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In the 7<sup>th</sup> volume of the newsletter we would like to inform you about the following activities and achievements of the Project: Testing devices operational training, Training on the development of the “Quick Guide”, Monitoring of the activities of the Departments of Biomedical Engineering (DBME), Seminar on the Medical Device Management within the Pilot Hospitals of the Project for Improving Medical Device Management (PIMDM) and Working Group for the review of the Guidelines.

### Testing Devices Operational Training

On the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 the Project team implemented the 2nd training on the correct operation of testing devices. The 1<sup>st</sup> training on this topic was held as informed in the Newsletter Vol.5. The participants were selected from the 5 pilot hospitals and as a result 9 biomedical engineers were trained. The purposes of the training were modified by the Project team and set as following: to understand the appropriate use of testing devices, to acquire appropriate knowledge and skills on how to deliver trainings for other staff of the DBME, and to provide the opportunity for recently employed engineers to be trained.



### Training on the development of the “Quick Guide”

Another training on the development of the “Quick Guide” was provided for 7 biomedical engineers on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. The main purpose of the training was to acquire knowledge and appropriate skills on the method of developing Quick Guides and how to deliver trainings for the users.

Quick Guides are short instruction documents which contain basic instructions for the medical device users on how to operate and troubleshoot medical devices. As a result of this training, more Quick Guides are expected to be developed by the biomedical engineers of the DBME of each pilot institution.

### Monitoring of the activities of the Departments of Biomedical Engineering (DBME)

As informed in the newsletter Vol. 6, the Project team continues to monitor the DBME's activities. The DBME are lacking human resources, however, by cooperating with the Technical University of Moldova, the number of biomedical engineers employed within the DBME for each of the 5 pilot hospitals has gradually increased. Also, suitable workshops and offices have been provided to the DBME within the Institute of Emergency Medicine and the Chisinau Municipal Clinical Hospital “Sfinta Treime”.



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# The Project for Improving Medical Device Management



## Seminar on the Medical Device Management within the Pilot Hospitals of the Project for Improving Medical Device Management (PIMDM)

The Seminar was organized on the 12-13<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 in the Radisson Blue Leograd Hotel. The participants were selected from different departments of the 5 pilot institutions, namely management representatives, chiefs of departments, head nurses and employees of the DBME. A total of 114 people participated at the seminar. The objectives set for this event were the following:

- ⇒ Sharing the updates regarding the Project activities;
- ⇒ Introducing the current legal framework on medical devices;
- ⇒ Raising the awareness of the medical and managerial staff of the pilot hospitals on their roles in the implementation of the medical device management within their medical institutions;
- ⇒ Informing the participants about the DBME establishment, the roles and responsibilities of the DBME staff within the pilot hospitals and the updated information of the Guidelines;
- ⇒ Calling attention to the support that the DBME needs to receive from the medical institution in order to function appropriately.



In order to accomplish the objectives described above 17 presentations have been delivered during the Seminar. Also, interactive videos have been used to present the current status of each DBME. After the evaluation of the results received from the participants' questionnaires the Project team concluded that the Seminar on the Medical Device Management within the Pilot Hospitals of the Project for Improving Medical Device Management (PIMDM) was a success.

## Working Group for review of the Guidelines

Each pilot institution has delegated one representative to collaborate together with the Project experts, in order to organize meetings for gradually updating the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the Standard Operating Forms (SOF).

The working group meetings were held in September-November 2016 and as a result there have been developed and updated 10 Standard Operating Procedures (16 SOP including sub-procedures) and 12 Standard Operating Forms.

The purpose of the procedures and forms is to guide the recently graduated and inexperienced engineers/biomedical engineers regarding the proper performance of the activities of the DBME.



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