

Workshop on Access to Medical Training in Europe

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Place

Andalusia School of Public Health in Granada

Dates

16-20th July 2012

Aims

General:

1. To compare the different structures of medical studies of Bachelor and Master and the access from the first to the second, to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different models and see how it affects the international mobility.
2. To compare the different ways of access and see how the residency is organized in various European countries.
3. To promote student's participation in the issues that affect them directly, and to also promote the values of cooperation and solidarity among the European people.
4. To create a database which would help a medical student in his decision to do the medical training in other European country.

Specific:

1. To evaluate how the different types of structure of medical studies influence the access to the residency in other European country.
2. To see how the various structures of residency in Europe affect the mobility and the European work market.
3. To suggest solutions in order to facilitate the mobility to receive specialized medical training in other European countries and to promote the mobility during the residency.

4. To elaborate a guide to the medical training in Europe, that would contain a description of the different residency systems and the access to them, in order to facilitate the information to the students interested in receiving their medical training abroad.
5. To propose alternative models of recognition and evaluation that would allow the mobility during the residency and the recognition of the abilities and competences in other countries of European Union.
6. To motivate the students from those countries that cannot attend the Workshop to collaborate in the project and to bring back the existing project, which is the Residency Database, so that it would include as many countries as possible.

Brief description of the activity

The workshop on the Access to Medical Training in Europe is a workshop focused on the debate and spreading of the current problems in the structure of the residency and its influence on the free mobility within the European Union Area.

The outcomes of this event will be published in a guide to the medical training in Europe, which will appear on IFMSA webpage and in other free access media, in order to provide this information to any students interested in receiving their medical training abroad.

Contents

The workshop will be composed of various topic-related parts that reflect the aims, general and specific, exposed in this document:

1. The structure of the medical studies in Europe: length, bachelor-master-residency and the access from the lower to the higher. Recognition of the bachelor title in the countries where the medical students finish with the title of master.
2. Access to the medical training in Europe: requisites, exams, procedures, regulation.
3. Structure of the residency: length, rotations, mobility?, regulation, competences of the trainee doctor, issuing of the specialist title, recognition of the title on European level.
4. Writing of the Guide to the Medical Training in Europe, including the comparison of the different models of residency that exist in Europe.

Activities

1. Previous training and debate: before the workshop we will send a handbook with all the recommended materials and suggestions about where to look for the specific information in the different countries, that the participants should read before attending the workshop.

There will be a mailing list for all those interested, not only those who will attend the workshop, where we will discuss the key topics of the workshop. In this way, we will be able to assure a similar level of knowledge from the first day, and therefore exploit the workshop as much as possible.

2. Small Working Group during EuRegMe to discuss some key points of the programme, in order to assure the best preparation of the attendants.
3. Workshop: we will be using different methodologies focused on the active participation of the attendants and peer-to-peer education:
 - a. Communication of various speakers and experts
 - b. Debate
 - c. Small working groups to edit the Guide.
4. Compile the conclusions: we will use the last day to do the final editing of the guide, so that it might be published on the webpage before the AM2012, where we will present the outcomes.
5. Follow-up: the guide could be updated periodically, including some changes to the systems or information about the countries that were not included originally.

The structure of the Workshop

MONDAY 16	TUESDAY 17	WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20
Arrival	Oral communication: The structure of the Medical Studies in Europe	SWG: Basic structure of the medical training in Europe. Oral communication: What is the medical training and how it works in Europe?	Plenary session: making comparisons between the different models of medical training.	Plenary session: Final conclusion and evaluation of the workshop
Opening ceremony Introduction of the participants	SWG: Access to the Medical Training	Oral communication: Mobility during the medical training. SWG: Comparison of the medical studies in Europe	SWG: Evaluation of the residency and recognition in the EU countries.	Departure

Tuesday 17th. Morning session

“The structure of medical studies in Europe”

Ioana Goganau, SCOME-D

45 minutes. Oral communication about the general aspects of medical studies in Europe. Afterwards, we will divide in small groups, where the participants will discuss the structure in their countries. Finally, we will edit a document that will depict the different structures of medical studies in Europe. There will be a moderator in each small group to regulate the time and guide the debate.

Tuesday 17th. Afternoon session

“Access to the medical training: requisites, exams, procedures and regulation”

All the participants will present how is the access to the medical training in their countries, what are the requisites, etc. in small communications of 5-10 minutes each. The main objective is to explain to the others how do you pass from one stage in your medical studies to the next (Bachelor to Master to Residency). In the end we will edit a document containing all this information and the comparison of the different systems.

The previous work is very important in this session. The participants need to prepare for it beforehand looking up all the relevant information about the requisites and procedures in the access to the medical training.

Wednesday 18th. Morning session

“The structure of the residency in European countries: rotations, mobility, regulation, recognition and competences of the medical interns”

During the first half of the morning the participants will make a brief presentation on the basic structure of medical training in their countries, including the information about how many years and if there is a part common to several specialties.

Afterwards, there will be a small oral communication about what is the medical training in Europe, providing a global vision on the legislation and the recognition of specialists titles in Europe.

In the last part of the morning, there will be a discussion, where the participants will be able to express their opinion on the organizations that elaborate and supervise the medical training curriculum.

Wednesday 18th. Afternoon session

“International mobility during the residency”

Oral communication followed by a work in small groups, where the participants will compare the different issues exposed in the morning, such as the structure of the medical training, its legislation, the curriculum and supervision, or the mobility. This will occupy the rest of the afternoon.

Thursday 19th. Morning session

Presentation of the conclusions reached in the SWG, the comparisons made, similarities and differences that they found. All this information will be contained in a document, that will be edited during the morning session.

Thursday 19th. Afternoon session

“Evaluation of the medical training and recognition of the specialist title in Europe”

The delegates will explain how is the medical training evaluated in their countries and what institutions are in charge of it.

As in the rest of the workshop, all this information will be included in a document containing all the different models.

Friday 20th. Morning session

This will be the concluding session, where will discuss the conclusions derived from the workshop about the medical training in Europe. We will put together all the documents elaborated during the workshop, editing the Guide to the Medical Training in Europe, which will be the final outcome of the Workshop.

We will also evaluate the workshop and have a small discussion suggesting ideas to solve the problems we have found in the medical training.