

## ESTONIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The EMA was founded in 1921 and worked until 1940 as an umbrella organisation of different medical societies and associations.

This house was built in 1901 and was bought by the EMA in 1928. The redaction of the journal "Estonian Physician" and Estonian Health Care Museum also worked in our house.

During the occupation of Estonian Republic the activity of Medical Association was prohibited and the EMA was re-founded in 1988.

There are 2978 members in the EMA now which is 62 % from all doctors in Estonia (4770). The MA unites 20 regional associations all over the Estonia and also the Estonian Junior Doctors Association. (the organisation of doctors in training).

The main aims of the present MA are to participate in the developing of health policy and improving health care in Estonia and protect the professional and economic interests of the members of EMA.

Since 1992 the EMA has functions of trade union and the main activity has been protection of our members in labour market to guarantee them better salary and work conditions.

The Association plays a consultative role in health policy development and legislation. The EMA has been active in establishing quality assurance in health care and in solution of problems of the postgraduate training and continuous medical education.

One of the latest initiatives was the reorganisation of certification and recertification system of medical specialists in Estonia.

The best international relations we have with the medical associations of Baltic and Nordic Countries. Since 1993 the EMA has been participating in the work of the European Forum of Medical Associations.

The EMA publishes "The Journal of Estonian Medical Association" which is informative magazine and appears monthly.

In 1993 was founded a publishing house Medicina which issues medical literature in Estonian language from our original authors and the translations from Finnish and English as well.