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1. GENERAL MANAGERS
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Halandri, 14-5-2015

Subject: «Conferences on Health / Medicinal Issues organized by advertising or other services' supply companies».

Dear All,

As already known, the following amendment of the Code of Ethics of SFEE, as addition in article 17 by Z. element, with effect from 1st-5-2015 was adopted at the Ordinary General Assembly of SFEE, held on 20-3-2015:

“Z. Conferences on Health / Medicinal Issues organized by advertising or other services' supply companies.

Conferences organized in Greece by advertising or other services' supply companies, which undertake the whole cost of the organization, without promotional purposes, aiming through the participation of different stakeholders (i.e. HCPs, patients, members' of pharmaceutical companies, public officers), to the general information of the public and exchange of views about topical health and medicinal issues.

The organization of such conferences presupposes the EOF approval procedure in line with the current circular in force regulating scientific conferences.

The pecuniary level of the grants should be proportionate to the duration of the conference, according to the thresholds of type A conferences (N.B. article 19.1.)”.

Given the above stipulated, and on the condition that HCPs participate in those events, it should be noted that the events of such type must be submitted for evaluation to the SFEE Evaluation Committee in order to evaluate whether the general principles of conference organization under article 19 are applied or not.

As a consequence and until EOF proceed with the application of the legal framework in effect, **given that HCPs participate** and **the need to apply the general organization principles set by article 19 of the SFEE Code**, the events of such type should be also uploaded at the relevant SFEE platform and be regularly evaluated by the SFEE Evaluation Committee as all the other conferences and events where HCPs participate.

While uploading the relevant file to the platform, it should be noted that the EOF approval is missing and in replacement to the missing document, a letter from EOF should be uploaded certifying that EOF will not proceed with the approval procedure in respect of this event/ conference.

Remaining at your disposal,

On behalf of SFEE Legal Service,

Sincerely,

Dimitra Lembessi

