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COUNCIL

Meeting name/purpose	Council meeting		
Date	17 and 19.11.2017	**Time**	09.00 am
Location	Prague, Grand Majestic Plaza Hotel		
Attendees	Hélène Renoux, Sara Eames, Arlette Blanchy, Ilse Muchitsch, Jean Pierre Jansen, Dora Pachova, Caroline Vandeschoor, Cristal Sumner, Anna Pla, Hetty Buitelaar, Jaume Costa, Charlotte Schaeck	**Apologies**	Jean Pierre Jansen absent on the 17th of November
Minutes written by	Jaume Costa	**Moderator**	Sara Eames
Distribution	Council members	**Enclosures**	-Minutes previous Council meeting -Minutes telephone conference to prepare 2020 Congress

AGENDA

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3	09:25 – 10.00	*Education: Sharing Teachers Experiences workshop, LMHI-ECH accreditation*	Dora Pachova Jaume Costa
4	10:00 – 10:30	*Communication: New webmaster/community manager, ECHOING, leaflet, ECH LidekIn group, website*	Hélène Renoux Sara Eames
	10.30 – 10.45	*Coffee break*	
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7	11:40 – 12:10	*2020 ECH Congress (in case further discussion is needed after the ECH-IAVH-EFHPA telephone meeting)*	Hélène Renoux
8	12:10 – 12.30	*Pharmacy: Relations with ECHAMP, European pharmacy guidelines and European Diploma of Homeopathic*	Ilse Muchitsch Hélène Renoux

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		Pharmacy, Council of Europe/Susann Buchheim-Schmidt, reply to HMA on CTDs	
Item	**Time 19/11/17**	**Agenda topic**	**Presenter**
9	09:00 – 09:45	*Next ECH meetings: 2018 Spring meeting, 2018 Symposium/Seminar, 2019 Spring meeting, 2019 Autumn meeting*	Hélène Renoux
10	09:45 – 10:45	*Briefings from Subcommittee meetings Provings, Research, Politics, Pharmacy Documentation and Education for E-learning*	All Subcommittee coordinators
11	10:45 – 11:00	*Patients: New members, new countries, meeting in Scotland*	Cristal Sumner
12	11:00 – 11:15	*Procedures: Statutes, conflict of interest forms, Dropbox, procedure for more efficient discussion, ECH archive*	Arlette Blanchy Hélène Renoux Jaume Costa Caroline Vandeschoor
13	11:15 – 11:30	*AOB*	ALL

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DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

1	*9 – 9:10*	*Welcome and approval of agenda*	Sara Eames
Discussion summary		The agenda of this meeting and the minutes of the previous Council were approved. The sequence and time allocation of the agenda were modified during the meeting as below.	

2	*9:10 – 10:00*	*Financial situation. DYNHOM request*	Arlette Blanchy
Discussion summary		At present there is a surplus in the annual budget of around €60,000. The reserve is € 122,000	
Charlotte has sent reminders to different associations that had not yet paid. SIOMI has requested to benefit of the self-assessment. Income from the associations is around € 90,000 and from associated members around € 7,000. Ilse pointed out that several associated members from industry or pharmacies have not paid their annual fees.			
Dora mentioned that emails from Charlotte were not received. Hetty highlighted that there is the need to check if ECH has the correct email addresses.			
Cristal underlined the need to have a clearer presentation of the budget that would allow a better follow-up of incomes and outgoings for each concept (see post-meeting note at the end of minutes)			
Caroline brought to the attention of the Council the proposals from Homeopathy 2020.			
Charlotte informed that the invoices are sent in January/February and reminders are sent every 3 months. Charlotte suggested that ECH provides her with the correct email addresses.			
ECH has received requests for financial support from DYNHOM, CLIFICOL and a for a publication on provings. It was agreed that ECH is not able to subsidise external individual projects but can suggest potential financial sources.			
Conclusions		Coordinators should obtain the correct email addresses and official letters will be sent to full and associated members that have not paid.	
A clearer presentation of the budget that would allow a better follow-up of incomes and outgoings for each concept is needed. The budget should allow an overview and comparison with previous years.			
ECH cannot subsidise external individual projects.			

