

Minutes Summary
GENERAL ORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF AEPROMO
Sala Botella, Faculty of Medicine, Complutense University
Madrid, Friday, June 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Full contents of the minutes are in Spanish. The Spanish version of the minutes is the only official one. The Spanish minutes are in the Spanish Members Area / General Assembly Decisions.

The Agenda had been posted on the Aepromo website (Members / Statutes and Decisions / Decisions General Assembly / General Assembly 2 June 2017) and all its members had been informed in advance and where they could be consulted it.

Establishment of quorum

Members who participated in person and by proxy having previously delegated their vote: 77.

Board annual management report (article 21, a, of the statutes)

The annual report was read by the president. The following are the most highlighted subjects.

Aepromo Headquarters at the Icomem (Official College of Physicians of Madrid) [The College "is a corporation of public law" with its "own legal personality", and "independent of the different Public Administrations" (art. 1, College's by laws). It "compulsorily groups all physicians who, in accordance with the laws in force, to practice their profession in the Community [state] of Madrid, in any form" (art. 2, College's by laws; art. 4, 8, a, law 44 of 2003)].

This point had not been included in the president's written report for physical lack of time. On the same day of the assembly (June 2) the Icomem had sent an email to Aepromo asking it to answer several questions and to document them to justify continuing to have its headquarters in the facilities of Icomem. The same request had been sent to all associations / societies with headquarters at the Icomem. [It is recalled that on this subject the president had sent to all members of Aepromo after the assembly (June 18), the e-mail that is included as an annex to this report].

The president recalled that for some time an attack had been detected from pharmaceutical companies, medical schools and the media against what had been called "pseudosciences" or "alternative therapies". [After the assembly the president sent to Aepromo's members an e-mail on this subject on June 18].

The President advised Aepromo's members not to qualify, or classify or include ozone therapy in the field of alternative therapies. After assessing reports of the Spanish Ministry of health and legislation, she said that in strict legal language ozone therapy should be called in Spain "non-conventional therapy", according to section U.101 of Annex II of Royal Decree 1277/2003, of 10 October, which establishes the general basis for authorization of centers, services and health establishments.

She emphasized that the same day during the inauguration of the 5th Aepromo International Congress the Madrid Regional Ministry of Health representative had qualified ozone therapy as a "new technology".

<https://aepromo.org/en/el-5o-congreso-internacional-de-aepromo-y-6o-de-imeof-supero-las-expectativas/>

She proposed to term in Spain ozone therapy as an "unconventional therapy" or a "new technology" therapy. All with the interest of not placing it in the field of "alternative therapies" and thus linguistically establish a distance from the "pseudosciences".

The president emphasized that beyond the form, in the substance the distance from the "pseudoscience" is done with research and scientific publications, as practiced by Aepromo through its bilingual (English & Spanish), online, peer review and indexed journal.

<http://xn--revistaespaoladeozonoterapia-7xc.es/index.php/reo/issue/view/15/showToc>

She indicated that currently there are health professionals who are using ozone medicine techniques that are not recommended, such as the "direct intravenous injection of ozone" or the so-called "10- or 20 passes technique." If with the techniques recommended in the Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy and applied in different parts of the world, there are difficulties to be accepted by the health authorities of different countries, much more are being had when there are professionals defending and applying techniques that do not have scientific studies that endorse them.

Major autohemotherapy and hemodonation

She recalled that the Spanish autonomous communities of Catalonia (July 2012) and Madrid (January 2016) ruled that the practice of ozone therapy had to be performed according to the procedures applied for the hemodialysis as detailed in the Royal Decree 1088/2005, which set up the technical requirements and minimum conditions of hemodonation and transfusion centers and services. Failure to apply Royal Decree 1088/2005 during the major autohemotherapy application the physician might be prosecuted.

As per Royal Decree 1088/2005 (art. 30) ozone therapy medical centers in Catalonia

and Madrid have to:

- hire a physician;
- have him a specialization in hematology and hemotherapy;
- have him two years of experience after getting the specialization title in one or more centers or services of transfusion;
- be appointed him as director of the medical center.
- In addition this physician may delegate his functions in another person.

Aepromo since 2012 had warned it to its members.

She underlined that in a 37 pages long medical and legal document Aepromo challenged the decisions of Catalonia (July 23, 2012) and Madrid (March 7, 2016).

