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Dear colleagues,

The available scientific evidence increasingly shows that the choice of physicians for leadership positions ensures better performance of different health units, with increased organizational performance in terms of quality of care, efficiency, better results, including lower morbidity, and increased patient satisfaction. All studies carried out in this area (e.g., UK, New Zealand, US, Sweden) conclude that physician-run healthcare institutions can achieve better clinical outcomes as well as better financial results.

Doctors in leadership positions at various levels add to the Health System and, in particular, to the National Health Services, more humanism, more solidarity and more ethics that should be at the center of any health system.

The pandemic situation, in turn, unequivocally demonstrated the importance of medical clinical leadership in all European countries. Moreover, in our country, the ability of medical leadership in planning, organization, evaluation and treatment was notorious and is widely recognized by all Greek people.

Hence, AEMH (the European Association of Senior Hospital Physicians), thought it essential to set up a European Academy of Clinical Leadership that would allow doctors to obtain a European certification that confer skills in this area and thus be able to assume multiple leadership positions in a broader and duly certified manner at European level. UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists) also immediately joined as the main partner, so did FEMS (the European Federation of Salaried Doctors), the EJD (European Association of Young Doctors) and the CEOM (European Council of Medical Chambers). This union of main entities that represent European doctors, through their national counterparts (in our case the Medical Association) helps to reinforce the central role of the doctor in the leadership of health at national and European level.

The necessary requirements to access the European Academy of Clinical Leadership (ETR - European Training Requirements) were defined.

Considering that interested physicians may be at different stages of their career, two possible access routes to this European certification in clinical leadership were created:

1- "Fellowship" – aimed at physicians with experience in leadership, accessing <https://aemh-eacl.org/european-training-requirements/>, filling out the application form (at Clinical Leadership / Application documents / Download) and attaching the respective Curriculum Vitae (max. 10 pages) and a department management project (maximum 15 pages).

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Admission as a Fellowship of the Academy will be achieved after consideration and discussion of the curriculum and the management project before a jury constituted for this purpose.

The next admission of candidates for Fellowship will take place on 22 September 2023, in Brussels. The deadline for sending applications is **15 August 2023**.

For 2024, there will be two assessment sessions (January and September, dates to be confirmed, please check the EACL website regularly).

2- “Master” – aimed at younger doctors with an interest in this area and whose requirements include 200 hours of acquired training (e.g., postgraduate courses in Health Services management) and subsequent evaluation by the Academy's jury.

More details at <https://aemh-eacl.org/european-training-requirements/> (Training Requirements for Trainees).

The application for the Master program will be launched soon. We will keep you informed when. You may also check the EACL website for more information.

For further questions or clarifications, please contact the EACL secretariat at secretariat@aemh-eacl.org and/or your national representative with AEMH.

This is a good opportunity to reinforce our natural role of clinical and managerial leadership, which already exists, but must be reinforced and duly recognized at national and international level.

With affection and respect,

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