore, I consider myself a very well balanced person that is investing great effort in solving conflicts of dispute. Therefore I would be very happy to contribute all my skills and experience as a member of the UEMS Executive.