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A Stronger Europe

Current times are marked by considerable problems and challenges in Europe. We are still suffering from the effects of the economic and financial crises. Discussions of public debt in the Member States still dominate activities. Crisis management is required. It is important that the overall perspective of Europe as a successful model for peace and freedom in an open society remains.

The economic and financial crises and their consequences also clearly show that Europe must strengthen and grow together, both politically and economically. Health policies will be increasingly concerned by it. An example of this is the new European Directive on cross-border healthcare and its effects on conditions of cross-border patient treatment. We are encouraged to shape this development from the hospital perspective.

As an association, we will have a good look at all of these questions in the context of our upcoming EAHM seminar in Düsseldorf held during MEDICA on November 18th, 2011. We can promise you an interesting programme with excellent contributions. On behalf of the organisers and particularly, the Executive Committee of the EAHM, I invite and encourage you to attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible in Düsseldorf.

This issue of (E)Hospital provides readers with interesting contributions on the important topic of patient-centred management. Successful management depends on good organisation, logistics and business administration but also on the leadership skills of executives, another topic featured this issue. Our country focus highlights healthcare in the UK. I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

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