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Word of the President

A new year is the chance not just to learn new things but also to achieve great things, to accomplish the things that didn't quite get done last year, and this is something the new year always offers: a look back across the plains into the past before we move onward into the future.

So, revisiting 2019, my thanks to all our members for the wonderful contribution to make FEMS one very active organization at European level in the last years.

One of the most important events for 2020 will be the 4rd Joint Meeting together with AEMH that will take place in Austria next May: an opportunity to strengthen our relationship and engage in common projects.

The year is new and so are our hopes and aspirations. May we be able to keep up to our new resolutions with high spirits. Here are warm wishes to you for the coming New Year. Happy 2020 to you and your loved ones.

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Joint AEMH - FEMS General Assembly, 8-9 May, Kitzbuhel, Austria

Upon the invitation of the Austrian Medical Chamber, AEMH and FEMS will hold their 4th joint meeting in Kitzbuhel, Austria, between 7-9 May 2020. Since AEMH has only one general assembly a year, the conference preceding the joint GA will be one organised by AEMH and will be dedicated this year to the launching of the European Academy of Clinical Leadership, a project that has been developed by the organisation for several years and which also involves other European Medical Organisations as partners (such as FEMS and UEMS).



Since FEMS has been a partner in this project from the beginning, and will be further consulted and involved both in the activities of the AEMH Permanent Working Group on Clinical Leadership as well as of the European Academy of Clinical Leadership, its delegates are kindly invited to attend this launching conference of the newly established Academy. This conference will take place on 7 May, from 14.00-18.00, at the Austria Trend Hotel Schloss Lebenberg, the same venue as for the general assembly of the two organisations. Representatives of other EMOs as well as other academics and stakeholders will be present.

European Academy of Clinical Leadership

EU updates

State of health in the EU: shift to prevention and primary care is the most important trend across countries.

On 28 November 2019 the European Commission published the reports profiling 30 health care systems across Europe. The country profiles clearly reflect shared objectives across the Member States, and reveal potential areas where the Commission can encourage mutual learning and exchange of good practices.

The Companion Report brings out some of the biggest trends in the transformation of our health systems:

- Vaccine hesitancy is a major public health threat all across Europe, which can be tackled by improving health literacy, countering disinformation and actively involving health workers.

- The digital transformation of health promotion and disease prevention can result in winners and losers. People who would most benefit from mobile health and other such digital tools may be the least likely to have easy access to it.

- Gaps in health care accessibility are still very much a reality in the EU. Both the clinical needs and socioeconomic characteristics of patients need to be accounted for when measuring access to health care and its many barriers.

- Skill mix innovations among the health workforce show great potential for increasing the resilience of health systems. Promising examples of task shifting among health workers are found across the EU, particularly when it comes to enhancing the role of nurses and pharmacists.

- The product life cycle of medicines reveals ample scope for Member State cooperation in ensuring safe, effective and affordable therapies, including everything from rational spending to responsible prescribing.

EMOs meeting calendar 2020

Date and place	Event
3-4 April, Zagreb, Croatia	CPME GA
24-25 April, Brussels Belgium	UEMS Council Meeting
7-9 May, Kitzbuhel, Austria	AEMH-FEMS GA
29 May, San Remo, Italy	CEOM Spring Plenary
16-17 October, Limassol, Cyprus	UEMS Council Meeting
20-21 November, Berlin, Germany	CPME GA