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Minutes of CME /CPD Working Group. Friday, 30th May, 2003, Stockholm, Sweden.

Chair: Dr. Peter Mortensen.

Rapporteur: Dr. Henry Finnegan.

Items 1 & 2.

The chairman welcomed delegates and received agreement on the agenda items. The minutes of the Florence Meeting , Oct. 2002, (UEMO 2002/155) were agreed. As the policy paper on CPD was agreed by the G.A. in Florence, it was suggested that the policy paper on CPD of G.P.s in Europe (UEMO 2002-119) be sent to relevant bodies.

Item 3. Questionnaire

The meeting decided to recommend to the General Assembly that questionnaire (UEMO 2000/042) , previously circulated to NMAs in 2000, be re-circulated for comparison purposes and to monitor the progress of CME activities, the introduction of obligatory CME, certification of CME providers, and resources and responsibilities for CME.

There was a discussion on the working method following **any** questionnaire . We suggest to the GA that for **all** questionnaires from UEMO that;

- Head of Delegation should ensure that questionnaires are answered,
 - This may be delegated to other members of the delegation but the head of delegation should remain responsible for the correspondence.
- The chair of each working group is responsible for ensuring Heads of Delegation actually respond.
 - It is suggested that respondents include their contact details (e-mail, telephone, fax) so that any ambiguities in interpreting answers may be clarified by the chair of the working group.
- Any questionnaires should be sent to NMAs as soon as possible after the GA meetings.

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In regard to the questionnaire on CME it was suggested that the preamble be revisited to expand on the reasons for this questionnaire and to add further clarifications on the definitions used in the document.

A category of 'not applicable' was agreed rather than 'no reply'. Two additional questions will be added to the questionnaire. These will be highlighted and, since they were not included previously, cannot be used for comparison purposes.

Item 4. Accreditation.

Following discussion on accreditation, it was felt that resource implications are considerable but that the profession should maintain an interest in this area. The issue of accrediting CME / CPD providers was discussed. The chair / rapporteur will produce a position paper for the next meeting.

Item 5. Financing of CME /CPD.

It was suggested that the draft CPME policy paper on funding of CME / CPD be noted by UEMO at this GA.

Item 6 Next Meeting.

The meeting will discuss:

- The issue of reappraisal / re-validation of individual doctors.
- The production of a position paper on the accreditation of providers (item 4.)

Dr. Henry Finnegan.