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### RE: CONFERENCES, SCIENTIFIC EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to Article 164(4) (Central Health Board - "KESY") of Law 4600/2019 "Modernisation and Reformation of the Institutional Framework governing Private Clinics; Establishment of a National Organisation for Public Health; Establishment of a National Institute for Neoplasms and other provisions" (Government Gazette Series A, Issue no. 43), the competence of the National Organisation for Medicines ("EOF") relating to the organisation and financing of conferences and seminars by pharmaceutical industries and commercial enterprises or by advertising firms or other service providers is transferred to KESY. This Decision is to take effect as of 1-9-2019, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(1) of Law 4613/2019 (GG A, 78). According to Ministerial Decision no.  $\Gamma5\alpha/\Gamma.\Pi$  oik.46340 ("Ongoing Medical and Dental Training") (GG B, 2798), the above are to be implemented as follows:

# A. AUTHORISATION AND ALLOCATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS / EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Educational events and activities of all kinds are subject to authorisation by the KESY Committee for Ongoing Education ("ESYE"). Such authorisation is granted at the request of the organising body/Scientific Healthcare Organisation (SHO) addressed to ESYE, and

states essentially: the form of the event (conference, workshop, two-day workshop, seminar, clinical tutorial, intra-clinical lesson, interdisciplinary course, annual series of postgraduate courses, Webinar), as well as its geographic scope (international event conducted in Greece, national / local / regional event), term and frequency, any accreditation to be awarded to the participants (CME -CPD) and the event's budget.

- 2. The authorisation criterion for all educational events / activities will be their scientific content, taking into account the current scientific developments, the dynamics and importance of the agenda, the breadth, originality and general quality of the programs, the prestige of the organising body, the educational experience of the speakers and the scientific group the event will be addressed to.
- **3.** Cost limits for each scientific event / activity shall be primarily defined on the basis of the event category. According to the above classification, the organisation costs of each event and the registration fees to be charged to health professionals (HPs) for attendance will be determined by means of a special decision of ESYE, following a recommendation by the Board of Directors of the organising body. The registration fees for trainee physicians will be 50% of those applicable to licensed physicians. The authorising decision shall also regulate any details pertaining to reimbursement of Health Professionals for registration fees.

KESY shall monitor the preparation and implementation of the budget of each event/activity as well as compliance with the rules of ethics between SHOs, Health Professionals and manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products.

- **4.** The compulsory attendance hours by scientific event / educational activity per year shall be determined for each specialisation/ area of expertise by the corresponding Scientific Society, as per the terms of paragraph B(1) hereof and shall be validated by the KESY Committee for Ongoing Education ("ESYE").
- **5.** The term (duration) of the scientific program of Pan-Hellenic Conferences is two (2) to four (4) days and the minimum number of participants is one hundred (100). Sponsorships may not exceed thirty thousand Euros (EUR 30,000.00) (VAT included) per company/sponsor, net of the registration / transportation and accommodation costs of the participants, which may be defined in accordance with the rules of ethics of the sponsors' associations. Each SHO shall guarantee for the accuracy and validity of its representations.
- **6.** The term (duration) of the scientific program of Scientific Days / Workshops is one (1) or two (2) days respectively, irrespective of the number of participants.

The sponsorship limit is five thousand Euros (EUR 5,000.00) per company / sponsor, or ten thousand Euros (EUR 10,000.00), (VAT included), per company/sponsor, net of the registration, transportation and accommodation costs of the participants.

- 7. The term (duration) of the scientific program of local/ regional Conferences is one (1) or two (2) days, irrespective of the number of participants. The sponsorship limit is ten thousand Euros (EUR 10,000.00) (VAT included) per company / sponsor, net of the registration, transportation and accommodation costs of the participants.
- **8.** Save in justified situations, if a budget is exceeded by over 25%, the organising SHO may not file a request for a similar event in the following calendar year.
- **9.** Satellite symposia organised by sponsors in the context of conferences may not exceed in total duration 20% of the total duration of the relevant conferences, and are subject to the following conditions:
- **a.** The names and fees of the sponsor's speakers at the event and of the speakers at the satellite symposia shall be officially announced to KESY/ESYE by the body responsible for organising the event.
- **b.** No certificates of attendance shall be furnished to the participants.
- **c.** A Health Professional (HP) may not serve as Chairman, Coordinator or Speaker in more than six (6) satellite symposia per year.
- **d.** The scientific program of satellite symposia shall be prepared by care of the sponsor in direct consultation with the organising SHO.
- **10.** In respect of the organisation of scientific events

