EJD - Updatings

European Junior Doctors
Permanent Working Group

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EJD – History

Started:
The EJD (PWG) was formally created in Bad-Nauheim, Germany, in May 1976 as Permanent Working Group of European Junior Doctors (PWG)

Objectives:
- Initial objectives include safeguarding the interests of the Junior Doctors in Europe, improving relations between its member organisations and narrowing the gap between the Junior Doctors of the European Union and those of other European countries.
- Facilitate the migration of doctors in training in Europe.
- EuroMedMobility website. This a joint EJD (PWG) / EMSA project that, among other objectives, aims to improve the mobility of doctors in training within European countries, increasing the diversity in training opportunities for all European medical professionals.
- The EJD (PWG) has regular meetings with the most important European medical organisations to coordinate activities and increase efficacy.
EJD – History

Achievements:

- Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) since 1983 has granted consultative status in the Council of Europe in 1986.


- Since 1991 each UEMS Specialist Section and European Board has welcomed a representative from EJD (PWG) to represent European doctors in training.

- 1997, "Future Medical Work", concerns the organisation of work in health services and its influence on the working conditions of Junior Doctors.
EJD – History

Achievements:

- In May 2000, the EJD (PWG) published a policy statement on Continuing Medical Education/Continuous Professional Development (CME/CPD). – “is both a moral obligation and a right, and that access to appropriate CME/CPD must be ensured for all doctors, including those in training” UEMS.

- 2000 - European Parliament and the European Council finally agreed to include doctors in training within the scope of the European Working Time Directive (Directive 2000/034/EC). (48 hours-junior doctors). However is still valid the OPT-out clause that is still a matter of discussion and reason for strikes in UK.

- At the Executive meeting of UEMS in May 2007 it was agreed that EJD (PWG) delegates also are invited to represent doctors in training in UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committees.
EJD – History

Achievements:

- 2008, EJD (PWG) actively lobbies, together with other European Medical Organisations, in Brussels, to insist for the situation that the directive is still unconditionally for junior doctors and working hours have to be reduced.

- In 2011, during the legal registration process, was decided to focus the name more on the persons we represent, so we turned in the “European Junior Doctors Permanent Working Group” – shortened as EJD. (Permanent Working Group of European Junior Hospital Doctors“)
“Representing over 300,000 Junior Doctors all over Europe the EJD’s initial objective includes safeguarding the interests of the Junior Doctors in Europe by improving the working conditions, the mobility in the profession and set standards regarding the quality of postgraduate medical training.”

* Sascha Reiff, President, **Function:** President; **Country:** Malta; **Workplace:** Maltese Ministry for Health; **Speciality:** Public Health. (1st of January 2016-2017)
EJD – Executive Board

- **Clara Sofie Bratholm**: Function: Vice-President; Country: Norway; Workplace: Drammen Hospital; Speciality: Pediatrics.

- **Frauke Gundlach**: Function: Treasurer; Workplace: Werner Forbmann Clinic, Eberrwalse; Speciality: Internal Medicine;

- **Carsten Mohrardt**: Function: Past President; Workplace: Paracelsus Klinik Karlsruhe; Speciality: Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery.

- **Kitty Michelle Mohan**: Function: EU/Chairperson European Union/European Economic Area Committee (EU/EEA); Country: United Kingdom; Workplace: London; Speciality: Public Health; **Sascha Reiff**.
EJD – Executive Board

- **Brigita Jazbar**; Function: **Chairperson Postgraduate Medical Trainning Committee** (PGT). Workplace: University Medical Centre Ljubliana, Slovenia; Speciality: Anesthesiology, reanimation and perioperative intensive care medicine;

- **Tiia Mönttinen**; Function: **Chairperson Medical Workforce Committee** (MW); Workplace: Seinäjoki Central Hospital

- **Efrem Colonetti**; Function: **Communications Officer**; Workplace: University of Brescia; Speciality: Emergency Medicine.

- **Aurimas Peckauskas**; Function: **Administration Officer**; Workplace: Kaunas University Hospital; Speciality: Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine
EJD – Liaison officers

- European Medical Organisations: Clara Sofie Bratholm; Function: Vice-President; Country: Norway; Workplace: Drammen Hospital; Speciality: Pediatrics. Sascha Reiff.

- The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME): Kitty Michelle Mohan: Function: EU/EEA Committee Chair; Country: United Kingdom; Workplace: London; Speciality: Public Health; Sascha Reiff.

- Association for Medical Education in Europe: Rille Pihlak; Function: AMEE Liaison; Country: Estonia; Workplace: Tartu University Hospital; Speciality: Oncology.

