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To:  
Ministry of Health  
- The Minister of Health Mr A. Georgiadis  
- General Secretary of Public health Mr Ch. Papanikolaou  
17 Aristotelous St., 10433, Athens

**Subject: Regarding the payment of honorary fees**

Re:

1. The provisions of Law 1316/83 "Establishment- organising and competencies of EOF
2. Article 11 par. 1 \* 18 of Law 2889/2001
3. The documents of EOF under protocol No 10825/10.2.2011, 83867/26.11.2012, 11185/8.2.2013 to the Ministry of Health
4. The circulars of EOF under protocol No 66500/1.10.2010, 82205/3.12.2012, 14660/225.2.2011, 47558/4.7.2012, 81867/24.11.2012, 81867/19.4.2012, 64740/1.9.2013.
5. The document of the General Secretary of Public Health dated 2.10.2013

As it is known, EOF, by means of its above documents, has requested since 2011 from the Ministry of Health, the amendment of Law 2889/2001, regarding the payment of honorary fees to University physicians and NHS physicians, for lectures or participation in round tables in type A and B events.

The Administration of EOF readdressed the issue of amending the provisions of the above law to the Ministry of Health, whereas it considers that:

- a. The participation of the NHS Physicians as spokesmen or coordinators in the scientific events grants the necessary status and validity to the event and contributes to the spreading of the scientific knowledge.
- b. Equal treatment between all NHS physicians employed on a full-time and exclusive basis must be ensured, as well as of the University physicians, given that according to article 23 of Law 4008/2011, honorary fees can be paid to University physicians.

It is clarified that the framework of clinical trials is in no way impaired, which is governed by other provisions and does not fall into the scope of application of the provisions on Scientific Events.

Finally, it is pointed out that the regime for the alteration of the honorary fees through the ELKE or ELKEA to the NHS physicians is an issue falling under the jurisdiction

of the Ministry of Health and consequently, EOF does not deal with it and has no objection as to its continuance.

Yours sincerely

THE PRESEDENT OF EOF

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