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#### **QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING TITLE III / TITLE IV**

Considering the ongoing work at European level regarding the directive on the recognition of professional qualifications it has become apparent that UEMO needs to strengthen its position and develop a common approach to the Title III and Title IV questions.

On behalf of the Working Group on Specific Training please find below a questionnaire on this issue. Needless to say, it is of utmost importance that this questionnaire is answered by the Heads of Delegation as soon as possible. This will enable UEMO to develop its position on the matter. The answers from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Portugal and Sweden are particularly important as these countries have a specialty in general practice or family medicine. These countries are asked to give more detailed answers to the questions.

**Dr Roger Chapman is responsible of collecting the answers. When replying to the questionnaire, please send the answer to [uemo@uemo.org](mailto:uemo@uemo.org) with a copy to Dr Chapman at [roger@rgclbgp.demon.co.uk](mailto:roger@rgclbgp.demon.co.uk) Deadline for sending in the answers to the questionnaire is 26 April 2002 at the latest.**

#### **Questions**

1. Is general practice considered a “specialty” in your country?

DUTCH ANSWER:

Yes. According to Dutch law (The Individual Health Care Provisions Act) every graduated GP, educated according to the GP paragraph in EU Directive 93/16 is a medical specialist.

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2. Or does your country recognise a specialty of family medicine as separate from general practice?

DUTCH ANSWER:

No, as we do not know such a phenomena in our country. We have never known a specialty in family medicine separate from general practice. Reason might be that in our country general practitioners have existed already such a long time that general practice as such has been recognised in its own right, making the idea of creation of a medical specialty in family medicine not a logical thing to happen.

IF SO:

3. Do general practice and/or general practice as a specialty and/or family medicine co-exist in your country?
4. How does the work of the specialist in general practice/family medicine differ from the work of the general practitioner?
5. Is there any intention that the specialist in general practice/family medicine should replace/take over from the general practitioner?
6. How does the specialist in family medicine differ from the general practitioner in terms of;
  - Training
  - Certification
  - Recertification
  - Independence
  - System of payment and level of payment
  - Status within the health care system
7. Are there any other features or characteristics you think would be worth sharing with UEMO?

No, not for the moment.

Dutch UEMO delegation,  
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