



Outcomes of the



EMISPHER Meeting of the Deans of the Medical Faculties:

“From EMISPHER towards the Virtual Euro-Mediterranean Hospital”

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On last December 4th, a high-level meeting of the Deans of the Medical Faculties involved in EMISPHER took place in Berlin, Germany, hosted by Charité – University Medicine Berlin, that was dedicated to the elaboration of the education and research aspects of the Virtual Euro-Mediterranean Hospital (VEMH).

Deans and General Directors of the Medical Faculties and University Hospitals from Casablanca (Morocco), Algiers (Algeria), Tunis (Tunisia), Cairo (Egypt), Istanbul (Turkey), Nicosia (Cyprus), Athens and Patras (Greece), Palermo (Italy), Clermont-Ferrand (France) and Berlin (Germany), involved in EMISPHER, discussed their needs for, expectations of, and contributions to the VEMH and jointly decided on strategies and concrete steps to move on the basis of the successful implementation of EMISPHER towards the development and deployment of the VEMH.

In a personal message to the attendants of this meeting, the Algerian Minister of Health, Population and Hospital Reform expressed the particular importance that Algeria upholds to the realisation of the VEMH project and therefore announced officially that a conference of the high level steering committee of the VEMH project will be held in Algiers in April next year, gathering all Ministers of Health of the nations of the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Also, the Turkish Ministry of Health has reinforced their national interest in and support to the VEMH project, as expressed earlier during the last EMISPHER International Dissemination Conference in Istanbul in last September (see corresponding EMISPHER Press Release from 30.09.04).

In preparation for the high-level steering committee meeting in Algiers in April next year, each of the involved Faculties will officially express to their Ministries of Health and of Higher Education the importance of the VEMH initiative and recommend integration of this project in the bilateral co-operation programmes between their country and the EU.

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