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Obtain correct email addresses from every EC member	All coordinators	ASAP!
Draft letters to members who have not paid	Jaume Costa	30 / 11 / 2017
Contact BHA accountant to advise ECH on budget presentation	Cristal Sumner	30 / 11 / 2017
Draft standard letter to reply request for subsidies	Jaume Costa	30 / 11 / 2017

3	*10:00 – 10:30*	*Education: Sharing Teachers Experiences*	Dora Pachova

		workshop, LMHI-ECH accreditation	Jaume Costa
Discussion summary		Dora had circulated the Sharing Teachers Experiences workshop proposal. The goals is to reach teachers of homeopathic schools. There should be links between ECH and the schools. ECH could provide quality information to teachers.	
Several topics were suggested for the workshop: e-learning, homeopathic methodologies, teaching methodologies, educational provings.			
The Pharmacy Subcommittee is developing guidelines and establishing the different levels of homeopathic training for pharmacists.			
LMHI-ECH accreditation was discussed at the meeting with LMHI in Leipzig and it is included in the minutes of the Leipzig meeting			
Conclusions		It is suggested that the Sharing Teachers Experiences workshop focus on teaching methodologies.	

4	*10:30 – 11:00*	*Communication: New webmaster/community manager, ECHOING, leaflet, ECH LinkedIn group, website*	Hélène Renoux Sara Eames
Discussion summary		The leaflet was presented. It needs to include other health professions and the front picture and the colouring should be reconsidered. Arlette suggested that the leaflet mentions that ECH represents medical doctors, veterinarians and pharmacists with an additional qualification in homeopathy	
The new webmaster has revamped the ECH Twitter and Facebook accounts.			
Caroline pointed out that the general structure of the website is not user friendly and would need to be restructured. Cristal suggested that a website developer is contracted out if the website is restructured. However, ECH would need to be clear on what would be required before hiring someone to do the work. It was decided to ask Adam Hearn, the new webmaster, to take care of the daily management of the website and to appoint, when needed, a more skilled IT person for specific projects.			
The ECHOING group is not active, and no newsletter has been published for several months. Cristal informed that Margaret is interested in working with ECH to create the newsletter.			
No news about the LinkedIn group proposed by Athos.			
Conclusions		Caroline will circulate a proposal for restructuring the website and the Council members can give feedback.	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Circulate proposal for restructuring the website		Caroline	30 / 12 / 2017

5	*11:00 – 11:05*	*Homeopathic links*	Hélène Renoux
Discussion summary		No feedback has been received from Homeopathic Links since the summer. The Documentation Subcommittee gave a negative opinion about last Homeopathic Links proposal	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**

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Find more information from Harry Van der Zee	Hetty	30 / 12 / 2017

6	*11:00 – 11:45*	*Politics: WHO training benchmarks on homeopathy, National implementation of CEN Standards (working group, guidelines, leaflet), list of supportive MEPs, EASAC report, EUROCAM*	Hetty Buitelaar, Dora Pachova, Sara Eames, Jaume Costa
Discussion summary		Jaume informed of the letters sent by Hélène to WHO Geneva and the WHO Collaborating Centre on Traditional Medicine in Milano requesting that WHO training benchmarks on homeopathy are developed. Emails have been sent also to the LMHI, India and Brazil. Other countries to be contacted could be Switzerland and Cuba. Dr Raj Manchanda asked for a hard copy of the CEN standard that he intends to use when lobbying about the benchmarks in homeopathy the Indian Ministry of AYUSH on behalf of CCRH.	
Sara suggested that Peter Fisher and Ton Nicolai are informed of the initiative in relation to WHO. CAMDOC could also be involved.			
Dora proposed to contact Russia. Hélène is invited to participate at the International Homeopathy Day in Moscow next April together with LMHI, the date is still to be finalized. If not decided before this will be the opportunity to address the point with our Russian colleagues.			
The draft on the guidelines on national implementation of CEN Standards was circulated. Very little feedback from the working group.			
The EASAC report background was spelled out in an email from EUROCAM. The conclusions of the EASAC report have been published in the European Journal of Internal Medicine. EUROCAM has launched a strategy of contacting the individual members of the team of the EASAC report. Contacts have taken place in the UK, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic. Several countries consider that is not appropriate to contact the national member of the EASAC committee. ECH and the national associations have produced replies to the EASAC report. There was criticism on the decision-making process at EUROCAM on how to react to the EASAC report. Hélène complained on the decision-making process on how to react to the EASAC report, an informal phone conference to which only Sara Eames was invited led to a so called official decision on behalf of ECH, it is not fair and must not be repeated.			
Ilse pointed out the importance of clarifying the mechanism of action of the homeopathic remedies.			
Hélène underlined the importance of being proactive.			
Sara informed of the EUROCAM activities. It has two main priorities: to register EUROCAM in the Netherlands as an official Foundation, so EUROCAM could become a WHO working partner.			
Hélène considered that the fee payed by ECH to EUROCAM is too high in comparison to other EUROCAM members. Sara pointed out that this fee has been agreed and it could be reviewed only when it is discussed again in EUROCAM in a year. Ilse pointed out that if ECH is paying a higher fee, it should have a bigger influence. The fees were calculated according to the number of association members for some organizations and according to the number of individual members for others. This has to be corrected.			
Conclusions	Lobbying for the WHO training benchmarks should continue.		
Possible revision of ECH fee to EUROCAM in the future.			
EASAC lobby to continue taking into account national context.			

