

# **Report of the UEMO Working Group on Specific Training**

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**Portoroz, Slovenia**

Chairman: Dr. Roman Stein (LUX)

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Participants: LUX, B, IRL, E, UK, DK, SF, S, D, CH, NL, I, F, SLO, Observer HUN

## **1. Opening**

The minutes of the last meeting in Lisbon were approved and adopted.

## **2. Qualification of GP's**

If the Plenum agrees, the UK-delegation is willing to provide a short questionnaire (analogue to the European Society-questionnaire) consulting the UEMO members about the qualification of GP's Title in/TV, general practice as a specialty...

## **3. Amending Directive (93/16/EEC)**

The actual state of the lobbying work was reported by each member state. The main issue should be the incorporation of (a minimum of) three years of specific training for general practice. Demanding a longer duration (e.g. minimum of five years) would presumably be totally unacceptable in Brussels and we could easily lose another 10 years waiting for a new directive. Therefore most of the member-states choose for a »real politic« asking for a minimal period of 3 years, bearing in mind that this should only be the first step towards longer duration, higher level of quality, a.s.o. As we are now entering the crucial race to the finish, we again strongly do advise each member-state to continue the lobbying work, as well to their National health Authorities as - for those involved - to their European members in Parliament and civil servants.

The working group will also ask the Plenum whether it would be advisable if our President dr. Cricelli should write to the relevant people in Brussels (CP, Council of Ministers) and this before the month of December. Hopely this would be the final uphill-climb.