/ educational activities of all categories, a contract shall be executed between the SHO and the sponsors, with explicit reference to the amount and the terms of the sponsorship, including any details pertaining to the organisation of satellite symposia by the sponsors. Exclusively responsible for the financial management of sponsorships and any revenues deriving from registrations shall be the relevant SHO.

Each SHO may assign the organisation of educational activities to a Conference Planner, by decision of its Board of Directors. In this context, a contract shall be executed between the SHO and the conference planner/ travel agent, whereby the latter shall undertake all transportation, accommodation and board services for the participants. These services shall be invoiced

by the conference planner / travel agency directly to the sponsor, as per the SHO's instructions. All relevant agreements shall be notified to KESY/ESYE.

- **11.** Social and cultural events are not allowed to take place outside the conference venue, except for any events concerning exclusively the speakers and the chairpersons.
- **12.** Scientific events may not be organised (a) at tourist destinations during the relevant tourist periods (15/6 31/8 in the summer season and 15/12 28/02 in the winter season).
- **13.** The cash reserve to arise from the proceeds shall remain at the treasury of the SHO concerned, by decision of its Board of Directors, which is validated by the General Meeting and notified to KESY. Such reserve shall be posted on the SHO's web site and shall be allocated to grant scholarships and to finance research activities and scientific publications.
- **14.** Any conferences organised in Greece exclusively by International Scientific Societies / Organisations (without the involvement of a Greek Scientific Healthcare Organisation (SHO) as a co-planner) shall be simply notified to KESY. The organisation costs of such conferences shall be fully covered by the foreign scientific organisations concerned. Greek companies/sponsors may participate in these conferences by covering the participation costs of Greek HPs or through advertising sponsorships, which may not exceed in value thirty thousand Euros (EUR 30,000.00) (VAT included). No numerical restrictions shall apply to the participation of HPs in these conferences.
- **15.** In the case of events jointly organised with a Greek SHO, the foreign organisation shall contribute by 50% to the budgeted costs and the speakers' expenses, through sponsorships deriving from companies abroad.
- **16.** Any events organised by Greek SHOs with the participation of foreign speakers shall not be considered as international, but rather, as domestic events with international participation, and will be subject to the sponsorship limits applicable to the category of the event.
- **17.** For scientific events organised abroad by Greek SHOs, authorisation shall only be granted KESY/ESYE for serious scientific reasons, following an assessment on a case-by-case basis.
- **18.** No authorisation from KESY shall be required in respect of events organised by SHOs and patient associations, for public awareness purposes. Where, however, these events are financed by manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products, authorisation from ESYE-KESY is required. These events shall be carried out by care of the SHOs and the speakers are essentially Health Professionals.

**19.** Events intended for public awareness purposes may not be organised by manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products.

Lists with the details of all authorised scientific events (name of the SHO organising the event, topic, venue, date and time of the event, budget and estimated number of participants) shall be posted on KESY's website.

SHOs shall post on their websites, prior to their annual general meeting, lists with: a) the names of all HPs that participated in every event organised by them during the year; b) the sponsorships they received for each event and the respective sponsors (event planning sponsorships & HP participation sponsorships).

### **B. ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS BY CATEGORY**

- **1.** Each Scientific Society falling under the specialisation areas defined in Ministerial Decisions  $\Gamma5\alpha/\Gamma$ .  $\Pi$ OIK.64843 /29-8-2018 (GG B, 4138) and  $\Gamma5\alpha/\Gamma$ .  $\Pi$ OIK.64845/29-8-2018 (GG B, 3958) may organise one (1) pan-Hellenic conference per year, with international participation or otherwise. It may also organise one (1) other pan-Hellenic activity per year with a specific subject and activities addressed to young physicians, up to a total of three (3) events, such as: conferences /workshops, seminars, clinical tutorials and annual series of postgraduate or post-degree courses.
- **2.** Each Regional Medical or Dental Scientific Society may organise up to one (1) local / regional conference, workshop and/or seminar per year. Every three (3) years it may organise a pan-Hellenic educational activity, subject to prior authorisation by KESY/ESYE.