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Circulate EASAC report background email from Ton to Council	Sara	30 / 12 / 2017
Invite Switzerland and Cuba to contact WHO	Jaume	30 / 12 / 2017
Inform about EASAC to the Politics Subcommittee	Sara	18 / 11 / 2017
Inform Ton Nicolai and Peter Fischer about WHO lobbing	Sara / Jaume	30 / 12 / 2017

7	*11:45 – 12:30*	*2020 ECH Congress (in case further discussion is needed after the ECH-IAVH-EFHPA telephone meeting)*	Hélène Renoux
Discussion summary		A meeting between ECH, EFHPA and IAVH will take place tomorrow evening.	
The tentative date is the third week of September 2020 but this clashes with Vithoulkas' seminar, which is attended by many Russian homeopaths who are potential participants.			
Ilse suggested that Liberty was the PCO because of the success of the Vienna Congress. Arlette pointed out the importance of having a local organiser.			
The organizing committee could include Hélène Renoux, Cristal Sumner, Reinhard Flick, Claudia Garn, Ilse Muchitsch, Petra Weiermayer, Edward De Beukelaer, Stephan Kolhrausch and Jaume Costa. The next Pharmacy coordinator should be in the organizing committee.			
Conclusions		Need to confirm date and place and decide PCO for 2020 Congress.	

8	*13:30 – 14:15*	*Pharmacy: Relations with ECHAMP, European pharmacy guidelines and European Diploma of Homeopathic Pharmacy, Council of Europe/Susann Buchheim-Schmidt, reply to HMA on CTDs*	Ilse Muchitsch Hélène Renoux
Discussion summary		ECHAMP gave a positive feedback to the Vienna Congress. ECHAMP suggested that joint meetings of ECHAMP and ECH were organised with the national medicines agencies and the member of the HMPWG representing the Co-ordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures-Veterinary to request a better functioning and more transparency. Previously, a meeting between ECH and ECHAMP to reach a joint position should be organised.	
Regarding the pharmacy training guidelines, no ECHAMP input has been received. Heel has given input on the guidelines and the education topics. At present, there is no ECHAMP representative in the Pharmacy Subcommittee.			
Ilse pointed out that ECHAMP is not an associated member of ECH.			
The questionnaire on European Pharmacy Guidelines and European Diploma of Homeopathic Pharmacy was sent and replies were received from all countries except Portugal. Ilse informed on the preparation of the Guidelines and the three levels of training: basic, advanced and university. Sara pointed out that pharmacists having obtained a basic level should be able to advise about homeopathy.			
Ilse informed on the participation of Susann Buchheim, member of the Pharmacy Subcommittee, at			

an European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines of the Council of Europe workshop.		
Conclusions	Need to clarify ECHAMP participation as associated member in ECH and at Pharmacy Subcommittee.	
Preparation of European Pharmacy Guidelines is progressing.		
Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Letter to ECHAMP about membership fee and participation at the Pharmacy Subcommittee	Jaume Costa Hélène Renoux	5 / 12 / 2017

