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SPECIJALIZACIJA IZ INFEKTOLOGIJE I EUROPSKA UNIJA

Union Europeene des Medicines Specialistes je međunarodna organizacija europskih zemalja, osnovana 20.VII.1958. god u Rimu, s ciljem poboljšanja medicinske znanosti i prakse u europskim zemljama, a danas je stručna organizacija EU (Europske Unije).

Glavna je zadaća ove organizacije:

– Održati stalnu i primjerenu kvalitetu edukacije liječnika specijalista kroz ujednačen program specijalizacija raznih medicinskih struka.

– Brinuti se za kvalitetu trajne medicinske edukacije (continous medical education (CME)) kao dio šireg programa trajnog stručnog razvoja (continous medical development (CPD)) za sve liječnike zemalja europske zajednice i one koje će to postati.

Osnovna je svrha ovakovih nastojanja da liječnici specijalisti budu educirani na jednakoj razini i da se omogući slobodno kretanje stručnjaka, odnosno da priznat specijalist u jednoj europskoj zemlji bude jednako priznat i u drugoj i može bez posebne nostrifikacije raditi posao specijaliste određene struke.

Centralni ured UEMS-a je u Brusselsu, a do sada organizacija broji 37 specijalističkih sekcija (alergologija, interna, infektologija, mikrobiologija, neurologija itd.), te četiri multidisciplinarne (intenzivna medicina, pedijatrija, urologija, kirurgija šake i sekcija za liječenje boli).

Nacionalne medicinske organizacije 37 zemalja su stalne članice, a četiri su pridružene.

Svako nacionalno društvo ima po dva delegata u svakoj specijalističkoj stručnoj sekciji, a zemlje koje nemaju specijalizacije iz određenog područja koje traži EU, mogu poslati svoje promatrače u UEMS, dok se ne uspostavi određena specijalizacija.

Sekcija za Infektivne bolesti je ustanovljena u ožujku 1997. god., i prvi predsjednik je bila Barbara Bannister, infektolog iz Londona.

Svake godine održava se najmanje jedan sastanak Sekcije u jednom od europskih gradova.

Infektologija kao struka dobiva i danas u suvremenom svijetu sve više na značenju, te je vrlo snažna preporuka UEMS-a da se ta specijalizacija mora uvesti u sve europske zemlje (a samo je nekolicina još nema, kao Španjolska, Austrija).

U svrhu postizanja osnovnog razloga zbog kojeg je UEMS osnovana, i Sekcija za infektologiju intenzivno radi na izradi:

- europskog zajedničkog programa specijalizacije iz infektologije
- europskog modela »log book« za vrijeme specijalizacije
- europskog modela kontrole programa specijalizacije
- programa trajne medicinske edukacije za područje infektologije (CME)

Osim toga radi se na usuglašavanju jedinstvenog radnog vremena za liječnike u svim zemljama EU itd.

Program specijalizacije iz infektologije za svaku zemlju članicu mora sadržavati zajednički minimum (common trunk), koji će omogućiti kretanje i rad specijalista među europskim zemljama, a svaka zemlja ima pravo, da prema svojim nacionalnim interesima ostatak programa specijalizacije kreira sama.

Odgovornost za program ne preuzima UEMS, nego nacionalne institucije, koje moraju osigurati adekvatan broj mentora za specijalizante i primjerene ustanove gdje se specijalizacija može obavljati, a sve u skladu s propisima EU.

Specijalizacija ne može trajati manje od 5 godina, a od toga minimalno dvije godine programa »opće« interne medicine, nakon završenog staža (internship).

Program trajne medicinske edukacije i program trajnog stručnog razvoja ili usavršavanja mora također biti u skladu s propozicijama UEMS-a i zbog toga je osnovana *European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education* (EACCME), koji se sastoji od stručnjaka za svako područje i ocijeniti će predloženi program edukacije.

Sekcija za infektologiju pri UEMS-u je razvila sistem za ocjenu i nadzor trajne medicinske edukacije, na europskoj razini, aktivno surađujući s *European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases* (ESCMID), čiji su članovi poznati stručnjaci Sekcije za infektivne bolesti, te predstavnici Izvršnog povjerenstva ESCMID-a.

Hrvatsko društvo za infektivne bolesti HLZ postalo je članom UEMS-a u studenom 1997. god., nekoliko mjeseci nakon što je ta Sekcija osnovana pri EU, ispunivši niz upitnika i odgovorivši na niz vrlo konkretnih pitanja o sustavu edukacije u našoj zemlji.

Hrvatsko društvo za infektivne bolesti je bilo prvo stručno društvo Hrvatskog liječničkog zbora, koje je postalo članom UEMS-a, izuzetnim zalaganjem prof. dr. sc. Tatjane Jeren, predsjednice HDIB – HLZ, koja je ujedno bila i prvi delegat u toj europskoj organizaciji, a od jeseni 2002. god. delegat je i doc. dr. sc. Adriana Vince.

