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To
Prof. Vassilios Papalois
UEMS President

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Dear Mr President,

The Panhellenic Medical Association has just found out that in the circulated common UEMS – FEMS questionnaire, on the selection of languages, exists a refer to “Kipris”, the name that Turkey gave to the occupied part of Cyprus, after the Turkish invasion in 1974.
In addition, there is no reference to Cyprus, as a UEMS member.

It is well known that Turkey has been trying for more than 50 years, to get recognition for the occupied part of Cyprus, in contrast with UN decision [Resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984)] and international law. As no country has recognised the occupied part of Cyprus as a sovereign independent country, a soft politics has been adopted, through scientific organisations, cultural events, etc, in order to gain and maintain an indirect national presence.

For the Panhellenic Medical Association, this matter is serious and contemporary and for this reason we do not participate in FEMS. We believe that the presence of medical organisations from the occupied Cyprus in European scientific bodies is unacceptable.

Therefore, we regret to say that the presence of “Kipris” on the common UEMS - FEMS survey is provocative and subsequently we will call the Greek doctors, who accidentally received it, to ignore it.

We believe that UEMS should take the appropriate actions and initiate the necessary decisions to address this matter effectively.

We remain,

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