

## **Introduction of the European Board of Internal Medicine Curriculum Project**

The European Board of Internal Medicine (EBIM), formed jointly by the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM) and the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) Section of Internal Medicine, is in the process of developing a European curriculum in internal medicine. The main purpose is to facilitate the harmonization of internal medicine training and qualification at the European level. The EBIM Curriculum Committee, which is responsible for constructing and drafting the curriculum, comprises 4 representatives from EFIM, 3 from the UEMS Section of Internal Medicine and 2 from the Young Internists Assembly.

This challenging project was first introduced at the EFIM Administrative Council meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, in May of 2014, and a progress report was presented at the EFIM Administrative Council meeting and the UEMS Section of Internal Medicine meeting in Tartu, Estonia, in September the same year. The principal goal is to develop a standard curriculum for specialty training in internal medicine which is applicable to all nations belonging to the European Community as well as member countries of UEMS and EFIM. An additional aim is to create a core curriculum in internal medicine that may serve as a foundation for the first 2 years of training in medical specialties other than internal medicine.

The curriculum will contain recommendations regarding educational framework, objectives, content, desired outcomes and administrative oversight of a training programme in internal medicine. The focal point will be the minimum competencies in internal medicine that all trainees should have acquired on completion of a training programme. In addition to standards for training in internal medicine, the curriculum may serve as a guidance for maintenance of competence of qualified internists. The curriculum will be trainee-centered and attempts will be made to address the perspective of patients and the needs of the population in the European countries.

The intention is to have a final draft of the curriculum ready for review in the spring of 2015. The national internal medicine societies in Europe will be invited to participate and provide their input in the final stages. For this purpose, meetings with representatives of national societies from several regions (macro-regions) in Europe will be organised where members of the EBIM Curriculum Committee will present the curriculum draft. All comments received from the national representatives will be seriously considered during revision of the draft and production of a final version of the curriculum. The plan is to present the internal medicine curriculum to the EFIM Administrative Council and the UEMS Council for approval in the autumn of 2015.

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