



## **Report of the Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine (SEMES) for Council meeting EuSEM in Kos**

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For the past 25 years, the Scientific Society SEMES has represented in Spain to doctors that develop their professional work in the different units for emergency: hospital (hospital emergency services) and pre-hospital (emergency services/coordination centres). It has a fairly uniform implementation in each of the 17 Autonomous Regions in which Spain is administratively organized. It currently has 5.744 active members.

In the last year we have been constantly dealing with the government to create the specialty of Emergencias Medicine. There has been major progress, despite the opposition to the creation of the specialty. The societies of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Intensive Care opposed the creation. Therefore, in the Draft Royal Decree for the creation of the speciality, it is required to hold one of these specialties in order to access the training in Emergencias Medicine. Therefore, to try to successfully complete our goal, we have initiated a series of pressure measurements to change the opinion of the Ministry of Health, and it seems they can give good results.

EMERGENCY, the Journal of the Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine was included at the end of 2010 in the Web of Science Thomson Reuters, and specifically in their repertoires Science Citation Index-Expanded and Journal Citation Reports. In June 2011 we have been given an impact factor of 3,085, placing as the third largest global publication by its impact factor in the international ranking biomedical 2010, so that puts us in a leadership position among the journals of emergency medicine in the world, and the first in Europe. EMERGENCY is available in full text in English and Spanish at

[http://www.semes.org/revista EMERGENCIAS.htm](http://www.semes.org/revista_EMERGENCIAS.htm)

Finally, note that SEMES follows with great interest the changes that are occurring in EuSEM, and reaffirm our willingness to work in EuSEM for that progressively becomes into an authentic Federation of National Associations of Emergency of Europe, and leave the current status representation of individual membership. If we manage this change, we will have a strong EuSEM, representative of the emergency medicine and, therefore, with great weight and influence in the European structures. Otherwise, it will be a club of friends interested in the Emergency.

We also want to express our satisfaction with the appointment of Dr. Luis Garcia-Castrillo as Chairman of the Research Committee.

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