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PAEDIATRIC HAEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2002

SIOP Europe and ESPHI set up their joint Education and Training Committee in May 2000 with the remit to prepare a Training Programme for consideration by the European Board of Paediatrics (EBP) in December 2000, and then to undertake work to facilitate its implementation. The Committee included members from eight European countries. Information on existing training programmes and comments on a draft European programme prepared by the Committee were sought from all the EC and EEA countries and Switzerland. The resulting revised draft received general support from all the paediatric haematology and oncology societies from these countries (or individual centres if there is no national society), and from the Boards of SIOPE and ESPHI, although it was noted that implementation might present some difficulties, and the programme would be subject to changes with time and experience. The programme was approved by the EBP in December 2000, by CESP in May 2001 and by the European Union of Medical Specialties (UEMS) in October 2001. Consequently, Paediatric Haematology and Oncology is now recognised in Europe as a subspecialty of Paediatrics.

The next phase of work undertaken by the Committee has been to draw the Programme to the attention of the Societies of Paediatrics and of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology in each country, and to identify the centres in each able to provide training in the specialty. Letters were sent to the Presidents of the Societies of Paediatrics in each country on March 19, 2000 and October 14, 2002 and to the national Societies of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology on November 1, 2002. These asked for comments on the programme and on its implementation and for a list of centres which provide training. So far replies have been received only from Denmark, Eire, Germany, Greece, Spain and the United Kingdom.

These are summarised in Appendices I and II.

The European Training Programme was also advertised by publication in full in the SIOP newsletter and on SIOP's website. Every member of ESPHI was sent a copy

and a summary will appear shortly in Medical and Pediatric Oncology. Both the European Journal of Pediatrics and the European Journal of Cancer agreed to publicise the programme in their Announcements/News sections.

Following the guidelines offered in UEMS's Charter on the Visitation of Training Centres, 1997, the Education and Training Committee has drawn up a checklist for centres to use when applying for a visit for European Accreditation to provide training in Paediatric Haematology and Oncology. This document is attached and CESP is asked to approve it at its meeting during May 1-4, 2003. Another document to be used by the Accreditation team at a visit and for the Report of the visit is also attached for CESP's approval.

To date no pilot European visits have been undertaken, but there are plans for two or three members of the Education and Training Committee to attend visits in the UK during 2003, as observers.

The Education and Training Committee has been trying to identify courses suitable for trainees, particularly to cover Module 1 of the Programme, the Scientific Basis of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology. Following discussions between representatives of SIOPE and ESPHI and the European Haematology Association, it has been agreed that a European course for 60-80 participants will be held in Italy in October 2003 by the EHA, with support from SIOPE and ESPHI. This course will cover some of Module 1 and if successful will cover the remaining haematology topics during the next two courses in 2004 and 2005. Discussions are in progress with members of the European School of Oncology to see whether similar courses to cover the oncology topics in Module 1 could be provided.

Also, SIOPE has agreed to publicise on its website national courses and meetings which officers of the national Paediatric Haematology and Oncology Associations in Europe consider to be suitable for trainees.

Future work for the Education and Training Committee will include considering how the progress of trainees undertaking the European Training programme will be monitored and assessed.

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