9	*14:15 – 15:15*	*Next ECH meetings: 2018 Spring meeting, 2018 Symposium/Seminar, 2019 Spring meeting, 2019 Autumn meeting*	Hélène Renoux
Discussion summary		Dora presented the programme for the Symposium on Integration of Homeopathy in Mainstream Health Care in Sofia in 2018. Charlotte is reluctant to sign a contract with the venue in Sofia because of the big numbers of participants, around 400, and the need to clarify task allocation between MediCongress and the local organisers. Sara suggested to cancel the Council meeting planned for Sunday, to allow the Council members to fly back home. The reports of the subcommittees will circulate by email. The Hilton is the most appropriate venue, but a bigger venue will be needed for some sessions including all participants. Charlotte will be responsible for the Symposium to the ECH General Assembly. After Eventmakers, the local organiser, will manage the Symposium. ECH budget for the Symposium is € 50,000. IAVH's economic contribution needs to be clarified. Possible speakers: Dr Jean Lionel Bagot, Dr Erfried Pichler, Dr Michael Frass, Dr Michel Teut. More suggestions can be sent by email. It has been suggested to have a session followed by a dinner on action mechanism of homeopathic remedies open to non-homeopathic medical doctors. Several exhibits from private companies will be set up during the Symposium. A poster session will be organised.	
Hetty underlined that the contract proposal from BTG needs to be amended regarding: the costumer must pay for services, programme must be provided within 40 days of signing the contract, the organizer can change the venue and cancel the Congress, payment within 7 days if not penalties, disputes should be settled within 10 days if not penalties.			
Cristal will forward an email with comments to the BTG contract.			
Possible topic for 2020 Congress: Chronic diseases and homeopathy (effectiveness, cost-benefit, research, integration with conventional medicine).			
Ilse highlighted the low availability of homeopathic remedies in the Baltic Countries.			
Conclusions	Programme for Sofia Symposium to be finalize by the end of this year.		

Contract proposal from BTG needs amendments.		
Possible topic for 2020 Congress would be chronic diseases.		
Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Clarify IAVH's contribution to the Sofia Symposium	Arlette	30 / 12 / 2017
Finalize contract with Hilton	Charlotte	30 / 11 / 2017
Suggest topics/speakers for Sofia Symposium to Dora	ALL	30 / 12 / 2017
Forward list of Bruges sponsors to Dora	Hélène	15 / 12 / 2017
Send emails on amendments to BTG contract to Edward	Cristal	26 / 11 / 2017

10	*15:15 – 16:00*	*ECH Archives, Briefings from Subcommittee Provings and Documentation*	All Subcommittee coordinators
Discussion summary		The ECH signed a contract with the Robert Bosch Foundation to keep the ECH archives in 2014. ECH is supposed to send documents to the Robert Bosch Foundation every year. Hélène informed that the Council, Board and Subcommittee minutes during the 4 years that she was General Secretary were sent to the Robert Bosch Foundation. The Robert Bosch Foundation has catalogued the ECH documents in 21 categories and provided a list of files that are in the database now. Caroline used it to make a list of possible missing files. It seems that the Robert Bosch Foundation has either not received several of the ECH documents that were forwarded, or some documents have not yet been archived. Caroline proposed to establish a procedure to forward documents to the Robert Bosch Foundation and find the missing documents. Each coordinator should be responsible for forwarding the documents of her subcommittee to the General Secretary who will forward them with missing documents from the Council and the Board to the Robert Bosch Foundation. It was agreed that a link in the ECH website giving access to the archives should be re-established.	
Caroline informed on the Documentation Subcommittee discussions. A report on the specialist library for CAM at University Witten/Herdecke was presented. The Carstens Foundation's new portal allows free access to different databases. The Documentation Subcommittee is updating the International Guide on Homeopathic Documentation Resources, has been testing the link list and discussing how to update it periodically. The Subcommittee also discussed the website and an email will be sent to the Council with recommendations. Next meeting of the Subcommittee will be in Sofia.			
Jean Pierre informed that two new members from Turkey joined the Provings Subcommittee. There will be workshops on C4 trituration provings, proving symptoms and adverse effects and provings as a teaching tool in Sofia and then the three workshops will be repeated in Cape Town. The guidelines on provings were assessed against international guidelines for trials. An article on the guidelines will be published in CAM open access journals. Jean Pierre would like suggestions for Spanish journals were the guidelines could be published. They will be published also in one English			

and one French journals. The fee for publishing in an open journal is between €1,500 – 2,000. The target audience are scientists, officials and industry.		
Conclusions	The Council was informed of ongoing activities of the Documentation, Patients and Provings Subcommitties	
Procedure to submit documents to ECH Archives to be revised and missing documents to be submitted		
Vote(s)	There were 9 votes in favour and 1 abstention to publish the proving guidelines in one English, one French and one Spanish open journals. A maximum of €5000 is allocated for these publications.	
Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Circulate contract between ECH and Robert Bosch	Caroline	30 / 11 / 2017
Confirm documents forwarded to Robert Bosch	Hélène	30 / 11 / 2017
Establish procedure to forward documents to RB	Jaume	30 / 12 / 2017
Forward missing documents from subcommittees to Jaume	ALL	30 / 12 / 2017
Publishing the guidelines in an open access journal	Jean Pierre	30 / 6 / 2018
Submit proposals to improve website	Caroline	30 / 12 / 2017

