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I FOREWORD

Belgium, 1.12.2011

Dear Members,

The end of the year is coming near, together with the holidays of Christmas. Preparations for the next year are coming together and with this, we present to you the next eU-News.

In this issue of the eU-News, we will inform you about work of the working group, the Venice Code, and an update on the work of FEPPD.

As always, you will find the upcoming meetings in the second part of the eU-news.

A new item in our eU-News is the Job Vacancies. In this chapter we will post job vacancies within FEPPD.

We will close this eU-news with a Christmas message written by the President of FEPPD, Hilde Wahlen.

The FEPPD board and office wishes you already a merry Christmas and happy and successful 2012!

The FEPPD-Team



II MEETINGS

- Evolutionary meeting in the office (05.12.2011)

- As Mrs. Dohalova was in Belgium for the NORMAPME Expert Meeting, she also visited the FEPPD Office to discuss the changes and evolutions that have been made of the past months. A to do list was made and dates for the next meetings have been scheduled as well.

Participated : Hilde Wahlen, Hana Dohalova

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- NORMAPME experts meeting in Brussels (06.12.2011)

- NORMAPME organised an official launch event for the recently produced User guide on ISO 26000 "Social Responsibility". It included a panel discussion on "How can SMEs benefit from ISO 26000?".

All participants agreed that further ways need to be explored to bring Social Responsibility closer to SMEs. The NORMAPME User Guide on ISO 26000 is one of them.

Subsequent Presentation of the Standardisation Package - How SMEs could be better involved: Presented by Ms Lara Comi (European Parliament)

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- Venice Code, Working group meeting (19.10.2011 and 23.11.2011)

- The Venice Code met in Brussels for the 3rd meeting on the 19th of October 2011. The goal of this working group is to increase the visibility and transparency of FEPPD. Give FEPPD a face.
- A letter of intent has been issued to Lewis PR for the creation of a business plan/communication plan for the Venice Code mission and to execute the plan in agreed parts. The plan will be delivered in December for approval by the Venice Code and the FEPPD board in January. The plan will also serve as negotiation document for bringing the industry into the plan. Meetings will be held with both ADDE and FIDE in beginning of next year.
We have turned a new page in the history of FEPPD. A lot of hard work awaits us. The Venice Code Group is functioning well and got lot of energy as do Lewis PR. It's crucial that we have the industry on-board because the project will be around for approximately 2 years with a heavy budget.

- **Participated :** Hilde Wahlen (FEPPD), Rob Maters (The Netherlands), Pierre Chelala (Belgium), Jan-Eric Gyllenram (Sweden), Pierre-Yves Besse (France), Olivier Yviquel (France)

Invited: Vera Luybaert (Lewis PR) and Jo Detavernier (Lewis PR)

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- Meeting with BEUC and UEAPME (25.10.2011)

- As a result of our new working group, The Venice Code, Mr. Ludger Fischer was so kind to organise a meeting between FEPPD and BEUC, The European Consumers organisation. Due to this meeting, a close cooperation between BEUC and FEPPD will be possible in the future and the circular by UEAPME was an immediate result of this. Below you will find once more the circular of UEAPME sent only 2 days after the meeting.

Participated : Hilde Wahlen (FEPPD), Evy Mentens (FEPPD), Illaria Passarani (BEUC), Ludger Fischer (UEAPME)

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Brussels, 27 October 2011

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Dear members of UEAPME's meditech forum,

UEAPME's member FEPPD, the European dental technicians' association and BEUC, the European consumers' organisation, agreed on a collaboration regarding the so called "VENICE CODE", a code of conduct for the triangle patient, dentist and dental technician.

Main targets are:

- Striving for transparency and safety for the patient
- Upgrading the level of education for the dental technicians
- Defend and promote the mutual recognition between dentists and dental technicians, based on an equal partnership
- Making it obligatory to hand over the Declaration of Conformity to the patient

You remember that according to the medical devices directive (MDD93/42/EEC) it is mandatory that the Declaration of Conformity only "should be available to the patient" / "für den Patienten verfügbar sein (...) sollte".

BEUC informed the members as follows:

On 25 October BEUC met with the European Federation of dental technicians (FEPPD) and the European association of craft, small and medium sized enterprises (UEAPME). The main topic of the discussion was the declaration of conformity that according to the EU medical devices legislation should be handed to consumers upon their request. At the moment this provision is not enforced and consumers don't receive any information regarding the medical devices that are implanted in their bodies (e.g. dental care). Consumers should be informed about their rights to receive the declaration of conformity from their health care provider. While as it is the information provided in the declaration is not very consumer friendly as it includes various codes and the CE marking, it remains a useful tool certifying that the device fulfill certain quality standards and it indicates the entity who is responsible and liable for the product. In the framework of the revision of the medical devices legislation announced during the first half of 2012, we could discuss if and how this document can be improved making sure that it provides adequate information regarding the quality and the safety standards of the product.

