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CPME would like to offer the following to what it hopes will be a constructive discussion that allows all EMOs to work to their strengths, avoid duplication of effort, improve collaboration, and reduce unnecessary costs:

1. We support all efforts to create formal operating agreements, which have been a feature of the way we have worked with some EMO colleagues. However, as will be known, UEMO has withdrawn from such an arrangement with CPME, so a discussion on extending these formalities, which we believe would be in all our best interests, may be premature.
2. CPME is concerned at the lack of influence from NMAs. We see NMAs as an essential component in this debate. What NMAs want from their representation in Europe remains at best unclear, and CPME suggests that they should all be asked to state, as collectively as possible, what they wish to see in organisational terms, and what therefore they are willing to fund. The current situation, in which there is no consistency in national membership and support of EU-based medical organisations, has produced a lack of clarity that we believe it is for NMAs to help address.
3. With regard to the meetings of the Presidents' Committee, CPME suggests that the best practical way to address this would be for each EMO representative to clarify which of the other EMO meetings they would normally attend. That done, we can develop some understanding as to the best way forward. CPME normally attends all EMO meetings, but may need to review this in the light of the present economic situation.
4. Finally, it has been perhaps surprising that the current financial climate has not led to more discussion on collaboration for economic reasons. CPME has decided to investigate whether the reduction in both property values and interest rates has created the possibility of purchasing new premises. We would obviously see collaboration on this as benefiting all parties involved, and will be happy to discuss this further with any interested EMO.

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