Dear Colleague,

The First Council Meeting of the GEEMO took place on Friday January 17, 1997 at the Sheraton Hotel Brussels Airport.

Represented Councillor Members:
Prof. Dr. K.H. Fuchs (Germany), Dr. Panagiotis Yannopoulos (Greece),
Prof. Direttore Ermanno Ancona (Italy), Dr. Andrzej Szawlowski (Poland),
Prof. Dr. Magnus Ruth (Sweden), Prof. Dr. J.C. Mendes de Almeida (Portugal),
Prof. Dr. P. De Leyn (Belgium).
The meeting was organised and directed by Prof. Dr. T. Lerut, Belgium.

Prof. Lerut introduced the councillors and presented the past history of the GEEMO and presented the proposals for the statutes of the Association "Groupe D'Etude Européen Des Maladies De L'Oesophag" (GEEMO).

The councillors proposed Prof. Baulieux from Lyon (France) to become the Coordinator which will be yearly elected. Prof. Baulieux accepted.

Election of Secretary General: Prof. Dr. P. De Leyn, Leuven, Belgium
Election of Treasurer: Prof. Dr. M. Ruth, Göthenburg, Sweden
Election of Membership Committee: Prof. Dr. A. Ancona, Padova (Italy) Chairman
Dr. P. Yannopoulos, Athens (Greece)
Dr. H.J.M. Joosten, Nijmegen, (The Netherlands)
Dr. T.N. Walsh, Dublin (Ireland)
Prof. J. Kiss, Budapest (Hungary)
Prof. Dr. M. Pera, Barcelona (Spain)
Prof. Dr. J. Erzen, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Election of Scientific Committee: Prof. Dr. K.H. Fuchs, Würzburg (Germany) Chairman
Dr. A. Szawlowski, Warsaw (Poland)
Prof. Dr. J.P. Triboulet, Lille Cedex (France)
Dr. K. Jeyasingham, Bristol, (UK)
Prof. Dr. D. Liebermann, München, (Germany)
Prof. Dr. J.C. Mendes de Almeida, Lisbon (Portugal)
Prof. Dr. A. Del Genio, Naples (Italy)
At EuroSurgery 1997 in Athens, a GEEMO round table will be held on: "Antireflux surgery in GERD". The date is the Thursday 5th of June (17:00-18:30).
The 1998 GEEMO meeting will be organized in Lyon by the President Prof. Dr. J. Baulieux.

Sincerely yours,

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ANTIREFLUX SURGERY IN GERD

1. The role of preoperative investigations (Barrett excluded)
   K. Fuchs

2. Laparoscopic antireflux surgery: the late follow-up.
   A. Peracchia - R. Rosati

3. The role of antireflux surgery in Barrett metaplasia.
   J. Baulieux

   E. Ancona