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Irish Response to the CME QUESTIONNAIRE 2003

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Ireland

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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
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- 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? **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)

2. Obligatory CME?

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

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

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- Other yes no
 N/A

Please specify:

Irish College of General Practitioners, I.C.G.P. ALONG WITH OTHER ACADEMIC COLLEGES (SURGEONS,PHYSICIAN,DBG) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING COURSES AND/OR CERTIFYING OTHERS TO PROVIDE COURSES/SEMINARS/STUDY DAY/SMALL GROUP MEETINGS CREDITABLE FOR C.A.S. CREDITS.

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?
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NORMALLY 1HOUR OF CME ACTIVITY = 1 CREDIT. ATTENDANCE AT SMALL GROUP CME OR OTHER CERTIFIED PARTICIPATIVE/INTERACTIVE MEETINGS ACCRUE 1HOUR OF SUCH ACTIVITY = 2 CREDITS. E.G. SMALL GROUP CME MEETING OF 2 HOURS DURATION = 4 CREDITS, 7 SUCH MEETINGS PER ANNUM = 28 CREDITS

DIPLOMATOSIS IS VALUABLE TO COLLEGES FOR FINANCIAL REASONS AND USEFUL TO JOB APPLICANTS AT INTERVIEWS.

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5. Responsibilities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If yes:

- Is that policy formulated and set in force by the health (*regulatory*) authorities? **yes X** no N/A

- By the medical association? yes **no X** N/A

- By the academic organizations? yes **no X** N/A

Comments:

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

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

70% of G.P.'s in Irealndattend some small group CME meetings per annum.

G.M.S. Contract holders get reimbursed through study leave arrangements. Those without contracts have to fund their C.M.E.

1) N/A = NOT APPLICABLE