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Slovenian Response to the CME Questionnaire 2003

CME QUESTIONNAIRE 2003

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SLOVENIA

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Note concerning UEMO questionnaire on CME

Preamble

The objective of the enclosed questionnaire is to obtain a status for CME/CPD in the UEMO member organization countries. Since the current questionnaire is equivalent to that sent out three years ago, this will make it possible to form a basis for a written description of the development in CME/CPD in Europe.

As agreed in the CME working group, it was not considered sufficient to attempt to describe the status - there is a need for a more dynamic model by which the UEMO can continuously update its policy in order to keep pace of political developments and in order to facilitate the setting of political targets.

With the starting point in the information on national movements and targets concerning the themes identified in the questionnaire and the identification of national barriers against a desired development of conditions concerning CME, the need for change in the UEMO CME policy can be identified and initiated.

The last questionnaire was only answered by about 60 percent of the member organizations which caused difficulties drawing conclusions in analyzing the answers. Therefore, the Working group hopes that all the member organizations will answer this questionnaire as it will improve the quality of the data.

With regard to the transparency of the answers we have listed definitions of terms used in the questionnaire. These definitions are made after lengthy discussion in the Working group. However, the Working group is aware that there may be national conceptual divergence in the terms. If this is the case it therefore would be expedient if you mention such other definitions of the terms.

Please note that in this questionnaire there are three possible answers: yes no and N/A (not applicable)

In the case of questions please contact the chairman of the Working group, Peter Mortensen, e-mail pm@dadlnet.dk or telephone: +45 5678 8780.

Definition of terms employed

Accreditation - procedures by which an official organ confers formal recognition of the competence of an organization or individual to carry out specific tasks.

Certification - procedure by which a third party confers written assurance that a product, a system or a person fulfill certain specified ground requirements.

Registration - systematic documentation concerning an individual doctor's CME activities.

Registration systems can involve the setting of quantitative norms. By deciding what can be registered, qualitative norms are incorporated into the process.

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1. CME activities

Does national accreditation of CME activities exist? yes no
 N/A 1)

- if yes – is it by the state? yes
no N/A

- if yes – is it by the profession? yes
no N/A

- If yes - is there accreditation of individual courses? Yes no
N/A

- Accreditation for those offering CME? Yes
no N/A

- Accreditation of offers from the pharmaceutical industry? Yes no
N/A

How is the educational curriculum developed?

- Nationally? Some, yes
 no N/A

- Individually? yes no
 N/A

Is there national coordination of the CME curriculum? yes no
N/A

- Are there national or local colleges that are trained to take part
in CME activities (mentor functions)? Yes,
no N/A

Comments:

- Is the current status (or direction) desirable from the point
of view of the GP's? yes no
 N/A

- Are there specific barriers to the attainment of the goals set?
(use extra sheet if necessary)

Most attractive for Slovene GPs seem to be CME courses, which are clinically oriented; we have problems to attract GPs to come to courses on PHC oriented issues

2. Obligatory CME?

Do national requirements concerning obligatory CME exist? yes no
N/A

- If yes, are there sanctions? yes no
 N/A

- Economic sanctions? yes no
 N/A

- Is there possibility of losing the right to practice? yes no
N/A

- Other? yes no
 N/A

Please specify:

Comments:

- Is the current status (or direction) desirable from the point of view of the GP's? yes no
 N/A

- Are there specific barriers to the attainment of the goals set?
(use extra sheet if necessary)

__So far only attendance to CME courses is enough to get reaccreditation points, no active involvement is needed.

3. Does recertification take place?

(i.e. a procedure by which a third party certifies in writing that the individual doctor fulfills specified CME requirements?) yes no

N/A

- If yes, who is responsible for recertification? **Slovene Medical Chamber**

- Central authorities? yes no
 N/A

- Medical organizations? yes no
 N/A

- Other yes no
 N/A

Please specify:

Does recertification take place on the background of quantitative CME registration? yes no

N/A

- Are qualitative CME factors taken into consideration? yes no
N/A

Are special diplomas issued following completion of courses? yes no
N/A

- If yes, does this diploma system result in a form of sub-specialization of general practitioners in your country? yes no
N/A

Comments:

- Is the current status (or direction) desirable from the point of view of the GP's? yes no
 N/A

- Are there specific barriers to the attainment of the goals set? (use extra sheet if necessary)

_____ See above

4. Resources

Who finances CME?

- Doctors? yes no
 N/A

- The authorities? yes no
 N/A

- The industry? yes no
 N/A
(check one or more of the above)

Are there other inducements than economic ones? yes no
N/A

- For example, collegial recognition in academic organizations? yes no
N/A

- Other? yes no
 N/A

Please specify:

Most of CME is financed by health centres, employers of about 85% of Slovene GPs, individual contractors have to pay themselves (or get sponsors). _____

Comments:

- Is the current status (or direction) desirable from the point of view of the GP's? yes no
 N/A

- Are there specific barriers to the attainment of the goals set?
(use extra sheet if necessary)

Most of Slovene GPs are not interested or aggressive enough to make their employers send them to CME courses, although it is by law their privilege AND obligation!

5. Responsibilities

Are the medical political organizations directly involved in the responsibility for the individual doctor's CME activity? yes no
 N/A

- Is there in the system a policy formulated on this? yes no
N/A

- In this system are organizational instruments set up to help the individual? yes no
 N/A

- In this system are there action systems formulated and set in force? yes no
 N/A

Are the national academic organizations involved in the development of CME? yes no
 N/A

- Involved with the formulation of the requirements of the content of CME? yes no
 N/A

- With the gathering of data concerning CME? yes no
 N/A

Does organized registration of CME take place? yes no
N/A

Is a national policy formulated concerning registration? yes no
N/A

If yes:

- Is that policy formulated and set in force by the health authorities? yes no
 N/A

- By the medical association? yes no
 N/A

- By the academic organizations? yes no
 N/A

Comments:

- Is the current status (or direction) desirable from the point of view
of the GP's? yes no
 N/A

- Are there specific barriers to the attainment of the goals set?
(use extra sheet if necessary)

_____ None but the ones mentioned above.
