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## CPME Activities – January/May 2011

10 May 2011

### Organizational developments:

- Setting up of 16 Working Groups (Active and Healthy Ageing, Alcohol, Climate Change, Cross-Border Care, eHealth, Ethical Trade in Medical Goods, European Workforce, EWTD, Health Inequalities, Mental Health, Nutrition, Patient Safety, Pharmaceuticals, Recognition of Professional Qualifications, Task Shifting, Tobacco, Vitamin D)
- Board Meeting on 30 April 2011. The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on 26 November in Brussels.
- Executive Committee meetings (and Working Group meetings) are now mostly held by using software to meet virtually, which allows to cut costs and to hold meetings more regularly, which can be particularly helpful when CPME needs to react quickly to a policy development.

### Policy developments:

- **eHealth:** CPME continues to be a member of the eHealth Users Stakeholder Group as well as member of the i2010 group. CPME is also involved in discussions surrounding the eHealth Thematic Network, which is meant to complement the eHealth Joint Action.

Dr Wilks presented to the Board held on 30 April 2011 the latest developments on the e-professional card for doctors as well as the draft CPME recommendation on the issue (CPME 2011/068). Most of the delegations supported the draft recommendation, and agreed on the need to a professional card. CPME participates actively in the different meetings organized regularly by the EU Commission on the elaboration of a (electronic) professional card (i.e. working groups, steering group). Furthermore, CPME will be one of the major stakeholders to participate in a professional card pilot project that is being currently developed by the EU Commission.

On 16 March 2011, CPME (represented by the Secretary General Ms Beger and the Senior Policy Advisor Mr Arias) attended the **meeting of the MEP Heart Group on ‘how e-Health can transform the treatment and management of heart-related conditions’**. The meeting was attended by five MEPs (out of 17 composing the Group) and representatives of the Hungarian Presidency, DG SANCO, and



cardiologists. Additionally, CPME Secretary General will attend the High-Level Group eHealth Governance Initiative meeting in Budapest on 10-12 May 2011. **CPME has been invited to intervene in the session entitled the European eHealth Governance Initiative which will be held in plenary session on 11 May 2011.**

Additionally, CPME is involved in the Chain of Trust project and specifically CPME leads Work Package 4 on the “Assessment of patients and health professionals’ perspective on telehealth”.

CPME is currently preparing a draft reply to the EU Commission Consultation on a ‘EU Action Plan on eHealth 2012-2020’. The draft is expected to be adopted by the Executive Committee on its meeting of 19 May 2011.

Adopted policy: ‘Draft Recommendation on a Professional Card’.

- **Pharmaceuticals:** CPME Secretariat actively participated in the Steering Working Group on Market Access to Pharmaceutical Products, jointly organized by the EU Commission (DG Enterprise and Industry) and the Hungarian Presidency of the EU on 4-5 May in Budapest.

On Medical adherence, CPME Secretariat and Dr Lemye are preparing jointly with EFN, EPF and Efpia a conference to be held in the EU Parliament in September 2011 (date tbc). More than 100 stakeholders representing the main EU Institutions (Commission, Parliament and Council), relevant associations, and industry are expected to attend the event.

On Orphan Drugs, CPME Secretariat is actively participating in a European Commission project, which is expected to run until September 2012. The project is aimed at creating new mechanisms resulting in improving market access to Orphan Drugs, particularly focusing on the evaluation, pricing, and reimbursement.

Adopted Policies: ‘CPME comments on the EP draft report on info to patients on medicinal products subject to medical prescription’, ‘CPME position on Access to Medicines – Biosimilars’, and ‘Concept Paper in response to the EU Commission Consultation on the revision of the Clinical Trials Directive 2091/20/EC’.

- **European Working Time Directive:** In follow-up to the Joint Declaration signed by all European Medical Organisations in May 2010, a response, co-signed by AEMH, CPME, FEMS and EANA was sent to the European Commission as input to the second phase consultation of the review of the EWTD in March 2011. Since this consultation, CPME is monitoring developments in the on-going social dialogue and working towards elaborating its position.



Adopted Policy: [Statement on Communication from the Commission Reviewing the Working Time Directive \(“WTD”\)](#)

