

Dr Grégoire Moutel is elected as Chairman of the Ethical Vigilance Committee of the French Association of Pharmaceutical Companies

Dr Grégoire Moutel was elected by the Board of Leem on 14 October 2014 to chair Codeem (Ethical Vigilance Committee of the French Association of Pharmaceutical Companies) for a three-year term.

He succeeds Yves Médina, Codeem's first chairperson from 2011 to 2014. Grégoire Moutel is a doctor (endocrinologist by training), university hospital practitioner and associate professor. A specialist in health law and ethics, he has accreditation to supervise research.

Codeem was set up in late 2011 in response to Leem's wish to bring an independent authority into the Association. It provides ethical oversight of the industry, initiates proposals and issues alerts, and has its own resources and powers of sanction.

Codeem's chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the duties of the ethics body are performed as laid down in Article 11 of its Articles of Association (see box). He represents the ethics oversight body in dealings with third parties, is tasked with steering Codeem and with ensuring the proper running of the Ethical Vigilance Committee over which he presides.

"In Codeem, our industry today has an independent and impartial body, developed under the leadership over the past three years of Yves Médina, whom I would like to thank for his hard work and personal investment in its creation, said Patrick Errard, Chairman of Leem. It now falls to Grégoire Moutel to keep up the momentum and support our members in their ethical and responsible business practices."

The Board of Leem also elected members to the three panels within Codeem as well as two lawyers to the Litigation and Sanctions Section:

Panel of qualified individuals

Alain ANQUETIL (renewed)
Bernard CARPENTER (renewed)

Panel of stakeholders

Véronique FAUCHIER (renewed)
Anne-Sophie LAPOINTE (new member)
Pierre-Albert LEFEBVRE (member appointed by Coppem)

Panel of manufacturers

Isabelle PIGNOT (new member)
Pierre-André POIRIER (new member)
Corinne LE GOFF (renewed - administrative member)

Lawyers

Jean-Bertrand DRUMMEN (renewed) Litigation and Sanctions Section
Marie-Hélène TRIC (new member) Litigation and Sanctions Section

CODEEM IN BRIEF:

Codeem - Ethical Vigilance Committee of the French Association of Pharmaceutical Companies - is guaranteed independence through an original tripartite structure (3 experts in ethics and professional conduct, 3 stakeholder representatives and 3 industry representatives) and an irrevocable three-year term of office for its members. Its mission is to:

- *ensure compliance by pharmaceutical companies with the rules of professional conduct that apply to the sector;*
- *recommend to Leem's Board of Directors the adoption of new rules or better practices;*
- *give individual opinions or advice to pharmaceutical companies;*
- *sanction breaches of professional conduct, up to and including exclusion from Leem;*
- *propose mediation in case of disputes between manufacturers or with patient associations.*

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