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WORLD FEDERATION OF HYDROTHERAPY AND CLIMATOTHERAPY (FEMTEC)

FEMTEC is one of the most representative Association of Spa and well-being associations in the world. Its members are thermal and spa associations and Federations from various Countries and also organizations that deal with spa problems in many countries and continents.

FEMTEC is a nongovernmental organization in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO).

The main aims of the Federation are:

- to explain the contents of the world of spas and promote them in international context, between states and government bodies;
- to encourage international cooperation among spas;
- to exchange studies, research and experience in the area of hydrotherapy and climatotherapy;
- to promote development of spas and climatic resorts in the member states of the FEMTEC and in the world.

The members of FEMTEC take an active part in international scientific symposia, conferences, exhibitions and fairs.

Every year FEMTEC organizes also international Congress and awards prizes for the best work in thermal or climatic field.

FEMTEC has six permanent Commission which make close study of different aspects of Spa matters.

FEMTEC participates also in such programs of the World Health Organization as: "Global strategy on diet", "Physical activity and health", "Tobacco free initiative", "Noncommunicable diseases", "Traditional Medicine".

FEMTEC is one of the Founders of the "Global Alliance against Chronic



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Annual sessions of the FEMTEC General Assembly are held as well as regular meetings of the Executive Committee and Executive Board.

The FEMTEC maintains close contacts with other international health resort organizations and scientific centres.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FEMTEC

The history of FEMTEC starts in October 1937 when the *Fédération Internationale des Stations Balnéaires, Climatiques et Maritimes* was founded and the first chairman, Jozsef Ferenc (Hungary), was elected.

The second conference was held in Germany in September 1938. In June 1939 an extraordinary congress was held in Belgium.

The activity of the Federation was suspended during the Second World War.

In July 1947, at the first congress held in Switzerland after the war, the Federation took the new name of the *International Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy, Fédération Internationale du Thermalisme e du Climatisme (FITEC)*.

FEMTEC Honorary President Dr. Guy Ebrard (France) was the FITEC President from 1969 to 1998 when Prof. Nikolay Storozhenko was elected President.

Taking into consideration that members of the Federation represent all continents, the General Assembly decided to change the name *International Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy* to *FEMTEC (Fédération Mondiale du Thermalisme et du Climatisme – World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy)*.

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