As mentioned in the 2001 report, at the annual meeting in Berlin The Section of Paediatrics of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SP-EAACI) set up an Education and Training Committee – Pediatric Allergology (ETC-PA). At that meeting the priorities of ETC-PA were discussed, and it was decided to include representatives from both EU member states and non EU member states in ETC-PA.

In connection with the annual meeting of the Section on Pediatric – EAACI in Padova, Italy a workshop on Education and Training in Pediatric Allergology was held on February 10th, 2002. Thirteen participants representing eleven European countries attended that meeting where the current situation of Paediatric Allergology in the European countries was reported by the national delegates and discussed. This discussion continued later on June 2nd 2002 at a Meeting held during the EAACI Congress in Naples.

The priorities of the ETC-PA are:

- a well functioning ETC-PA with representatives from all European countries.
- implementation of the Training Syllabus in Pediatric Allergology including recognition of training centres.
- visitation of training centres/certification.
- evaluation/assessment of trainees.
- supervision and monitoring of training standards and needs.
- appropriate CME.
- cooperation with EBP (European Board of Pediatrics) and NB (National Bodies).

The national representatives have been asked to seek endorsement from their National Pediatric Societies that they are recognized as the national delegates in our ETC-PA. By help from the national delegates/representatives a list of Training Centres in Pediatric Allergology meeting the demands described in the Training Syllabus in Pediatric Allergology is now being elaborated. It is our hope that this list will be completed briefly. In the near future it may be appropriate to form sub-groups within ETC-PA to address some of the priorities.

Some doctors are presenting their curricula in order to be recognized as European Paediatric Allergists. It is required, however, that CESP and the Board of Paediatrics define the rules for the European accreditation of individual Paediatric Subspecialists. It is also important that a Chart on Visititation of training centers/Certification is also approved by CESP and the Board of Paediatrics, so that the subsection on Paediatric Allergology tries to implement a tertiary care center visitation program.

The Training Syllabus on Paediatric Allergology has been updated and will be published briefly in the Journal “Paediatric Allergy and Immunology”.

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