Zbog vrlo aktivnog sudjelovanja u radu, nakon statusa promatrača u trajanju od godine dana, unaprijeđeni smo u status pridruženog člana, a 2004. god. smo postali redovitim članom UEMS-a, što je velika počast, jer naša zemlja još službeno nije članica EU.

Prije tri godine istakli smo kandidaturu da se jedan od sastanaka UEMS-a održi u Hrvatskoj i eto ove godine nam je pripala ta časna dužnost, te smo od 9.–11. rujna 2005. organizirali sastanak UEMS-a – Sekcije za infektivne bolesti u Dubrovniku u hotelu Excelsior.

Sudjelovali su članovi iz 21 europske zemlje, divili se ljepotama Dubrovnika i pohvalili organizaciju stručnog dijela sastanka, na kojem se dalje raspravljalo o trajnoj medicinskoj edukaciji, načinima aplikacije za vrednovanje tih tečajeva i sl. od strane Europskog odbora te radnom vremenu liječnika.

Uredništvo



Editorial

SPECIALIZATION IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

Union Europeene des Medicines Specialistes – European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) is an international association of European countries, founded on July 20, 1958 in Rome, aimed at improving medical sciences and practice in the European countries. Today it is a professional association of the European Union.

The objectives of the UEMS are:

- to maintain permanent and adequate training of medical specialists, on the highest level, through a harmonized specialization program of various medical professions;
- to study and promote continuous medical education (CME) programs as part of a wider continuous medical development (CMD) for all current and future country members of the European Union.

The objective of such program is to ensure equal level of education to all medical specialists and to ensure free movement of specialist doctors within the European Union.

UEMS central office is in Bruxelles, and to date, the Union has 37 specialist sections (allergology, internal medicine, infectious diseases, microbiology, neurology, et.) and four multidisciplinary sections (intensive care medicine, paediatrics, urology, hand surgery and pain management). National medical organisations of 37 countries are full members and four are associate members.

Every national medical society has two representatives in each specialist section, and those countries that have no specialisation program in a particular medical field can send their observers to the UEMS, until certain specialization is established in their country.

UEMS Section of Infectious Diseases was founded in March 1997, and the first president was Barbara Bannister, an ID specialist from London.

Each year at least one meeting of the Infectious Disease Section is held in one of the European cities.

Specialization in infectious diseases is becoming more and more recognized and the UEMS strongly recommends that this specialization should be introduced to all European countries (only a few countries have no specialization in infectious diseases, such as Spain and Austria).

In order to reach basic objectives of the UEMS, Section of Infectious Diseases intensely works on the development of:

- common European specialization program in infectious diseases
- European model of keeping »log book« during specialization period
- European model of specialization program control
- continuous medical education (CME) programs for infectious diseases

Also, a lot has been done in synchronization of working hours for medical doctors working in the EU member countries.

Specialization program in infectious diseases must contain a common trunk for each member state, that would ensure free movement and work of medical specialists in all European countries, and each country has the right to create the rest of the specialization program according to its particular national interests.

National institutions themselves, and not the UEMS, are responsible for the implementation of the specialization program as well as for ensuring adequate number of mentors for interns and appropriate institutions where specialization can be performed, according to the EU regulations.

Specialization should not last less than five years, of which minimum two years of the program should cover »general internal medicine« after internship.

Continuous medical education programs should also be harmonized with the UEMS regulations and therefore the *European Accreditation Council for Continuous Medical Education* (EACCME) was founded, members of which come from each particular area of medicine and evaluate proposed education programs.

UEMS Section of Infectious Diseases developed a system of evaluation and control of continuous medical education on the European level, actively collaborating with the *European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases* (ESCMID), members of which are established experts from the UEMS Section of Infectious Diseases and representatives of the ESCMID Executive Board.

The Croatian Society of Infectious Diseases of the Croatian Medical Association has become a member of the UEMS in November 1997, a few months after the Section was founded, after filling out several questionnaires and answering many concrete questions about the Croatian education system.

The Croatian Society of Infectious Diseases was the first professional society of the Croatian Medical Association to become a member of the UEMS, thanks to exceptional efforts of the Professor Tatjana Jeren, the president of the Croatian Society of Infectious Diseases. Professor Jeren was the first Croatian representative in this European association, and since fall 2002, assistant professor Adriana Vince also joined.

Thanks to active participation in the UEMS activities, after the observer status lasting for a year, Croatia has been promoted to associate member, and since 2004 it became a full member of the UEMS, which is a great privilege since Croatia is still not a member of the EU.

Three years ago Croatia proposed to host one of the future UEMS meetings, and this year, September 9–11, the meeting of the UEMS Section of Infectious Diseases was held in Dubrovnik, hotel Excelsior.

Members of twenty one European countries participated, admired the beauties of Dubrovnik and praised organisation of the meeting where further discussions were held regarding CME programs, accreditation of such programs by the EACCME and medical doctors working hours.

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