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CESP-SUBSECTION

PAEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY MEDICINE

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2002

After the Committee on Paediatric Respiratory Training in Europe (chaired by the subsection representative = liaison officer to the Paediatric Assembly of the European Respiratory Society) had finished its work on compiling a European list of Paediatric Respiratory training centres, and after having obtained the endorsement of the various national Paediatric societies for publication of this list, the subsection concentrated its efforts in the first half of the year on publishing the training syllabus and this list of training centres. To this end, the undersigned liaison officer had several discussions with various officials of the European Respiratory Society.

As the result of these negotiations, the syllabus was accepted for publication in the European Respiratory Journal; this publication appeared in print in the December 2002 issue (Eur Respir J 2002; 20: 1587-1593). In addition, the syllabus and the complete European training centre list were positioned on the web-site of the society and are accessible via: www.ersnet.org (proceed to Paediatric Assembly). This web-publication of the training centre list allows for continuous updating; anybody requesting a change or amendment must go through the liaison officer. In addition, both pieces, syllabus and training centre list, are intended to appear as a special publication of the European School of Respiratory Medicine which is currently in press.

Having thus accomplished the publication of the work of the preceding years, the subsection proceeded into discussing a concept of European training centre visitations. This topic was raised at the Long Range Planning Committee meeting of the ERS Paediatric Assembly in the course of the 2002 ERS congress in Stockholm. Various strategies were discussed but it was decided that a definitive concept for such a visitation program should not be elaborated by one CESP subsection alone, but should rather be planned in a cooperation of all tertiary care specialities in CESP. In compliance with this concept, the liaison officer of this subsection contributed to the discussions on the tertiary care centre visitation program at the December meeting of the European Board of Paediatrics. Once CESP has developed guidelines for such a visitation program, the ERS Paediatric Assembly will strive to translate these guidelines into a running visitation program for Paediatric Respiratory training centres in Europe.

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