For further information see

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/l_247/l_24720070921en00210055.pdf English

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/de/oj/2007/l_247/l_24720070921de00210055.pdf Deutsch

Best regards,

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FEPPD UPCOMING MEETINGS

* Meeting: Working group: The FEPPD Venice Code	12.2011	Hilde Wahlen Jan Eric Gyllenram (S) Pierre-Yves Besse (FR) Pierre Chelala (B) Rob Maters (NL) Lewis PR
* Auditors Meeting	15.02.2012	Torstein Wremer (Treasurer) Thierry Hoeffler (FR) Gilbert Weis (LUX) Marc Slegers (Accountant) Hilde Wahlen (President)
* Council Meeting in Berlin	17-18.02.2012	The Council and Office
* AGM and Symposium 2012	04-05.05.2012	



**IV Christmas Message by Hilde Wahlen
PRESIDENT OF FEPPD**



Dear members

With the beginning of the New Year in my mind, I want to thank you very much for your trust and pleasant contact. Together we can look back on a productive year in which we have been able to retain our position despite the reduced economy. This would have been impossible without the commitment of all our members, sponsors and employees.

So we wish you all an inspiring and enterprising 2012!

Let it be a year in which you dare think creative, and also dare to take progressive steps. A year full of positive developments, both personally and professionally!

2012 will surely be a year full of challenges, but hopefully also allows you to see, in, the open opportunities and your chances.

CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) is a theme that was increasingly important in the last years. Companies and organisations are faced with a demand for more sustainability and transparency in their activities from the society, from consumers, workers, NGOs, policy makers and other companies. But how can companies and organizations respond in concrete terms? How can the Government help them? What can be the role of the business organisations?



Who follows the trend analysts a bit, can only conclude that all kind of things can happen next year. And for that conclusion we actually don't need a trendwatcher. But yes, there is again a fresh year and who doesn't want to know where the year of the dragons is leading towards? A couple of thoughts:

The crisis is not finished yet; It will be a year of great contrasts and outliers. Two eye-catching "voltage" fields: large versus small, high-tech and cool logic versus feeling and nature.

The great movement is going mainly into the direction of small, local and sustainable.

Even the internet goes local: mesh networks make it possible at any place and all around to set up a network(you) fast and flexible about any topic, that supports the local digital activities. (Face-street and Twitter).

For many people, the world has become too big and too complicated; they're going to form again a kind of villages with like-minded. The informal economy gets a boost and there will be new attempts to introduce local currency.

Nevertheless the majority of consumers live in cities worldwide. But urban culture is not only bling. Urban poverty is becoming more visible everywhere. More and more cities are fuller, larger, and poorer with focal points of contradictions.

Who has nothing to do with durable and wants to protect his good withdraws to American or Russian example back in gated communities, where there is a fence, a moat and a gatekeeper to protect the inhabitants to an earlier medieval model.

Nutrition and clothing should be as natural as possible, especially fabricated close to home and we want to know where the "stuff" came from. It may be a little less, but it must be better. We judge ourselves about the quality. Companies will be more and more open about their business and processes. If not, they will be forced to do so or they simply disappear.

Our health is sacred and consumers will use numerous new technologies and apps to continually monitor their health: from prevent to improve and cure.

So we all stay fit and look forward to the end of the year into 2013 and we will excuse the last Maya for the miscalculation concerning the disappearance of our beautiful world.

I wish you all a motivating and sparkling 2012.

Hilde Wahlen
Your president



IV FEPPD VACANCIES

Administrative assistant

Last year, we were very fortunate to have an intern to back up the office team. Unfortunately, this year, the intern who was going to follow up Kelly Welkenhuysen, cancelled. This means, that we are looking for someone to fill in her place as administrative assistant in the office.

We are looking for someone who is:

- Independent, but also a team player
- Very computer-intelligent
- Organising talent
- Social
- Fluent in English, (German and French are a plus)
- Specific and with an eye for detail
- ...

**Do you know someone who is interested in becoming one of the office teamplayers,
please send a Curriculum Vitae to:
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V GENERAL INFO

FEPPD and its presence in Brussels.

For all FEPPD members who want to organise or prepare a meeting we can organise some free office space or meeting room in Brussels. The use is limited to one day use (or less).

These meeting facilities can only be booked by the FEPPD office with a notification of at least one week before the date of the meeting.

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Do you have interesting articles concerning the work of FEPPD and would you like to publish them in our eU-News?

That is possible!

Send your article as soon as possible to our Office.

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