### 3. Other Scientific Societies

Other Scientific Societies with provable scientific and educational activity, may organise one (1) workshop/two-day workshop or seminar per year. Every three (3) years they may organise a pan-Hellenic educational activity, subject to prior authorisation by KESY/ESYE.

**4.** The Medical Societies of: Athens, Thessaloniki, Western Greece and the Peloponnese, and Heraklion, Crete may organise one (1) educational activity of any form per year.

**5.** The societies of all categories mentioned above (1, 2, 3 and 4) may organise scientific events consisting in e-learning and skill practising activities. Such activities shall be validated by KESY/ESYE and shall not be subject to numerical restrictions.

### 6. Scientific Healthcare Structures (SHSs)

### a. Public Healthcare Structures

Medical / Dental Schools and University Hospitals may organise one (1) scientific event per year, of any geographic range. Sponsorships by manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis and may not exceed the limit applicable to pan-Hellenic Conferences, net of the transportation and accommodation costs of the participants. University Clinics/Laboratories and NHS Clinics/Laboratories may organise one (1) scientific event of regional/local range/ workshop/ two-day workshop / seminar Sponsorships per year. manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products shall be subject to the limits applicable to each type of scientific event, net of the transportation and accommodation costs of the participants. Such educational activities shall not involve any registration fees. When these events are conducted at a Hospital or University auditorium, no stands or other advertisements of pharmaceutical companies may be placed on the premises. These events may not exceed two (2) days in duration. Other public structures (Health Centres) may organise one (1) daily educational event per year, with a maximum budget of ten thousand Euros (EUR 10,000.00).

The costs and revenues of the events shall be managed through ELKE or ELKEA, in respect of all categories of scientific events / educational activities.

### **b. Private Healthcare Structures**

Educational activities organised by Private Structures such as hospitals, clinics and laboratories, may not exceed

three (3) per year as follows: one (1) local / regional Conference, two (2) Workshops / two-day Workshops without registration fees.

- **7.**The Scientific Medical Organisation of the Armed Forces may organise one (1) educational activity of any form per year.
- **8.**Patient Associations may organise one (1) pan-Hellenic

and one (1) regional/ local scientific event for public awareness purposes per year. The scientific programme of such events shall be drafted in in cooperation with the Scientific Societies (SSs) involved.

### C. PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES / MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPANIES

- 1. Pharmaceutical Companies / Medical Equipment Companies shall essentially declare to KESY/ESYE by email (with an option for automatic posting on KESY's website), twice a year, three (3) months after authorisation by KESY/ESYE of the educational activities of the SHOs, any scientific events they intend to support in the relevant time period through direct financial sponsorships to the organising bodies (by way of indication, in respect of SHO requests for December every year, declarations of interest must be submitted no later than April), as well as the number of physicians and other Health Professionals whose attendance with be supported in each event, including in any conferences to be held abroad.
- 2. Honorarium fees may be paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 36(18) of Law 4272/2014 (GG A, 145) by manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products to speakers and round-table chairpersons. Such fees shall be essentially declared together with the relevant participation requests to be filed by HPs, as per the applicable regulations. Honorary fees shall be paid to the HPs of the NHS (National Healthcare System) or Universities (being employed by clinics established in NHS hospitals or University Hospitals) through ELKEA (Special Account for Research and Development Funds) or ELKE (Special Account for Research Funds).

Pharmaceutical Companies / Medical Equipment Companies may organise corporate informational meetings with HPs in Greece. Such meetings shall be essentially concluded in a single day, may not exceed five (5) hours in duration and may not involve any overnight stays. Events organised by manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products may not exceed in total forty-eight (48) per year. The such informational activities organised by each sponsor shall be notified to KESY/ESYE and to EOF. Events organised by manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products may not be held on the premises of Universities or Hospitals.

