AIMS

The Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe (FDIME) was founded in Geneva in 2003 under the supervision of the Swiss federal and Geneva cantonal authorities, and is recognized as a public utility with all tax exemption benefits. Its goals are to:

• Support and develop Internal Medicine as an overarching specialty for the adult patient

• Develop the knowledge and the understanding of the pathophysiology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases in relation to Internal Medicine

• Promote biomedical, clinical, behavioural, nutritional and epidemiologic research in the field of Internal Medicine

• Help increase the understanding of diseases dealt with by Internal Medicine

• Promote the education of doctors and other health professionals in Internal Medicine at all stages of their careers

• Establish and maintain contact with other institutions and companies undertaking similar activities

• Undertake any activity contributing to achieve the aforementioned goals

FDIME shares major objectives and activities particularly in the scientific field with the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM). Consequently, many activities of FDIME are linked to those of EFIM. FDIME is open to collaboration with other national or international organizations dedicated to the improvement of Internal Medicine healthcare.

FDIME is a non-profit organization, fully dependent on donations to support Internal Medicine. Tax reliefs for donations are available in many countries in Europe as well as in the USA. In our website, www.fdime.org, instructions for donations are available. FDIME Activities are managed by Board Members who work voluntarily to achieve our Aims and Objectives

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PAST ACTIVITIES

FDIME has recently promoted and supported medical education and research in various medical areas, such as renal diseases, alcohol abuse disorders (ALCHIMIE Study), vasculitis and especially rare diseases.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

European School of Internal Medicine (ESIM)

ESIM is an integral part of FDIME activities. FDIME provides educational grants to Young Internists from low-income EFIM member countries for this 1-week course held twice a year in different European locations. The programme of clinical and scientific activities plus a social aspect enables good interaction between the residents throughout the week. We believe that the links formed at ESIM among potential leaders of Internal Medicine are vital for the future of the specialty. This is a key objective of the School.

Clinical Research Seminar, Paris

In recent years, sponsorship for this annual 3-day Seminar has been provided by Amgen and FDIME. The Seminar offers up to 17 bursaries to Young Internists / Researchers from EFIM-member countries who are interested to develop their career in Clinical Research. Exclusively selected renowned international experts give lectures on a variety of clinical research-related topics.
REGULAR ACTIVITIES (Cont’d)

Grants for Young Researchers specifically to develop research into Rare Diseases in Adults

In 2011 FDIME announced the creation of grants for physicians who intend to develop research in the field of rare diseases in adults. Several grants have been awarded annually to Young Internist Researchers from countries affiliated to EFIM providing them with the opportunity to work on a Rare Disease project outside their home country. In 2017, grants for the study of Auto-Immune Diseases research were introduced.

The European Organization for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS) works in partnership with EFIM and FDIME to further these aims.

Exchange Programme for Young Internists

The Exchange Programme (EP) of EFIM intends to provide Young Internists with opportunities for gaining knowledge and skills. The aim of the EP that started in 2012 is to promote short internships of one month among our European specialist training centres in Internal Medicine Units.

The EP is open to trainees in Internal Medicine. Each National Society will select their candidates. Both EFIM and FDIME sponsor a number of scholarships.

Benefit Concerts

Benefit Concerts are held to raise funds for Research into Rare Diseases in Adults, and also to increase awareness about FDIME and rare diseases.

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