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RE: Registration fees for senior physicians
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Dear Jacques,

I would like to respond to the question by the AM steering committee on a possible waiver or reduction of registration fees for WMA events for senior physicians.

We briefly discussed this and concluded that such a reduction would—at least for the moment—not be warranted.

The registration fees we are taking do not cover costs. We usually carry between 180.000 Euros for a Council Session and 190.000 Euros for a General Assembly out of our general budget. Anything that comes on top must be carried by our host organisation. Increasing the deficit by allowing lower registration fees would, therefore, be a decision at the expense of a third party.

We have previously decided to grant a reduction for Junior Physicians. They undoubtedly have a smaller income and, usually with young families, higher needs. Looking at the situation of our retired physicians, we are confident that the registration fees are manageable for this group.

This message does not hinder the Assembly of the Association Members from adopting a resolution to the same effect addressing the General Assembly.

I very much hope for the understanding of my retired colleagues.

With kind regards



Otmar
