Greece

1. State of Clinical Engineering (CE) - Health Technology Management (HTM) – Body of Practice (BOP)

Although Clinical Engineering units are existing in most medium and big sizes Greek hospitals, their status depends a lot on staff knowledge, expertise and willingness to play a key role. Therefore there is a small but very effective number of cases and many others with limited responsibilities and role. Only about 10% of them are using Computerized Medical Equipment Management Systems (CMEMS), in spite of 30 years of efforts undertaken by INBIT. (A real failure story!!)

2. How would you suggest to show the Value of and from having CE-HTM program

*The most important factor that may influence hospital Managers in Greece to introduce HTM is cost savings through the use of CMEMS. This must be clearly demonstrated by case studies and best practice examples and used as an evidence in decision making.*

3. Example of success stories where CE supported patient outcomes

*A case at Evangelismos Hospital in Athens, where the Director of the Clinical engineering Department gave an example of best practice in his long career. Using his profound knowledge of medical technology, his skills and abilities for improving procurement, management and safe use of medical technology in a transparent and impartial way, he gained the respect not only of the Greek BME/CE community, but also the MDs providers and the hospital directors.*

4. CE Education program available (levels and content) – Body of Knowledge (BOK)

*There is one BSc program on Clinical Engineering at the University of Western Attica in Athens and two MSc programs: One in Patras and one in Athens.*

5. CE Association/Society and Credentialing/Certification program if available

*The Greek Society of Clinical Engineers, although expressed an interest some years ago to introduce Certification didn’t managed yet to put in place the procedures.*

6. CE major challenges (think of 3 subjects)

*Increase in knowledge and skills required by Clinical Engineers to keep pace with the rapid evolution of Medical Technology.*

*Harmonisation of education and training in Clinical engineering studies with a commonly accepted core Body of Knowledge and skills*
Awareness of the differences in the role and services provided by the Hospital Clinical Engineering Departments and the manufacturers or external third parties.

7. What is the most important action you will support to increase CE recognition

_Demonstration of their key role in patient safety_