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### UEMO 2002/082

#### Report of UEMO Working Group on CME/CPD

**Naxos, Sicily, 10 May 2002**

Chair: Dr. Peter Mortensen (DK)

Members: B, DK, IRL, NL, NO, CH, UK

Observers: Portugal, Iceland, Malta, Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, Croatia, Italy, Sweden, Slovenia.

1. Apologies had been received from the rapporteur, Dr. Henry Finnegan and it was agreed to invite Thomas Kennedy to serve as rapporteur in his absence.
2. The agenda was approved (UEMO 2002/026).
3. The report of the last meeting in Naples, October 2001 was approved, though it was noted there seemed to be an error in the document number - UEMO 2001/002 should have been 2002/002.
4. Report from the chair.  
The chairman noted he had not yet been able to produce the document he had suggested on re-accreditation but would work toward this for a coming meeting.
5. UEMS Basle Declaration (UEMO 2002/024) and comments on it by Dr. Peter Mortensen (UEMO 2002/027)  
These documents were discussed with a view to determining whether a consideration of the Basle document might be useful in helping to identify issues as background for a possible update of the UEMO document with special points of application for GPs in the

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area of CME/CPD. There were several points made that found summary expression from the British delegation that GPs should have freedom in their choice of CME/CPD, without supervision, but that these rights also involved duties of an ethical nature. The Irish delegation emphasized the importance of content and funding both in terms of money and time. There was general agreement that any incentive system should be in the positive form rather than the negative.

The chair concluded that he would attempt to draft an expanded paper on the background of the discussion and in communication with several of the delegations who had spoken on the issues, for presentation to the working group next time.

6. UEMS communications re EACCME and draft response from the chair (UEMO 2001/063, 2002/025, 2002/028 and 2002/067)

The chairman clarified that the original impression, that UEMS wanted UEMO to join the EACCME, seemed no longer to be the case. Rather the approach seemed to be an offer of advice on the matter of international Accreditation. The chair requested a discussion of the extent to which such advice might be useful at this time and how best to respond to the UEMS letters.

After discussion, it became evident that more information had to be gathered on the extent to which international accreditation was a problem in the national delegation countries. The chair proposed that : 1) this information be gathered via a survey from the working group, and 2) a letter be written to the UEMS to suggest a meeting with them to clarify their intention in their letter on this subject. It was agreed to propose these two actions to plenary.

7. Lay Representation - the UK Experience (UEMO 2002/033)

This document was presented by Dr. Iona Heath, who explained that it had proven effective and helpful for the GPs in some cases to ally with patients in determining CME needs, particularly where there was unreasonable interference from government.

In discussion it appeared that only few delegations were in contact with patient interest groups in their countries. The chairman thanked Dr. Heath for her report and for this elucidation of new ways of cooperation in this area.

8. Council directive proposal on "Continuous training" (UEMO 2002/007, Section 2, article 22.3): "Continuous training shall ensure, in accordance with the procedures specific to each Member State, that persons who have completed their studies are able to keep abreast of medical progress."

While there were no strong objections to the content of the single sentence proposal, there was some criticism of the wording, but general agreement to recommend that the proposal could be accepted in terms of the spirit of its meaning.

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