- **3.** Pharmaceutical Companies / Medical Equipment Companies are liable to notify to EOF any sponsorships they intend to offer to SHOs to cover the costs of each scientific event, including any sponsorships for participations in the events.
- **4.** The physicians, nurses and all scientific staff of NHS and university physicians employed in clinics established in NHS or University Hospitals are not eligible to participate in conferences or seminars organised in Greece or abroad by pharmaceutical companies / medical equipment companies for purposes serving the promotion of their own products.

## D. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

**1.**Twice a year, i.e. in December and July every year, the SHOs shall submit to ESYE-KESY (with an option for automatic posting on KESY's data base) for information and validation purposes, a plan of any events / activities they intend to organise in the relevant time period. More specifically: In December every year, SHOs shall submit a plan for the 2nd half of the following year (July – December). Accordingly, in July every year, SHOs shall submit a plan for the 1st half of the following year (January – June).

By exception, in December 2019 SHOs shall submit a plan for all events of year 2020 and in July 2020 they shall regularly submit a plan for January-July 2021. It is noted that, any plans submitted and authorised by EOF up until August 31, 2019, need not be re-submitted.

2. Any SHOs interested in organising any scientific events / activities shall submit electronically to the relevant data base each application to KESY / ESYE at least two (2) months prior to the starting date of the event / activity concerned. Each SHO is liable to ensure timely submission of its own applications. Late applications shall be rejected by the database automatically. Any applications missing any of the required documents / attachments (including applications containing deficiently completed documents/attachments) shall also be rejected automatically.

# By exception, the two-month limitation set out above shall not apply for the period September - October 2019.

- **3.** Pharmaceutical companies / medical equipment companies may submit applications for their corporate informational meetings and for the participations of HPs therein, including the advisory bodies organising each meeting, at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement date of each event / activity.
- **4.**Requests for Changes to Scientific Events shall be submitted to the online database with an indication of the requested change added in the "comments" field. The date of an event may be modified no later than one (1) month prior to the commencement date of the event.
- **5.**Reporting data: Within two (6) months from the end of each Scientific Event / Activity, the organising SS/SHO is liable to submit <u>essentially online</u>:
- a financial report of the event (revenues expenses),
- a nominal list of the sponsors
- the amount of each sponsorship and
- the number and names of the participants, based on the registrations.

# E. PARTICIPATION OF HPs IN SCIENTIFIC EVENTS / EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1. According to the provisions of Article 126 of Ministerial Decision no. ΔΥΓ3α/32221/2013 on the "Harmonization of Greek laws with the relevant Community laws on the production and trade of medicines intended for human use, in compliance with Directive 2001/83/EC "on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use", (L311/28.11.2001), as amended by Directive 2011/62/EU and in force, as regards the prevention of the entry into the legal supply chain of falsified medicinal products (L 174/1.7.2011)" (GG Series B, No. 1049), as in force, promotional activities by manufacturers/traders of EOF-regulated products may only be addressed to "persons authorised to prescribe or administer medicines".
- **2.**Following a recommendation by the respective Educational Committee, each SS shall define the minimum annual attendance (in hours) of educational activities by trainee and licensed physician, and shall monitor and make recommendations

on the matter to KESY/ESYE, in order for KESY to render an opinion on the matter in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