11	*9:00 – 10:00*	*Procedures: Statutes, conflict of interest forms, Dropbox, procedure for more efficient discussion, ECH archive*	Arlette Blanchy Hélène Renoux Jaume Costa Caroline Vandeschoor
Discussion summary	Next year, according the Statutes, half of the Council should step down. A call for candidates should be launched next week. At least one member of the Council should be Belgian. Anna and Ilse want to step down.		
Arlette has requested legal advice from a Belgian lawyer regarding the change of the Statutes. The first feedback is that the current Statutes comply with Belgian law. In any case, the Belgian lawyer will draft a by-law to confirm participation of veterinarians as full members of the Council.			
Agendas should be circulated with the date.			
Alternatives should be found to Dropbox			
Strategy 2020 defines procedures for efficient communication including that emails should deal with only one topic.			
Hand-over files should be prepared for specific jobs but also a general induction file would be useful.			
Conclusions	Call for candidates to be launched next week.		
By-law confirming vets as full members to be drafted by lawyer.			
Consider alternatives to Dropbox, efficient communication according Strategy 2020, preparation of hand-over files and a general induction file.			
Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**	

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Launch call for candidates	Hélène Jaume	30 / 11 / 2017
Draft of conflict of interest form	Sara	30 / 12 / 2017
Alternatives to Dropbox	Cristal	30 / 12 / 2017
Review efficient communication guidelines from 2020	ALL	30 / 12 / 2017

12	*10:00 – 11:15*	*Patients: New members, new countries; Research Subcommittee; Pharmacy Subcommittee; Politics Subcommittee; Education Subcommittee*	Cristal Sumner, Ilse Muchitsch, Hetty Buitelaar, Dora Pachova
Discussion summary		Cristal informed on the Patients Subcommittee. EFPHA had the general assembly in October. There is a new member from Catalonia, ACPAUH. A Russian group and groups from other countries are interested in joining. Funding has been secured for the webmaster and community manager. EFPHA will not participate at the Sofia Symposium because they will support its German member by attending its 150th anniversary celebrations on the same dates.	

Anna stated that the Symposium raised a big interest in the Research Subcommittee. Very good feedbacks. There are 5 new members from Russia, Italy, France, Czech Republic and Slovenia. Anna will step down in one year. Christien Klein may apply. Pending topics from last meetings have been resolved smoothly.

Regarding the website, Anna with Robbert van Haselen have developed a list of items for the Research pages and will share them with Hélène/Jaume. Items include a picture of group and what has been done by the group.

The Research Subcommittee would like to have joint sessions with other Subcommittees.

The committee will update the document on “Strategies on homeopathic research”.

Irina Zamarenov from our Russian association informed on the statement against homeopathy released last March. The statement was produced by journalists not by the Academy of Science, even if they pretended to be, and were rebuked by the Academy. Irina and Nikolay will forward the official reply.

Dora explained that after the EASAC statement the criticism against homeopathy reappeared. A forum was organised, supported by scientists, with a positive outcome for homeopathy. Irina Zamarenov will send the statement in Russian to be translated into English, with supportive words from a well-known scientist.

ECH could use their statement for WHO.

Workshop on research for beginners in Sofia with Petra Weiermayer. Recommendations on homeopathic research, not real guidelines, to be drafted. The invitations could be sent through national associations and schools.

Ilse summarised the discussions at the Pharmacy Subcommittee. The replies to the questionnaire about the situations of pharmacies and pharmacy industry in each country were received. Annette Eberz from Heel gave an interesting presentation. All requirements should be included in the new guidelines for homeopathic training for pharmacists.

Workshop planned for Sofia about the Guidelines, working group with education SC for expert input.

Susann Buchheim is doing efficient work responding the public consultations of HMPWG.

Contacts set with Baltic countries, especially Lithuania.

Ilse still looking for her replacement next year.

Hetty briefed the Council on the discussions at the Subcommittee Politics.

Switzerland new study published in September states that homeopathy could be placebo. A discussion with the publisher could change this wording.

