

## MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING between EPMA and EUSPM

The mission of the 'European association for predictive, preventive & personalised medicine' (EPMA)

The decisive progress in the current healthcare can be achieved only by well-coordinated fulfilment of the following components that are crucial for the practical realisation of this new philosophy in healthcare:

- Adequate investment creating novel technologies
- Development of non- or minimally-invasive diagnostic tools
- Well-organised process for exchange and transfer of knowledge among biomedical research entities and biotechnological industries for production of the advanced diagnostic tools and laboratory tests
- Quality assurance through the introduction of international standards for technological tools and devices, patenting and licenses
- Correct professional education in terms of the application of

biotechnological high-tech in medicine

- Intelligent political regulations in the healthcare sector— introduction of the obligatory guidelines and clear regulations for the health insurance industry to ensure patients' needs are met
- Measures to ensure confidentiality of patient information and personal databank
- Distribution of relevant information among healthcare professionals and users.

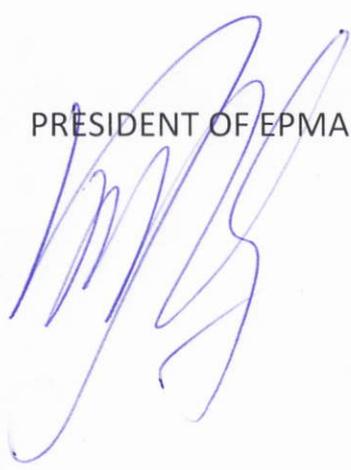
These coordinated measures should be focused on solving the accumulating problems in healthcare and the increasing, concomitant economical burden that societies face across the globe. The mission of the European Coordinator in this field is performed by the 'European Association for Predictive, Preventive and Personalised Medicine' (EPMA), and for the Laboratory activities - by the European Society of Predictive Medicine (EUSPM).

Following objectives are outlined:

- Raising awareness and recognition of **Predictive, Preventive and Personalised Medicine (PPPM)** throughout all member-countries of the European Union and Associated countries

- Providing and disseminating accurate and up-to-date information and educational materials on predictive & personalised medicine and targeted preventive measures
- Encouraging the adequate allocation of resources for predictive, preventive and personalised medicine;
- Encouraging and suggesting advanced programmes for personalised patient diagnosis and treatment
- Promoting high-quality research focussed on predictive diagnostics and personalised patient treatment
- Promoting the standardisation of bio-analytical technologies for predictive pre-clinical and clinical applications
- Consolidating professionals for effective European Network in predictive, preventive and personalised medicine
- Coordinating multidisciplinary efforts in predictive, preventive, and personalised medicine
- Having an advisory role in issue-related inter / national projects as the official European Representative of predictive, preventive and personalised medicine
- Contributing to creation of Guidelines in European healthcare with the accentuated role of prediction, prevention and personalised patient treatment in favour of improved life-quality of the European population.

According to the above listed objectives, EPMA and EUSPM are joining the efforts for the predictive diagnostics, targeted preventive measures and personalised patient treatment in the European healthcare. Hereby, one of the central activities in the overall PPPM-objectives is the laboratory diagnostics, which EUSPM is focused in and represents an excellent European Network for. Therefore, the development of professional synergies between EPMA and EUSPM will obviously lead to much progress in the PPPM generally and, in particular, strengthen the role of the issue-related European Network. Considering these clear strategic benefits, both EPMA and EUSPM agree to collaborate for the above objectives. Inside the EPMA-Network, EUSPM receives the privileged position as the leader responsible for the development of the particular branch of laboratory diagnostics according to the mission of EUSPM. Professional synergies will be developed and comprehensive support will be provided between EPMA and EUSPM concerning all scientific, granting, publication, practical application and any other Network-related activities. An exchange of the BOARD-Representatives will take place.



PRESIDENT OF EPMA



PRESIDENT OF EUSPM

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