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EJD held their General Assembly in Zagreb on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> may 2011.

Some remarks on the most important European policies:

**EWTD:**

different countries are seeking for different solutions to implement the present EWTD directive, but problems are almost everywhere. In Germany, some kind of on-call, exceeding 48 hours and up to 55 hours weekly is introduced, although Germany has no opt-out officially. In Italy, it is difficult to assess how many hours doctors really work. In Ireland, the EWTD without opt-out is impossible to implement. In Netherlands, strict 48-hours weekly limit has been bargained by collective agreements.

In my discussion, I said FEMS fully supports the common paper of EMOs as of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

In conclusion, EJD do not accept inactive periods and they fully support 48 hours limit. More attention should be paid to such a healthcare organization that the EWTD may be fully implemented.

**Professional Qualifications Directive:**

Generally, EJD have basically good experiences with the present directive. There is some paper work to be done when migrating to another country, but as a whole, the Directive is working well.

EJD, and notably the German representatives, still support the principles of subsidiarity and mutual trust between EU countries regarding the contents and the duration of training. The principle of competency is interesting, but it would be too complicated. Conversely, Ireland would like to have both: the principle of duration and competency.

In my discussion, I emphasized that FEMS recognizes the expertise of other EMOs in this field. However, FEMS is following this topic, too, and it will be on the agenda of our Barcelona GA. I emphasized especially the following topics to be discussed:

- minimum requirements
- problem of competency

- cross-border exchange of information about the doctors
- single access points for information on the conditions to practice in individual country
- the problem of doctors from third countries
- the level of knowledge of language

In my opinion, it would be desirable to have a common EMO document on this issue. For now, we have similar, but not a common document.

**National reports:**

From virtually all countries, austerity measures due to economic and financial crisis were reported. The Czech report on the action “Thank you, we are leaving” was very impressive.

Plenary assembly:

The president of the hosting Croatian Medical Chamber had the introductory speech. He briefly described the history of his organization which is facing elections in short and which has just moved into new premises. Among the challenges, he emphasized the importance for Croatian doctors that Croatia become a full EU member because they expect this will improve working conditions.

In his presidential report, B.Bollen Pinto, among other issues, emphasized the importance for EJD to participate with other EMOs. Particularly, he pointed out the activities of FEMS president Claude Wetzel.

The internal affairs and elections followed.

New elected president of EJD is Carsten Mohrhardt.

I expressed my respect for the work that Bernardo Bollen Pinto has done during his term of office. In particular, I stressed his collaboration within the new European Medical Organizations' Alliance .

Also, I congratulated the new elected president Carsten Mohrhardt and I expressed my wish that he will meet FEMS president to exchange their views as soon as possible. Being from Karlsruhe, not far from Strasbourg, Mohrhardt was confident that it shouldn't take long to organize such a meeting.