The EASAC report brought a large campaign against homeopathy in Hungary. However, 44% of the population is in favour of homeopathy and 40% against

Edward informed of the positive reply of IAVH Board to join ECH.

Erfried Pichler gave a speech on homeopathy in Taiwan and informed on the development of homeopathy in China.

Regarding the lobbying of WHO for the training benchmarks, Dakomed in Switzerland may send a supportive letter to WHO. Cornelia Bajic considered this a topic for LMHI. Raj Manchanda preferred to address this topic on behalf of CCRH via AYUSH

Tereza, a Czech sociologist, contacted the Czech member of the EASAC team. He was not aware of the use of flawed documents against homeopathy and he was annoyed by this.

Irena and Tereza will get in contact with Ton. Sara will introduce them

EASAC statement is mostly signed by retired, old scientists not aware of the recent developments in science and in homeopathy. Important to keep in mind the underlying industry influence.

It was decided that a PR professional will draft a short information paper. Cristal can get in contact with him. This paper is targeted to MEPs and PR persons. It should address AMR and financial considerations. Regarding patients and the public, a different leaflet, more emotional, should be developed. This will be positive publicity. 1000€ allocated. Expenses adopted unanimously by the Council members present. Hetty to involve the Council and the political yahoogroup on the content of the information paper.

The definition and terms within the CEN document need to be checked against ECH documents. All Coordinators should be aware of this and in 2021 the CEN document will need to be reviewed/revised. Jaume to put in 2019 Autumn agenda.

Ideas to refurbish the webpage on politics, with short statements and photos.

To invite for free students to symposium and ECH workshops, and to create a safe and free ECH platform for students. Adam to be asked if it is feasible. Students themselves would appoint a moderator.

Dora reported on the discussions at the Education Subcommittee. Tomas is the new Czech representative. His organisation plans to become a new member of ECH

The leaflet on national implementation of CEN standards was considered acceptable.

E-learning project: Athos presented his method. The committee needs to produce guidelines on e-learning. Focus will be on content and outcomes. First modules on history of homeopathy and Hahnemann are already being developed. When the module is ready it will be presented to the Committee/Council. If it is approved, the committee will use similar template which could be given to schools as resource. The aim is that one version of the module will be for the public at no cost and one, far more in-depth version, for students at a small cost. Italian and German schools are prepared to share their own e-learning material. Erasmus + project could be launched for this purpose.

Council agreed that education should be free of commercial interests of pharmaceutical companies, so other funding sources should be investigated.

The pages on education of the ECH website need to be updated. Problems login in the members only area. Dora and Charlotte will discuss the disparities on the table on ECH schools and will keep the Board informed.	
Conclusions	The Council was informed on the discussions at the Patients, Research, Pharmacy, Politics and Education Subcommittees.

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Revision of CEN Standards in 2019 Autumn agenda	Jaume	30 / 7 / 2019

13	*11:15 – 11:30*	*ECH meetings*	Dora Pachova, Hélène Renoux
Discussion summary		Sofia Symposium: first announcement soon as a « save the date ». To do this final agreement on Symposium title and workshop titles. Coordinators to liaise by email with Dora by 26 November.	
Athen's programme to be announced in the next 2 weeks. Content of the workshop: 1 Presentation on group dynamics. Alain Pitel, Jean Louis Smout and Stefan Kolsrauch want to be part of it. 2 How to remove the intellectual obstacles: Russell Malcom 3 E-learning Gino Santini 4 Retaining students. How to keep the attention of people who already started. Vangelis possibly with another speaker. Athos according to the programme will decide on the venue.			
Edinburg Spring meeting in 2019. Possible dates are 12/13 April, 2/3 May or 2nd weekend of May. To be discussed with Margaret Wyllie.			
Conclusions		The 2018 Spring meeting in Athens, the 2018 Symposium in Sofia and the 2019 Spring meeting in Scotland were discussed.	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Sofia Symposium titles and workshop titles to Dora	ALL	1 / 12 / 2017
Save date email for Sofia Symposium	Dora / Charlotte	15 / 12 / 2017
Announce Athen's programme	Dora / Charlotte	15 / 12 / 2017
Confirm dates Edinburg Spring meeting with Margaret	Cristal	30 / 11 / 2017

Post meeting note from Caroline: previous decisions on this subject have not been taken into account anymore. For example, from the minutes of 15/11/2016: Ask the subcommittee politics to "borrow" two national treasurers to create a financial committee to support the treasurer. From the H2020e Recommendations (p.21): install a new finance team.