She expressed that each health professional is free to use major autohemotherapy because it continues receiving authorization to be practiced, it has not been forbidden by the authorities; but its practice has to be done according to Royal Decree 1088/2005. Aepromo proposes as an efficient substitute “ozonized saline solution” which can be carried out without the encumbrances and obstacles of the Royal Decree and it is endorsed by the 2nd. ed. of the Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy. (item 3.1.22). More details: Schwartz Adriana, Ozonized Saline Solution (O3SS): Scientific Foundations.

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Other subjects analyzed in the board annual management report

- Administrative and logistical support to the 2nd. edition of the Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy (2015).
- Aepromo and Isco3 (International Scientific Committee of Ozone Therapy)
- Spanish Journal of Ozone Therapy.
- Aepromo and Imeof. The 7th. Imeof International Congress will be in Russia.
- Third online and bilingual (Spanish and English) diploma course of Ozone Therapy and Ozonized Growth Factors. It will begin on October 9, 2017 and end on April 30, 2018. The diploma will be issued by Aepromo, indicating the endorsement of Isco3. There is a 15% price reduction for Aepromo members who are up to date on the payment of their annual fees.
- Book of ozone therapy published by Aepromo.
- Aepromo website.
- Fluent relationship with members.
- Benefits provided by the association to its members.

Annual report of the income and expenses of the previous year and of the new

fiscal year (article 21, a, of the statutes).

The written report was read by the technical secretary and legal adviser.

Approval of reports

Both the "annual management" and the "revenue and expenditure" reports were unanimously approved.

Full support to the AEPROMO activities

One member expressed her pride in belonging to Aepromo. She felt much honored to be part of the association.

Another member expressed the importance of taking training courses because learning ozone therapy is a very long way. Every day he realizes that he knows less.

A third member thanked Aepromo as his professional work had made a huge positive change thanks to the training he had received.

One participant emphasized that unfortunately the economic interest is what is prevailing in medicine. Hence the importance of making serious and scientifically grounded studies to defeat the quacks.

Some speakers pointed out that the work carried out by Aepromo is making history, adding that in our way we must walk based on work, research and study.

Different persons congratulated the president on her clear commitment to ozone therapy, for her dedication, knowledge, energy and time devoted to the association.

Final words

The president thanked for the achievements and work done to the board colleagues; to the members of the teaching team; to all those who performed the secretarial and logistical work of the association; to the participants in the assembly, in person or by proxy; and to all the members of Aepromo.

She once again emphasized that is no longer worth saying, "I do not believe in this or that," or "what I am doing is OK". Continuing education is the key to being better professionals. Ozone therapy has published scientific papers that support each of our procedures. We have the Spanish Journal of Ozone Therapy, the online diploma course, the weekend courses. In addition, there is a specialized online library.

The president reiterated that Aepromo provides guidance to its members but at no time

stands in police and guardian of each one. Each member is responsible in a professional and responsible way to accept or not the guidelines of the association.

In conclusion, the president said: Please do not leave alone those who are at the front. Our work must be the result of a collective and not of one or very few people. It must be the work of each and every one of you and of us. AEPROMO belongs to each of us!

Adriana Schwartz
President

Agustí Molins Olmos
Secretary

ANNEXE

E-mail sent by the president to all Aepromo members

June 18, 2017

Dear members of Aepromo,
As you may know, the legal headquarters of Aepromo is located in the Madrid Physicians College (Icomem by its Spanish acronym), since 2010. This is established in Article 5 of the association's statutes.

As per the Spanish law to get authorization to practice medicine in Spain each physician must be registered at a Physicians College.

The Icomem has decided to request from the associations that have their legal headquarters in its facilities a series of documents to determine if the association can be authorized to continue having its headquarters at the Madrid Physician College. This request is in line with the new Icomem policy to position itself against the "pseudosciences".

See only in Spanish:

<http://www.icomem.es/informacion.aspx?tipo=noticias&lang=es-ES&Id=42&p=4&o=4&eq=0&docId=13547>

See also only in Spanish:

http://elpais.com/elpais/2017/05/16/ciencia/1494925814_897613.htmltambien:

Aepromo has received a letter from Icomem asking to present the documentation listed in its order. Right now we are immersed in the bureaucratic and complex process of sending the information requested that justifies and endorses that ozone therapy is a technique of new technologies with sufficient scientific guarantees and therefore it

cannot confuses or treated as a pseudoscience.

We are facing a new outbreak of aggression orchestrated by the pharmaceutical companies which are using now the Madrid Physicians College and a cancer patients association sponsored by Janssen and Roche, among others.

We will keep you posted on due time.

Regards

Adriana Schwartz