- **3.** Any HPs interested in attending a scientific event in Greece or abroad and wishing to obtain financial support from sponsors for their registration, transportation or board and accommodation, shall file online applications exclusively to the SHO concerned no later than two (2) months prior to the event. At the same time, after the recording process is updated, HPs are liable to submit, in the form of attachment, the number of hours / points of ongoing education they are required to complete according to the validated ongoing medical education program. The Boards of Directors of the SHOs shall review the applications of HPs and the number of HPs who may attend the event through sponsorships and shall authorise their participation, taking into account (if the applications outnumber the sponsorships ), the following criteria, in the following order of priority:
- (a) presentation of a work paper or speech; (b) participation in the chairing committee;
- (c) hours of attendance required, and the capacity of the physician is a licensed, trainee or specialising physician. The decisions of the Boards of Directors of the SHOs on the applications for participation shall be posted on their websites and notified to KESY/ESYE. Any decisions rejecting applications may be appealed before KESY/ESYE. Appeals shall be addressed within ten (10) working days.
- **4.** Each HP shall be personally responsible for the accuracy of all submitted information and for the validity of his/her educational leave.
- **5.** The SHOs shall forward electronically to KESY / ESYE all information concerning HP participations in scientific events in Greece or abroad and shall notify such information to EOF. HP applications shall be submitted online on a monthly basis, throughout the term of each month, through completion of the relevant fields on the online database.
- **6.** HPs can participate in scientific events or specialised seminars of high scientific profile and international participation organised abroad by the respective SMCs/SDCs. Such events may consist in:
- International Congresses
- European Congresses
- Conferences in North America and Australia

- Events relating to rare diseases, as same are defined in Article 24 of Law 4213/13 (GG A, 261), organised by, rather than under the auspices of, scientific organisations.
- **7.** In assessing applications for participation / attendance in educational activities, due regard shall be paid to any proposals by sponsors of Pharmaceutical Companies and Medical Equipment Companies. Applications accepted on the basis of such proposals may not exceed 50% of the total number of HPs sponsored by each sponsor, with due regard to the criteria set out in Point 3 sections a, b, and c hereof. Participations / registrations in the above events and transportation / accommodation / board expenses shall be invoiced by the planners/ travel agents directly to the sponsors, as per the instructions of the SHOs concerned. All contracts shall be notified to KESY/ESYE.
- **8.** In any case, the trainee physicians / licensed physicians ratio must be at least 1 to 6.
- **9.** Participations by HP may not exceed
  - three (3) per year, for events organised abroad, and
  - four (4) per year, for events organised in Greece.

Any active participation of HPs (as speakers or members of chairing committees) in scientific events of any kind shall be considered in addition to, rather than within, the above limits.

Such calculation shall be carried out based on the participation of HPs in events by calendar year. Non-utilised participations may not be carried forward to the next year.

- **10.** SSs/SHSs are liable to update ex post all information concerning HP participations in scientific events / educational activities in Greece or abroad, including final costs information, within one (1) year after the end of each event.
- **11.** Applications for participation in webinars or other educational activities shall be assessed online and shall be submitted and reviewed on a case-by-case basis. HP participations in online scientific events are not subject to any numerical limitations. Webinars are not subject to any limitations as to the number of applications or HP participations or to any time limitations and shall not be considered when establishing compliance with the numerical limits set forth herein. Training and skill practising seminars are not subject to any numerical limitations.

### F. EXPERT COMMITTEES

- 1. HPs are allowed to participate in meetings of advisory committees with a strictly scientific agenda, taking place in Greece or abroad and being organised by pharmaceutical companies / medical equipment companies, against remuneration or otherwise, subject to prior permission by their employer.
- **2.** To participate in such meetings in Greece or abroad, HPs are liable to file applications to KESY, as in the case of any other event, by filing electronically the relevant set of applications bearing the indication "Expert Committee".
- **3.** Each HP shall be personally responsible for the accuracy of all submitted information and for the validity of his/her educational leave.
- **4.** Each manufacturer/trader of EOF-regulated products may file an unlimited number of applications for participation in Expert Committees abroad.
- **5.** In respect of domestic Expert Committees, each manufacturer/trader of EOF-regulated products may submit up to twenty (20) applications <u>in total</u> per year for medicines and therapies already approved or currently reviewed. Each delegation may comprise up to ten (10) experts.
- **6.** The participation of any HPs licensed to write prescriptions shall be notified to the Committee for Evaluation of Medicinal Products for Human Use.
- **7.** Payments of the relevant remuneration amounts, where applicable, shall be effected through ELKE or ELKEA. Ex post reporting is also required in respect of the Advisory Committees.

