

Annex 2

Reports of Standing Committees

**EURACT Council meeting
November 4-7, 2010
Leuven, Belgium**

Report of Basic Medical Education Committee

Report BME Committee

Present: Mette, Ilse, Markku, Howard, Stefan,, Francesco (chair)

Absent: Natalia, Givi, Sandra and another CM willing to be involved but participating at the same time in another committee.

The Committee welcomed Ilse Hellemann as new member in the Committee.

The Committee congratulated itself for the work done during all this year, managing the decided research, discussing and finalizing it, presenting at EURACT conference in Malaga and writing a paper, now in the final approval stage for EJGP.

We managed for the few modifications to be done in the paper for publication, We used the rest of short time at disposal, and also lunch time, as working time to maintain our strong friendship atmosphere so useful to be constructive and able to get aims and finalise.

We shortly agreed to prepare for another research possibly useful for GPs involved in BME in Europe (after ECE publication and European Core Curriculum publication)..

We look for mapping the BME situation in Europe (how many Departments of Medicine on which population, how many departments of FM, which level of FM teaching (courses, attachments,, clerkships, how long) and from this to extrapolate one example of developed level, some examples of developing level, and one example of no level. Then, we plan to interview persons at these 3 levels so to get information “how and why” FM develops, starts to develop, has no developments.

In this way, again, we hope to help GPs in Europe to use information to develop strategies, knowing the different way others did.

So, this time we need really that ALL Council Members will answer to our questionnaire, and if not able they could use an expert person in their country as informant and we'll indicate the name in our work.

Howard is in charge to prepare a protocol on this now, and Committee will finalize it before the Council meeting in Tallinn.

As it was done for previous work during this period, the Committee will maintain collaboration with the Educational Research Taskforce for any collaboration when needed and reasonable.

Francesco Carelli

Chair BME Committee

Report of Specialty Training Committee

Report from the Specialty Training Committee

Present: Alma Eir Svavarsdottir (Iceland) chair, Jan Degryse (Belgium), Mario Sammut (Malta), Monica Lindh (Sweden), Brendan O'Shea (Ireland), Roar Maagaard (DK), Roger Price (UK), Bernard Gay (France)

Not present: Dolores Forès (Spain), Llukan Rrumbullaku (Albania).

Agenda

Election of a new chair. The chair pointed out that this would be the time to elect a new chair as we have elections and new members. The chair encouraged discussions and suggestions from all member of the ST-committee on who would become the new chair of the committee. All of the members asked the chair to continue her work which the chair humbly accepted.

Brainstorming about the role of the ST-committee: The chair brought up some questions for the meeting and asked each member to comment on some or all of these questions:

What have we done since the last meeting? What is the role of this committee ? Where are we heading ? What opportunities do we have ? Where do we see ourselves as a ST- committee in 5 years ?

Roar Maagaard (DK) informed us about changes of the ST-training in Denmark. They are reviewing the list of competencies and also planning changes of the hospital posts. This is a big process which Roar is playing an active part in. Roar with Alma did a EURACT workshop in Malaga with two members from VdGM – Harris and Freek –Presentation on the new survey on the different training scheme in Europe.

Roger Price (UK) informed us that he is less involved in active teaching now but more involved in the strategic management of ST-training in UK. Roger also reported that he, Alma, Egle and Phil, did a workshop in Malaga - a simple case of osteoporosis and took it as a teaching case and connected it with the Wonca Tree.

Jan Degryse (Belgium) informed us that in Belgium they are shifting from a system of 7 years of BME and 2 years of ST and changing it to 6 years of BME and 3 years of ST. Curriculum of the BME is in place. Jan's opinion is that the main goal of ST-training committee should be to maximum empowerment of trainers. He pointed out that ST-training is booming in some countries but big problem in other countries. His points are: We need to empower our members, improving the web-page. EURACT is a professional organization and information should be easy to access and graphical. We should have useful educational material on our web-page. We could show videos on how to give feed-back, how to use video for teaching etc. Jan also suggested that the work of the ST-committee should be no more than 1-2 project per year and work actively between meetings. He also suggested that we should at some point brainstorm on European licensing exam.

