



## Report of FEAM activities in 2010

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In 2010, Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM) organized its Annual spring conference in Bucharest, Romania, between 24-26 March. Besides FEAM Officers meeting and Business Meeting, the main Scientific programme covered topics from translational cardiology (from molecular mechanisms to bedside and medical bioethics) .

The main FEAM project at that year was focused on Reforming the EU Clinical Trials Directive. It was implemented in several steps:

1. Submission of the FEAM's position on this reform (prepared by the FEAM CTD working group) to the European Commission in response to its call for evidence (January 2010)
2. Meeting with the Head of Pharmaceuticals Unit of the DG Sanco at the European Commission to discuss the view of FEAM and its Academies on this reform (14 April 2010, European Commission)
3. Representation at the Brussels workshop 'Designing the Future Conditions for Clinical Research in Europe' organised by the EFGCP's Road Map Initiative for Clinical Research in Europe (17 March 2010, Brussels)
4. Publication of the FEAM statement 'Opportunities and Challenges for Reforming the EU Clinical Trials Directive: an Academic Perspective' (August 2010)
5. Participation and representation of the FEAM Office at the Belgian EU Presidency conference, organised

by the EORTC and the two Belgian Medical Academies, on the reform of the CTD and clinical research in Europe (2 September 2010, Brussels)

In the field of Mental Health Policy, FEAM published the statement on Mental Health Policy Issues (November 2010). At the same time the article based on this FEAM statement was elaborated and prepared for publication online in the European Psychiatry journal (approximately in January 2011). FEAM also intensively communicated externally within the frame of:

1. Representation at the DG Sanco workshop on its data partnership (17 March 2010, European Commission)
2. Representation at the "Science-Policy-Dialogue" workshop organised by the European Academies Advisory Council (EASAC) (14-15 October 2010, Brussels)
3. Establishing new links with Members of the EU Parliament sitting on its ENVI (Environment, Public Health and Food Safety) and ITRE (Industry, Research and Energy) committees - using the two published statements on the CTD reform and on Mental Health policy issues and with the help of the FEAM Academies (October-December 2010)
4. Audio-conference with the FEAM President, Dr. A. Rys, Director of Health at the DG Sanco of the European Commission, and his team (December 2010)

5. Developing contacts with national Academies, which are not members of FEAM: Polish Academy of Sciences (endorsement of the FEAM CTD and Mental Health statements; FEAM observation starting in January 2011); Lithuanian Academy of Sciences and Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences (endorsement of the Mental Health statement)
6. Deepening the link with the European Science Foundation (meeting and discussion at secretariat and Officers levels) as key partners in future activities (personalised medicine, harmonizing medical education in Europe, mental health)

FEAM also adopted the new FEAM logo and discussed the elaboration of a FEAM brochure presenting FEAM and its member Academies (confirmed for 2011, to be printed by the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences). Last but not least the new FEAM website in 2011 is under way. For March 22, 2011, FEAM represented by pr. Cyril Höschl and secretary general pr. Janos Frühling plans to present the Mental Health policy issues statement on grounds of European Parliament in presence of the host MEP Kinga Gál, representatives of MRC (dr. Robin Buckle), European Commission, European Science Foundation etc..

Those who are interested in the respective documents can find them on [www.hoschl.cz](http://www.hoschl.cz), search FEAM.