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Dear Dr. Enrico Reginato,

Following a decision taken by the executive committee of the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association, on behalf of our organization we would like to apply to become a member of the FEMS.

The Cyprus Turkish Medical Association (CTMA), founded in 1956, is a professional union of doctors and dentists in north Cyprus. CTMA is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization. CTMA is the only and the most representative non-governmental national professional organization in north Cyprus. Its objective is to promote the welfare of the medical profession and the health of the public. CTMA is protecting independence and rights of both doctors and patients in north Cyprus.

Cyprus Turkish Medical Association was established when Cyprus was under British Colonial rule. In 1960 when republic of Cyprus founded with a structure based on partnership of Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities, the CTMA had kept its functions as the sole authority for licensing and other procedures. CTMA is still continuing its activities and services and currently has 900 members. Almost all the members are European citizens due to their rights from foundation of Cyprus based on 1960 agreements. Medical doctors and dentists, in order to able to practice their profession in north Cyprus are obliged to register with Member Registers of the Association .

The Goals and Objectives;

to meet the shared social, cultural and educational requirements of those connected with medical or dental profession, and to facilitate and improve professional activities

to protect and develop the rights and interests of the members.

to coordinate and develop social relations and professional attitudes among members.

to arrange the relations between members or between member and patients, to preserve professional discipline and ethical standard.

to preserve the honor and integrity of the members.

to organize professional meetings, seminars and conferences.

to protect general public health, make an effort to meet the currently acceptable standards of doctors/patients rights.

to cooperate with the government agencies on issues concerning the medical profession and the general health of the public.

Ethics and Conduct ;

The CTMA Code of Ethics articulates and promotes a body of ethical principles to guide doctors' conduct in their relationships with patients, colleagues and society.

This Code has grown out of other similar ethical codes stretching back into history including the Hippocratic Oath.

Because of their special knowledge and expertise, doctors have a responsibility to improve and maintain the health of their patients who, either in a vulnerable state of illness or for the maintenance of their health, entrust themselves to medical care.

The doctor-patient relationship is itself a partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration. Within the partnership, both the doctor and the patient have rights as well as responsibilities.

Changes in society, science and the law constantly raise new ethical issues and may challenge existing ethical perspectives.

The CTMA accepts the responsibility for setting the standards of ethical behavior expected of doctors.

The ethics committees and the Ethics Board handle all issues relating to medical ethics, complaints between colleagues as well as complaints filed by the general public against physicians.

Objectives in the medical profession;

- fostering and sustaining consultation, co-operation and communication within the medical profession;
- acting as the principal coordinating and lobbying body for the medical profession;
- fostering unity amongst medical practitioners by providing a forum for their opinions;
- promoting the achievement and maintenance of high clinical and ethical standards in medical practice; and
- fostering communication between the medical profession and the community.

Relations;

CTMA has close relations with Turkish Medical Association in Turkey.

CTMA is a member of EPHA (European Public Health Alliance)

We are trying to improve our relations in regional and international level.

The CTMA has designed a website (www.kttb.org) for physicians as well as for the general public. The site publishes information on a wide range of topics and aims to strengthen Association's ties with the physician community and with the general public. The English version of the website is under construction.

Cyprus Turkish Medical Association believes that protection of human health can only be achieved if all people and health care systems collaborate. Under these conditions CTMA needs to collaborate with FEMS in order to increase its standards for its members and Turkish Cypriot community.

Your earliest respond and support regarding our application would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your kind attention.

Best Regards,
Dr Ozdemir Berova
President