Monica Lindh (Sweden) informed us that the BME students are doing a lot of training in family medicine and that is putting some strain on the GP in Sweden. In Sweden - they have 5 and half year of BME and 2 years of internship. ST-training is at least 5 years. New curriculum is in place and everybody must do research project and more of the curriculum is compulsory. There is more demand on supervisors and there is a lack of specialists in general practice. GP find it difficult to cope because of workload. Because of political issues suggestions have been made to cut down on

the time in ST-training from 5 to 3 years. Monica commented on that all ST-training surveys are good and we need to continue to work on them and to finalize some minor problems with entering the data on the web-page. She also wanted to point out that training in research is something we need to emphasize in ST-training.

Mario Sammut (Malta) In Malta graduation of the first group of ST-trainee is coming up. The program is going well. Mario has concern that GP trainers are not focusing on their CME training as teachers. They should have regular meetings once a month but it is not happening. Mario suggested that EURACT could provide teaching materials for the trainers on the web-page.

Brendan O'Shea (Ireland) Brought up the discussions on what GP have to do to become trainers. In Ireland they have to attend 75% of the trainers' workshops to continue to be a trainer.

Bernard Gay (France) Three points from France. They are working on introducing practice training for all students in BME and moving from knowledge to competency and from theoretical approach to contextual approach. Bernard also commented that each committee in EURACT should have an electronic survey on what is happening in each EURACT country for BME, ST, etc. He questioned the purpose and value of surveys. They must have a reason for being done, and a consequence in action. From the surveys we can move to harmonization of the system – and look at the difference and maybe take it to European license.

Tasks for next meeting.

Specialist Training Schemes in General Practice in Europe for the future. **Roar** will continue to lead the group on finalizing this work.

The survey on Training and Re-training in General Practice in Europe, **Monica and Alma** will continue working on the paper with Owen.

The committee decided to work on one new project. We choose to work on what a GP has to do to become a trainer and what is mandatory for a GP trainer to do as a CPD. **Brendan** will lead this work.

The chair wants to thank those who have already left or are leaving the ST-committee for all their input and work.

Meeting adjourned at 17:30

Alma Eir Svavarsdóttir chair

Report of CPD/CME Committee

Participants: Mladenka Vrcic-Keglevic, Razvan Miftode, Elena Frolova, Bernhard Rindlisbacher, Philios Phylaktou (5th Nov), Ruth Kalda (5th Nov), Edita Cerni Obrdalj (new member of CPD/CME Committee representing Bosnia-Herzegovina)

Reported by Ruth Kalda

1. Mladenka - Feedback from the Malaga conference. CPD/CME Committee had a presentation in Wonca Europe in Malaga 2010 about the study provided among council members on re-certification of family doctors and accreditation of CME/CPD courses in Europe. Mladenka introduced the results of the preliminary study to the whole group. The situation in different countries concerning accreditation of CME/CPD courses and recertification is very variable, the biggest difference is between Western and Central-Eastern European Countries regarding the influence of pharmaceutical companies and the role of scientific organisation in both, accreditation and re-certification.
2. Discussion – what is our next step? Do we want to continue with the study and in which way? Do we want to write a paper for a scientific journal or just a paper for our website and Euract newsletter? Or- to write position paper? Is our aim to standardize the situation in Europe regarding accreditation of courses and re-certification of FDs in Europe in the situation of free movement of doctors?
3. Common opinion was that our committee should continue with working out some proposals to promote a common understanding of the role of professional organisations. The first purpose is to write an original article for publishing e.g in the European Journal of General Practice. To that end we need as much respondents as possible. Today are still missing questionnaires from Israel, Georgia, Latvia, Bulgaria, and Czeck Republic. During our meeting in Leuven we got responses from France and Austria. Israel promised to answer and Georgia replied and promised also to respond soon.
4. Decision was taken that Mladenka will send the Malaga presentation to all in order to have an overview of the preliminary results, their importance and possible use in the future. In a few days, Mladenka will also send a short draft of a future article and ask for comments,

suggestions and other forms of contribution. Ruth will complete the data, make the analysis and contribute in completing the article, as well as Bernhard in the first round. All group is included to the work in the next step, in making useful comments and adding to the literature review.

5. In the discussion club meeting on Sunday morning, Mladenka gave a short report of the CME/CPD Committee work, (Ruth was not able to participate because of flying back to Estonia). It was suggested from the Council not only to write an article, but also something like a position paper or recommendations, in preparation of which the whole Council should have a role and should reach some kind of consensus around the main topics such as voluntary versus mandatory rules, role of governmental control etc.

Report of Member Services Committee
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