



European Medical Association

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the symbol of forward-looking
European medicine*

The European Medical Association (EMA)

EMA's projects at the european level



Founded by doctors for doctors and for medicine.

Created in 1990 by doctors from the 12 member states, the European Medical Association was established as an “international association pursuing a scientific aim” according to the law of 25/10/1919.

It is a unique, independent non-profit organisation, which gathers together all the European Community doctors who wish to:

- Join a European network of doctors
- Add a European dimension to their professional and social life
- Influence the development of European Health Care

EMA's mission

Created by and for doctors, EMA mainly sees itself as a service organisation that does not interfere with other existing medical associations or professional protection bodies. In order to improve the quality of health care and the working conditions of the medical profession in the Community's countries, EMA primarily aims to:

IMPROVE INFORMATION

IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND COMPARISON

ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION AND MOBILITY

EMA's objectives all focus on the same object: improvement of the medical profession in the European context.

- To act in order to influence Health policies according to practising doctors' priorities
- To form a forum of doctors working in the European Union's medical community
- To provide its members with information and services that facilitate their professional activity
- To contribute to the improvement of health care given to patients by helping its members keep abreast of latest development
- To influence the development of health care in Europe by defending its members' opinions

These objectives are ambitious, but realistic .

Very concretely: principal activities

Improvements in medical care through harmonization of:

- Therapeutic protocols
- Criteria for evaluating the quality of medical care
- Medical records
- Laboratory tests
- Drug control studies
- Clinical trials

Services to practising doctors:

- Creation of a professional identity card for Europe
- Evaluation of existing medical computer networks and development of a computerised network for European doctors
- Centralisation and distribution of information on legal and ethical aspects in Europe
- Creation of a European virtual medical library
- Creation of a database listing specialised medical centres in Europe
- Publication of information on European medical congresses

Services to patients:

- European Health card (mini medical dossier)
- European medical information card for patients (emergency numbers, medical centres)

Medical care advice:

- Centralisation and distribution of information about scholarships within the European Union
- Publication of a guide on medical practice in each Member State
- Access to centralised information on employment possibilities at a national and international level as well as on medical training or training with medical interest (languages, administration etc.)

Databases:

- Practitioners listed according to their speciality
- Specialised medical centres
- Medical associations
- Medical journals
- Commonly used medical abbreviations and terminology



A few recent EMA projects

Operation EACH

(European Alzheimer Clearing House)
Supported by the European Commission and Pfizer laboratories, and set up with representatives of European Universities, operation EACH aims at defining the standards of good medical practice in the context of Alzheimer disease.

Neuropole

Neuropole is a continuing medical training programme in mental health. It is oriented towards the field of general medicine and it offers sequential training organised on different levels such as case studies, meeting the patient and assisting the patient.

Mednet

In this Socrates-Erasmus project of the European Union, the EMA has undertaken to make a list of post-graduate medicine courses and training programmes available, as well as to study their different methods.

Geda

(Global Eating Disorders Approach)
Supported by the European Commission, this project's aim is to inform doctors and the general public about the problems caused by eating disorders, particularly anorexia and bulimia. An Internet site has been developed to this effect. URL: <http://www.GEDA.EMAnet.org>

Specialists' Directory

This professional directory lists specialists according to their speciality. It offers general practitioners a tool that enables them to better assist their patients and to communicate more widely with their colleagues. The first Directory has been produced with the support of the Eli Lilly Laboratories.

Eurodoctor 99

Organised with ELAS (European Ligand Assay Society), this congress developed the subject of "Autoimmune Diseases: Recent Developments".



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Echop

(European E-Commerce for Hospital Procurement)
Supported by the European Commission, ECHOP is an industrial project of implementation that aims to offer a flexible and open framework to allow those involved in hospital procurement to identify and develop the standards of electronic commerce within hospitals' purchasing departments.

Survey "Generiques"

A survey among European Union doctors about their reaction to generic drugs.

Specialists' diary

This diary has been distributed to the medical profession for a few years now thanks to the support of pharmaceutical companies. It includes the medical congresses for the relevant speciality as well as general medical information.

Courses

- Courses for doctors-translators
- Medical English Courses

Publication

of a directory of medical studies in Europe

Listing

of European doctors able to give consultations in different languages

Creation

of the EMA Website



Extracts from the statutes of the EMA

Arrêté Royal du 17/9/90 – Moniteur Belge du 10 octobre 1990 et du 28 mars 1991
Association Internationale poursuivant un but scientifique, Loi du 25 octobre 1919
Identification N°4534/91

Article 3. Purpose

The purpose of the European Medical Association is to study European medical resources from both the scientific and socio-cultural standpoints with a view to optimum use being made of those resources.

In pursuing its aims the Association will not be influenced by political, linguistic, philosophical, ethnic or pecuniary considerations.

Members of the E.M.A. (therefore) shall remain at liberty to defend, at both the national and European levels, their specific interests or those of the profession or professional body which they represent or of which they are members.

Article 5. Members

The Association shall be composed of founder members, other persons admitted subsequently as full members, or other categories of member.

The following categories may have the status of full members:

a) Persons holding a qualification as doctor of medicine, surgeon or obstetrician, or any other qualification granted by the competent national authority, provided said qualification confers the right to practice legally in one or other Member State of the European Community.

b) The following categories may have the status of associate member, without voting rights represented by a person authorised by the statutes: - all legal persons governed by public or private law, all medical associations, all institutions able to demonstrate that they pursue activities or hold responsibilities relevant to medical practice, including the pharmaceutical and medical equipment industries.

c) Exceptionally, the Association may admit persons with particular skills able to contribute towards the achievement of the Association's purpose.
...honorary, adherent or observant members with no voting right.

Article 6. Membership procedure

Membership applicants shall undertake to abide by the statutes and pay the annual subscription.

Membership applications will be carefully scrutinized by one or more of the Executive Board, acting under the responsibility of the Secretary-General. Applicants shall supply upon request any information or other documentation required for the purposes of the appraisal of the application.

Article 9. Member's obligations

Active members shall assume no financial or responsibility in respect of financial commitments entered into by the E.M.A. Full liability rests with the Association, acting through its statutory bodies. Members leaving the Association shall have no claim on its assets.

Article 11. General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association.

Article 16. Administration and Management

The E.M.A. shall be administrated and managed by a Steering Committee and an Executive Bureau.

Article 21. Executive Bureau

The broadest powers to take administrative and other actions on behalf of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Bureau, with the exception of those vested in the General Assembly. The executive Bureau shall establish its own internal division of labour and lay down its own operating rules.

Note: The French version is the reference document



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