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INTERBOR meeting in Orto Medical Care 2012

The Annual General Meeting held in Madrid on September 28th gave the opportunity to meet the President of the Portuguese PO National Association, Mr. Gustavo Cardoso. Portugal was the official guest at Orto Medical Care 2012, trade fair and Congress dedicated to orthopedics.

President Edmond Deschoolmeester also met on this occasion Professor Anatoly Keyer, president of the Russian national association, who was also interested in joining INTERBOR. Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are also requesting a reconciliation.

It is under these conditions that the general meeting of INTERBOR has validated the principle of adherence less costly for new entrants national unions, for three years, so that both parties can assess their respective contributions. Obviously, this expansion will support the representativeness still benefit from supranational bodies our desire to see a specific status recognized.



A new partnership with UEAPME?

The UEAPME is the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

By UFOP (France)

Dissatisfied by the unfulfilled promises of our contact at UEAPME, Dr. Ludger Fischer, Secretary General of UEAPME, receive President Edmond Deschoolmeester and Philippe Fourny to reposition cooperation INTERBOR / UEAPME.

We learned at that time that the Doctor was

being dismissed and a new referral we would be awarded in one week to organized with the European authorities an important event before three months.

The meeting room of UEAPME is graciously put at our disposal and Mr. Benassi will put us in touch with a referent NORMAP to examine the possibilities for

integrating INTERBOR a group of experts defrayed in CEN (European Committee Standards).

Since this appointment, Mrs. Patricia di Mauro, our new referent UEAPME, have visited the company's President in Kon-tich to forge a beginning knowledge of our specific requirements.



Yellow cross for the European Orthopaedics

By FEDOP (Spain)

FEDOP was pleasantly surprised when Mr. Deschoolmester showed, in the General Assembly, the official request for the registration of the Yellow Cross as a symbol of orthopaedics establishments for the 27 European Union countries.

Following the launch of the communication campaign driven by FEDOP driven in Spain, it has been hailed as INTERBOR own initiative, consider-

ring an excellent project to unify the image of the entire orthopaedics sector in Europe with this symbol.

So, in a few weeks, **the yellow cross may not be used for any other purpose than to identify orthopaedics establishments throughout Europe.**

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UFOP meets ANSM

By UFOP (France)

Philippe Henry, member of the board of UFOP, and Philippe Fourny met on June 8th Dr. Jean-Claude Ghislain, Director of the evaluation of medical devices in ANSM (French national agency for health) in order to talk about the project to see the emergence of the concept of medical device with low prevalence.

Dr. Ghislain is indeed president of the European Association of Directors of health agencies in the countries of the Union and as such, consulted by the Commission on the revision of the European Directive on the health sector.

Although sensible in the approach as we confirmed had done Mr. Johan Ten Geuzendam, Head of Unit, DG Justice Handicap, we met on the same subject in Brussels on 1st February 2011, that the European Union does not prevent the placing on the market of devices with low prevalence, any appeal on this issue was doomed to failure.

However, remains an issue of national legislation, the threshold permission marketing, is to us a form of trade barrier and especially a brake on research and a loss of opportunity for patients fitted.

Therefore, it is necessary to fight for a relaxation at the national level, levels of evidence and the conditions of care and do not hesitate to make an estimate for atypical equipment to strengthen the concept of low prevalence characteristic of our profession.

Although the Commission is not competent for placing on the market, our medical device problem prevalence remains low because of the brakes remain at the national level on issues of evidence and supported.



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