- European Union of Medical Specialist: Brigita Jazbar; Function: PGT Committee Chair. Country: Slovenia; Workplace: University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia; Speciality: Anesthesiology, reanimation and perioperative intensive care medicine;
EJD - Website

http://www.juniordoctors.eu/
EJD - Activities:

- European Medical Mobility
- Liaison Officers
- UEMS representatives
- Partners and Organizations
EJD – Political Projects:

- European Working Time Directive
- Professionals Qualifications Directive
- European Professional Card
- EU Joint Action on Health Workforce
EJD - Meetings:

- The EJD (PWG) has regular meetings with the most important European medical organisations to coordinate activities and increase efficacy. In November 2000, these organisations approved a protocol governing the relations between them and the CPME.

- The EJD (PWG) is now a member of a group of institutions that speak with one voice and represent the medical profession in Europe, although it is aware of the fact that it must maintain its independence and capacity of negotiation with the European authorities.

- During the first 35 years of the PWG's existence, it has organised numerous plenary Assemblies all over Europe and the rotation of meetings has ensured mutual understanding and the exchange of information.
EJD - Meetings:

EJD SPRING MEETING 2015
- Representatives of 26 European Countries and Medical Organisations
- Friday, 8. May 2015 to Saturday, 9. May 2015; Vienna (Austria)

MAIN OUTCOMES
Vienna Declaration
- EJD, FEMS and AEMH demand “that the entire period of on-call time (at the work place) is working time.” Additionally, the document states that “compensatory rest must be taken immediately after a prolonged working period.” Furthermore “EJD, FEMS and AEMH are against an extension of the reference period for establishing weekly working time limits. “.
- The joint statement points out “that the involvement of physicians in healthcare management is vital.”
- Third part concerns medical workforce. The main appeal at the EC is hereby that “sufficient funding must be allocated for undergraduate and postgraduate medical training to ensure that every country may train as many physicians as they require, according to their needs.”

European Junior Doctors’ Permanent Working Group (EJD), the European Federation of Salaried Doctors (FEMS) and the European Association of Senior Hospital Physicians (AEMH)
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**MAIN OUTCOMES**

**EJD Motion on Training Time as Working Time**
- The European Junior Doctors’ Permanent Working Group (EJD) wishes to reiterate its position, that training time should be considered as working time for the purposes of the implementation of the EU Working Time Directive across the continent.

**EJD Motion on Freedom of Association**
- The European Junior Doctors’ Permanent Working Group calls on the German federal government to halt plans to introduce legislation that will curtail the rights of smaller specialist trade unions (called 'Tarifeinheitsgesetz'), and shares the Marburger Bund’s serious concerns.

**Junior Doctors Working Conditions**
- Spanish delegates reported on the conducted national survey “Job Conditions of Medical Doctors in Spain”. Spain has an extraordinary high unemployment rate among physicians combined with a national public health system and high competition among doctors. As result right now 42% of all physician working contracts are part time and are not stable.
EJD - Meetings:

EJD AUTUMN MEETING 2015

- Representatives of 24 European Countries and Medical Organisations
- 23rd and 24th of October 2015 in Oslo, Norway

MAIN OUTCOMES

New members

- After five years of absence the EJD is proud to welcome back the British Medical Association as a full member.
- EJD President Carsten Mohrhardt welcomed the BMA delegation, which represents more than 37,000 young colleagues in the UK.
- He stated that the experience and workforce of the BMA will be an enrichment for the organisation.
- EJD accepted the application of the Turkish Medical Association (TMA), represented by their Junior Doctors Branch, as an Associate Member with effect from 1st January 2016.

Elections

- The Term of the current Executive Board is nearing the end and scheduled elections were held.
EJD – Following Meetings:

CALENDAR

**EJD Autumn Meeting**  
Friday, 7. October 2016 to Saturday, 8. October 2016  
**Porto (Portugal)**

**CPME Meeting**  
Friday, 7. April 2017 to Saturday, 8. April 2017  
**Vilnius (Lithuania) location tbc**

**CPME Meeting**  
**Athens (Greece) tbc**

**CPME Meeting**  
**Brussels (Belgium) tbc**
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- Radiology
- Urology
- Anatomic Pathology
- Reumatology
- Dermatology
- GP
- Nuclear Medicine
- Stomatology
- ORL
- ...

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EJD – News and Outcomes

31. October 2015

EJD calls on UK government

The European Junior Doctors’ Permanent Working Group (EJD) is strongly supporting their British colleagues and calls on the UK government to halt plans to impose a new contract on Junior Doctors in England.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/26/junior-doctors-strike-the-big-debate----have-your-say/
07. March 2016
**EJD–MC–MB Workshop on working and training conditions of Junior Doctors**
European Junior Doctors with Medical Chamber Nordbaden and Marburger Bund invites you all to the workshop "Working and training conditions of Junior Doctors", which will be held at the Medical Chamber Nordbaden in Karlsruhe, Germany on March 19.

28. April 2016
**European Junior Doctors Permanent Working Group (EJD) Motion of support to Norwegian Junior Doctors (YLF)**
EJD strongly supports the Junior Doctors Association of Norway (YLF) in their continued fight for pregnant junior doctors and their right to fair and safe working conditions during pregnancy.
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