- **Patient Safety:** CPME is involved in the preparatory phases of a follow-up Joint Action on Patient Safety and will participate in two Working Packages, WP 4 on patient safety good practices and WP 5 on patient safety initiatives implementation.
- **Nutrition:** CPME is a founding member of the EU Diet, Physical activity and Health Platform for Action settled by the Commission five years ago. It continues its membership in the platform and is currently exploring new activities in this context.
- **Vitamin D:** On 21 April 2011, CPME was represented at the Hungarian EU Presidency Conference on the Burden of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases and presented its policy in a presentation on ‘Vitamin D supplementation in prevention of osteoporosis and in health promotion’.
- **European Innovation partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing:**  
On April 30 2011, the CPME Board adopted a statement which sets out main points for action for a successful planning and execution of the next stage within the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. CPME has previously responded to the consultation launched by the European Commission on this topic and recently joined the Steering Group of the initiative. The overall outcome set by the EU is to increase healthy lifespan in the EU by two years by 2020. CPME suggests identifying pathways for piloting that have established clinical management, role identification, measurable outcomes and a degree of patient involvement.  
Adopted policies: [“CPME response to Commission Consultation on European Innovation Partnership for Healthy Ageing“](#) and ["CPME Statement on the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Health Ageing \(EIP\)"](#)
- **Mental Health:** Currently, the CPME WG on mental health is discussing a paper on ‘Mental Health - Combating Stigma and Promoting Social inclusion’ which will be discussed at the CPME Board meeting in November 2011.  
Adopted policy: [CPME Statement on Mental Health and the Elderly](#)
- **Health Workforce:** Dr Radziwill indicated to the Board held on 30 April 2011 that he has been invited to participate as a speaker in the conference on ‘Health Work Force’ to be held at the EU Parliament (co-chaired by Parvanova MEP) on 31 May 2011. More than 100 representatives from the main EU Institutions (Commission,



Parliament, Council), together with relevant associations and industry are expected to participate in the event.

- **Directive on mutual recognition of professional qualifications:** CPME has been following the stages of the review process of the current Directive 2005/36/EC on Professional Qualifications closely and has, i.a. cooperated with representatives of other sectoral professions. In March 2011, CPME adopted a response to the public consultation on the review process.  
Adopted policy: [“CPME response to the Public Consultation on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive”](#)
- **Health Technology Assessment:** CPME continues to monitor the implementation of the provisions on Health Technology Assessment included in the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive. CPME also participates in the Stakeholder Forum of the EUNetHTA Joint Action and is currently elaborating its policy on Health Technology Assessment in this context.
- **Tobacco:** Against the background of the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC, CPME adopted a response to the public consultation. Furthermore, in November 2010, CPME adopted its Position on Nicotine delivery products including electronic systems (ENDS). Currently, the CPME WG on Tobacco is working on developing a policy on prohibiting smoking in the presence of children.  
Adopted documents: [“CPME Position on Nicotine delivery products including electronic systems \(ENDS\)”](#) and [“CPME Response to the public consultation”](#)
- **European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG):** CPME is a member of the Advisory Committee of the EHFG and is involved in the preparations of the EHFG 2011.
- **Health Inequalities:** CPME has continued to elaborate its activities in this field. On the basis of the outcomes of a survey among all CPME members, the CPME Board adopted additions to the existing policy paper in April 2011. In March 2011, CPME and Médecins du Monde organized a joint event in the European Parliament seeing the handover of the European Declaration of Healthcare Professionals on Non-Discriminatory Access to Healthcare to the Health Attaché of the Hungarian Presidency.  
Adopted documents: [“Health Inequalities – addition to CPME 2010/014 FINAL on the basis of CPME members’ replies to questionnaire”](#)



- **Task Shifting:** In order to build on previous CPME policy on task-shifting, the CPME Board, at its meeting in April 2011, adopted a policy paper on the impact of task-shifting on junior doctors.  
Adopted policy: [“CPME policy on the impact of task shifting on doctors in training”](#)
- **Alcohol Forum:** CPME is a member of the Alcohol and Health Forum established by the European Commission. Currently, CPME is working on the definition of new activities in the framework of the Forum’s commitments .
- **Climate change and health:** CPME has developed its activities in several strands. CPME lobbied the Parliament to support an EU 30% greenhouse gas target move. On 30 April 2011, the CPME Board adopted the Climate Change CPME policy. CPME has also joined the European Commission’s Working Group on Green Infrastructure and will contribute to the drafting of recommendations for future action in this context.  
Adopted policy: [“Climate Change - CPME Policy”](#)
- **Antibiotics:** CPME is a member of the advisory committee to ECDC on the Antibiotics Awareness Day Campaign and is currently contributing to the preparation of the 2011 events.

#### **CPME participation at various other events:**

- Dr Montgomery, Policy Advisor Ms Ribon and visiting legal advisor Ms Seebohm attended a Public hearing on the Professional Qualifications Directive. Dr Montgomery was invited as speaker at this event. (21 February 2011)
- Dr Wilks and Secretary-General Ms Beger attended the EU Presidency conference “World of Health IT 2011” in Budapest. Secretary-General Ms Beger was invited speaker (10-12 May)  
Senior Policy Advisor Mr Arias represented CPME in the Steering Working Group on Market Access to Pharmaceutical Products, jointly organized by the EU Commission (DG Enterprise and Industry) and the Hungarian Presidency of the EU on 4-5 May in Budapest.
- Dr Radziwill will participate in a panel discussion at the Health Workforce Roundtable hosted by MEP Mrs Antonia Parvanova (31 May 2011).

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