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## ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

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 Foundation's non-profit making aims in Europe are as follows:

- to support and develop Internal Medicine conceived as part of general medicine.
- to develop the knowledge and understanding of pathophysiology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases relating to Internal Medicine.
- to promote biomedical, clinical, behavioural, nutritional and epidemiological research into diseases relating to Internal Medicine.
- to help to increase the public's awareness and understanding of diseases relating to Internal Medicine.
- to promote the education and training of doctors and other health professionals in the field of diseases relating to Internal Medicine.
- to establish and maintain contacts with other institutions and societies with similar activities.
- to undertake any activity contributing to the attainment of the above-mentioned goals.

The Foundation is subject to the supervision of federal and Cantonal authorities and receiving a tax exemption at the cantonal and federal levels. The accounts are audited by Fiduconsult. The Council works on a voluntary basis.

## Actions of the Foundation during the fiscal year 2010-2011

1. The Foundation has given eight educational bursaries to young internists coming from eastern European and North African countries. The Foundation is pursuing its policy of selecting candidates to benefit from the European School of Internal Medicine when their own national society of internal medicine cannot afford to provide the necessary funding.
2. The Foundation is supporting the ALCHIMIE project in partnership with the EFIM. This epidemiological study on the prevalence of medical problems related to alcohol consumption in hospitalized patients has been conducted in seven European countries and the results will be presented at the 10th EFIM congress in October 2011 in Athens.
3. The Foundation has prepared a Seminar on Clinical Research that will be held in Paris in October 2011. This is a new start for a seminar that had a great success between 2004 and 2007, but had to be interrupted when the previous sponsor decided to suspend its support. Fifteen Young European Internists will be selected to participate at the seminar. The objectives are to provide a high level intensive course and encourage them to be active in clinical research in their country and in multinational studies. The Foundation has received financial support from Amgen Europe for the organization of the seminar.
4. The Foundation has organized a Musical Concert in Paris on October 22 2010. The event attracted an audience of 1200 persons in a prestigious concert hall: la Salle Pleyel. The performers were the orchestra of the National Opera of Paris and internationally famous lyric artists. This event was a great success and with very encouraging results:
  - a. Making FDIME better known in the non medical population. Wide publicity has been made for this concert in different press media as well as by posters in the public transportation in Paris.
  - b. In focusing the objectives of the gala concert to the benefit of clinical research on rare diseases in adults. The Foundation opened a new path for other actions in a field insufficiently covered by public or private funding.
  - c. Making a substantial financial profit.
5. Thanks to the benefits obtained by the gala concert, the Foundation has decided to offer three 20 000 euros grants for research projects on rare diseases in adults. The grants will be given to internists aged less than 35 years from a European country.

## **The Finances of the Foundation for 2010-2011.**

The Foundation has received donations from several sources:-

- a. 15 000 euros from Servier International,
- b. from Amgen Europe: 20 000 euros for the organization of the seminar on clinical research, and 5000 euros for ESIM bursaries
- c. 100 000 euros from the Fonds de Dotation Pierre Bergé

FDIME was founded in 2003 with a capital of CHF 150'000 from the Internal Medicine Societies in Europe. It is tax exempt in Switzerland and in most European countries as a member of Transnational Giving Europe (TGE).

Our Foundation had a very successful fiscal year 2011/2012. Total assets reached CHF 439'523.94, up CHF 116'431.88 from the last fiscal year, i.e. up 36%.

In the current fiscal year, the Foundation received a higher amount of donations in Euros. This could not be reflected in the Profit and Loss (donations CHF 195'289.13 against CHF 202'176.48) due to the weakness of the euro against the Swiss franc. In future the accounts of the Foundation will be presented in euros as most revenues and income are in this currency.

The expenses related to the organisation of the concert should not be compared to its direct revenues (ticket sales) as they do not include the donations received for the concert (Euros 184'509.- over the current and last fiscal year).

The financial year 2011/2012 is also expected to be successful with new revenues from the concerts in Paris, Italy and Switzerland and new donations from the pharmaceutical industry.

## **Projects for 2011-2012**

1. The Foundation is planning another concert in Paris.
2. Members of the Board of the Foundation have initiated contacts to organize events in Italy and in Switzerland.
3. The Foundation expects to pursue its educational activities through ESIM bursaries and the Seminar in clinical research.
4. The Foundation will pursue its efforts to attract new members to the Board and to diversify its activities.
5. The Foundation will continue to work closely with the EFIM in clinical research with the objective of improving medical care in Europe.
6. The Foundation will work on a new website.

The Foundation wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to its success during the current period, donors, professional organizations and members of Council.

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