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The Foundation for the Development of the Internal Medicine in Europe was established on January 17, 2003 in Geneva on the initiative of EFIM (European Federation for Internal Medicine)

The purpose of the Foundation is non lucrative in Europe

- to support and develop Internal medicine to be considered as an overall medicine
- to develop the knowledge and the comprehension of pathophysiology, the diagnosis, the treatment and the prevention of diseases concerned with Internal medicine.
- to promote biomedical, clinical, behavioral, nutritional and epidemiologic research on diseases concerned with Internal medicine.
- to help to increase the awareness of the public and their understanding of the diseases concerned with Internal medicine.
- to promote the education and the training of doctors and other health professionals in the field of diseases concerned with Internal medicine.
- to establish and maintain contact with other institutions and companies undertaking similar activities.
- to undertake any activity contributing to achieve the goals above.

On 27 October 2006 the Foundation received letters of resignation from Prof Dr Wilhelm Vetter (President), Prof Dr Rolf Zinkernagel, Prof Dr Johan Steurer and from the administrative secretary Dr Lorenzo Käser. The Foundation cordially thanks these members for their contributions during their term of office.

To replace them the Council of the Foundation elected its Vice-President, Prof Dr. Daniel Seréni as the new President and Prof Dr. Stefan Lindgren as Vice-President plus two new members: Dr. Faustino Ferreira and Dr. Werner Bauer. All the new members were also elected at the Management Committee of the Foundation. The Foundation expresses cordial congratulations to them.

The Members of Council serve the Foundation voluntarily.

At the time of its General meeting in Bratislava on October 25, 2007 the Council of the Foundation discussed, re-examined and endorsed the following decisions of the Management Committee.

1. The Foundation Council must be enlarged to include non-medical members.
2. A Scientific Committee of the Foundation will be established under the supervision of Prof Stefan Lindgren.
3. The Foundation has received a subsidy for an educational project on behalf of the Company Amgen Europe dedicated to the organization of an annual "Master Class" in Nephrology which will take place for the first time in London in June 2008.
4. The President has met or written to several personalities in France to present the goals of the Foundation and highlight the need for financial support. The results of these actions are pending.
5. The Committee decided to increase the effectiveness of the work of the Foundation thanks to the recruitment of a part-time administrative secretary (Mrs Janet Stevens). She will deal with the drafting of the minutes of meeting and the teleconferences and will provide assistance in matters of administration.
6. With an aim of increasing the visibility and the diffusion of information, a new Internet site has been conceived by the recruitment of a professional webmaster (Mr. Adrian Stevens). The address of new Internet site is: "www.fdime.org".
7. At the request of the Management Committee of the Foundation, the President will insist on the need for a more active support of the EFIM National Societies in the activities of acquiring funds for the projects of the Foundation.

Prof Sereni extends special thanks Prof Philippe Jaeger (Vice President) whose support has provided the installation of the first Master Class in Nephrology.

Financially, the current year was a great success for the Foundation with a major contribution from Amgen. Thus our benefit rose to CHF 292' 287.24 against a loss of CHF 4' 184.29 for the preceding term. At September 30 2007 assets of the Foundation are assembled at CHF 441' 136,44 against CHF 151' 651.20 for the preceding term. The assets of the Foundation are invested safely and all the Members of its Council work on a purely voluntary basis.

For the next project, the Foundation by holding account of the important budget for the organization of "Master Class" of Nephrology and its many projects in progress hopes to be able to maintain its present bank balance, which represents for the Council a considerable challenge.

During the next year (01.10.07-30.09.08) the Foundation will: develop the Scientific Council; elect new members of Council; start its first project; continue its efforts to raise funds, and undertake other actions with the aim of increasing its visibility with the public and in the medical world.

The Foundation expresses thanks to all the people who contributed to these efforts during the past year: to providers, professional organizations and Members of his Council.

Prof. Dr. Daniel Sereni
Président

Dr. Imad M-M Hatem
Treasurer

Bratislava, le 25 Octobre 2007