

EFAD 25 GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The EFAD 25th General Meeting (GM), hosted by the Hellenic Dietetic Association on 9th October in Athens, Greece, was attended by representatives from 26 National Dietetic Associations and 5 Education Associate Members.

Prof. Anne de Looy was re-elected as Honorary President 2014-2018 and the British Dietetic Association was re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Anne de Looy briefed the GM about the WHO European Regional ministerial conference which she had attended as an observer. She emphasised that EFAD needed to know about the projects which dietitians were involved in so that this could be reported back to WHO and the Ministers of Health in future. She also informed the GM that the European Patients' Forum had accepted an invitation to join the EFAD Scientific Reference and Advisory Group

Judith Liddell, Secretary General, updated the General Meeting by explaining that EFAD now has 29 Full Member Associations, 4 Affiliate Member Associations and 27 Education Associate Members, representing over 32.000 dietitians. This is 50% of all dietitians in Europe, which meant that EFAD was a credible and influential voice when lobbying on behalf of dietitians.

In 2014 EFAD participated in consultations on:

- European Professional Card
- Patient Safety and Quality of Healthcare
- EU Drinking Water Directive
- The European Skills Competences Occupations (ESCO) draft definitions
- Granada Declaration for better protection of migrants' and ethnic minorities' health

EFAD was represented 26 times, including:

- 5 European Commission events
- WHO regional ministers meeting
- 3 European Food Safety Authority Stakeholder Platform meetings
- 2 Joint Programming Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Boards
- EFAD member association events

10 different experts were involved in representing EFAD in 2014 – an increase on previous years.

The GM adopted the Revised Policy on Collaboration with Industry, the Policy on Claiming Reimbursement and the EFAD Work Plans for 2015. The GM also agreed that in future EFAD would host a large conference every two years with a smaller conference and longer General Meeting in alternate years. The next General Meeting and conference will be from 21-25 October 2015 in Amsterdam.

The 8th EFAD-DIETS conference, following the General Meeting, was the most successful yet! It was attended by 358 delegates and 325 students. There were 87 presentations in total – all viewable on the EFAD web site: <http://www.efad.org/everyone/4513/5/0/32>

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