

The 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium of Medical Chambers  
of the Central and East European Countries  
May 29, 2004

**Memorandum of Berlin  
Chambers of Physicians (and Dentists)  
Are Active Parts of Civil Societies**

Being aware that in some European Countries physicians until today have no appropriated legal basis for a self-government of their profession

Reaffirming the commitment to fulfil the Public Functions and Professional Representation as recited in the Memorandum of Cesky Krumlov of May 27, 2000

Remembering that the existence of democratic structures embodying the obligation to serve our patients and the society but also the rights to exercise a liberal profession had always to be protected

Considering that self-government of the profession in chambers as statutory bodies ensures a high degree of service and protection for patients through professional freedom and responsibility.

**The participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium encourage physicians in those regions of Europe where self-government is not granted by law to approach their legislature to delegate the necessary rights to the profession. The physicians are called to be prepared to take the necessary obligations such as participation, engagement and responsibility.**

The participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium send out their willingness to support physicians in Europe to organise in self-governing, independent bodies with functions similar to those laid out in the Memorandum of Cesky Krumlov.