## G. LIST OF EXISTING SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL/DENTAL SOCIETIES

- 1. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF VASCULAR AND ENDOVASCULAR SURGERY
- 2. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF HAEMATOLOGY
- 3. HELLENIC RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
- 4. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF RADIOTHERAPEUTIC ONCOLOGY
- 5. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF ALLERGOLOGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY
- 6. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY
- 7. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY
- 8. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF DERMATOLOGY AND APHRODISIOLOGY
- 9. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF SOCIAL MEDICINE
- 10. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

- 11. HELLENIC ENDOCRINE SOCIETY
- 12. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF MEDICAL BIOPATHOLOGY / LABORATORY MEDICINE
- 13. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF MEDICAL GENETICS
- 14. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF WORKPLACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE
- 15. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF FORENSIC MEDICINE
- 16. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY
- 17. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF CLINICAL CYTOLOGY
- 18. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY
- 19. HELLENIC NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY
- 20. HELLENIC NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY
- 21. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY
- 22. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF ORTOPAEDIC SURGERY AND TRAUMATOLOGY
- 23. HELLENIC UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
- 24. HELLENIC OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY
- 25. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY
- 26. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGY
- 27. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRICS
- 28. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
- 29. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF PLASTIC, RECONSTRUCTIVE AND AESTHETIC SURGERY
- 30. HELLENIC THORACIC SOCIETY
- 31. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE & MOLECULAR IMAGING
- 32. HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR RHEUMATOLOGY PROFESSINAL ASSOCIATION OF RHEUMATOLOGISTS
- 33. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
- 34. HELLENIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION
- 35. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF THORACIC & CARDIOVASCULAR SURGEONS
- 36. HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF PAEDIATRIC SURGEONS
- 37. HELLENIC PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY
- 38. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY, HEAD & NECK SURGERY
- 39. HELLENIC DENTAL SOCIETY OF ORAL SURGERY
- 40. HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL GENETICISTS
- 41. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE
- 42. HELLENIC ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

### 43. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF GENERAL / FAMILY MEDICINE

# H. LIST OF EXISTING SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL SPECIALISATION SOCIETIES

- 1. HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE
- 2. HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY
- 3. HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY & LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS
- 4. HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES
- 5. HELLENIC SOCIETY OF INTENSIVE CARE
- **6. HELLENIC NEONATAL SOCIETY**
- 7. HELLENIC DIABETES ASSOCIATION

### I. LIST OF EXISTING REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL SOCIETIES

- 1.MEDICAL BIOPATHOLOGY SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 2. SURGICAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 3. RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 4. THORACIC SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 5. ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 6. WORPLACE PHYSICIANS SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 7. CARDIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 8. SOCIETY OF ORTHOPAEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY OF MACEDONIA AND THRACE
- 9. UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 10. OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 11. PAEDIATRICS SOCIETY OF NORTHERN GREECE
- 12. HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY AND EDUCATION OF DIABETES MELLITUS

### J. OTHER SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Any other Medical/Dental Society which is not included in the above lists and has completed four (4) years of operation on a specific discipline that forms part of

the discipline of at least one SS and does not overlap with the discipline or the scientific group of any other SS, addressed to the remaining scientific societies.

### **K. DEFINITIONS**

1. Scientific Society (SS), Regional Medical/Dental SS, Scientific Healthcare Structures (SHSs), Other Scientific Societies, Medical Society of Athens, Medical Society of Thessaloniki, Medical Society of Western Greece and the Peloponnese, Medical Society of Heraklion / Crete, Scientific Medical Organisation of the Armed Forces.

2. SHS - Scientific Healthcare Structures (Public Healthcare Structures, Private Healthcare Structures)

**3.** HP - Health Professional (as described in paragraph E(1) hereof).

**4.** ESYE - Committee for Ongoing Education

**5.** The term "EOF-regulated products" refers to medicinal products for human use and medical devices.

**6.** SS - Scientific Societies Each acknowledged medical/dental specialty and medical specialisation area, as same are defined in Ministerial Decisions no.  $\Gamma5\alpha/\Gamma$ .  $\Pi$ oıκ.64843 /29-8-2018 (GG B, 4138) and  $\Gamma5\alpha/\Gamma$ .  $\Pi$ oıκ.64845/29-8-2018 (GG B, 3958), corresponds one Scientific Society.

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