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1) Accreditations

The Accreditation Commission, in a series of eight meetings, discussed the reports and recommendations made by its Permanent Working Group on Medicine and Health. A total of 148 applications for accreditation were evaluated. Of the 148 applications, 10 dealt with various study programs from the 5 universities listed in the enclosed table entitled "Accreditation of Study Programs". The Commission recommended accreditation for 6 of these study programs, and recommended nonaccreditation for 4 of them, as indicated in the table by "yes" for a recommendation of accreditation, and by "no" for a recommendation of nonaccreditation. The remaining 138 applications were dealt with as explained below in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4.

2) Accreditation of procedures for awarding associate and full professorships

The Commission, as required by the Higher Education Institutions Act (Article 82), evaluated 119 applications for accreditation of procedures for awarding associate and full professorships. The applications came from seven medical schools, plus the Military Medical Academy. Of the 119 applications, the Commission recommended accreditation for 73, and recommended nonaccreditation for 46, as indicated in the enclosed table entitled "Accreditation of Procedures for Awarding Associate and Full Professorships".

The recommendations for nonaccreditation were, for the most part, based on the fact that the applicant did not have an alumnus, during the last four years, in a graduate student program equivalent to a Ph.D program, such program being a prerequisite, under the Higher Education Institutions Act (Article 82), for the right to award associate and full professorships.

3) Accreditation of non-university-type higher education institutions

The Commission evaluated two applications.

One of the applications, from a private nursing school located in Prague, was for a program in nursing and midwifery. The Commission's recommendation was for nonaccreditation. The Commission requires that 60 percent of basic science subjects at non-university-type higher education institutions be taught by instructors with a Ph.D degree. Since the applicant school did not meet this requirement, the recommendation was for nonaccreditation based on insufficient staffing.

The other application, from a private nursing school located in Pilsen, was for a program in midwifery. The Commission recommended accreditation.

4) Accreditation of master degree programs of medical schools

The remaining 17 applications are explained in this paragraph.

Of these 17 applications, 7 were for medical school programs that are required by law to be re-accredited. More specifically, the programs are required to be re-accredited pursuant to an amendment to the Higher Education Institutions Act, which was enacted to bring the Czech

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Republic into compliance with the standards of the European Community on master degree programs. The Commission recommended re-accreditation for all 7 of these programs.

The next 5 applications were for reaccreditations for programs in stomatology, one application each from the 1st Medical School in Prague, and from the medical schools in Pilsen, Hradec Kralove, Olomouc, and Brno. These programs are required to be reaccredited for the reason stated in the immediately preceding paragraph. The Commission recommended reaccreditation for all 5 of these programs; provided, however, that such reaccreditation be only for the time period for students admitted into the programs in the current academic year, to graduate from the programs.

The final 5 applications were for reaccreditations for programs in dentistry, one application each from the 1st Medical School in Prague, and from the medical schools in Pilsen, Hradec Kralove, Olomouc, and Brno. The Commission recommended reaccreditation for all 5 of these programs; provided, however, such reaccreditation to take effect upon the commencement of the academic year 2004/2005.

5) Other activities

a) The Chairman of the Permanent Working Group on Medicine and Health participated in the DentEdEvolves Thematic Network Project organized by the General Dental Council of the United Kingdom to discuss European convergence in accreditation standards for dental education. The participants acknowledged and appreciated the work of the Accreditation Commission and its Working Group, and also unanimously approved the study plans proposed for new dentistry programs at Czech Universities.

b) Two members of the Working Group resigned. They were replaced by professors of the 1st and 3rd Medical Schools of Charles University.

c) The membership of the Working Group was also increased by one additional member, by the appointment to the Working Group of Professor S. Byma, M.D., Ph.D. Professor Byma is Chairman of the Group for Non-Medical Health Education of the Ministry of Health.

6) Objectives of the Working Group for 2004

a) Evaluate all of the study programs at each of the seven Czech medical schools, such evaluations to include on-site visits at which special consideration will be given to the following: quality assessments made by students in the respective programs; the quality of clinical teaching; and, the quality of faculty publications.

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Accreditation of Study Programs

Charles University in Prague	Name of course	Leading to degree	Result
1st School of Medicine	History of medicine	PhD	No
2nd School of Medicine	Nursing	bachelor	Yes
	Midwifery	bachelor	Yes
	Radiological assistant	bachelor	Yes
3rd School of Medicine	Parasitology	PhD	Yes
Masaryk University in Brno			
School of Medicine	Laboratory methods	bachelor	No
	Management of clinical data	bachelor	No
Palacký University in Olomouc			
School of Medicine	Economics and health management	master	Yes
Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem			
School of Pedagogy	Physiotherapy	bachelor	No
Ostrava University in Ostrava			
School of Social and Health Sciences	Laboratory methods in public health	master	Yes
	Public health protection	master	Yes

Accreditation of Procedures for Awarding Associate and Full Professorships

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University	Degree	Field	Result
Palacký University in Olomouc School of Medicine	P	Anatomy	
	P	Gynecology and obstetrics	NO
	P	Histology and embryology	NO
	P	Hygiene and epidemiology	YES
	P	Medical biology	YES
	P	Medical Biophysics	YES
	P	Medical genetics	YES
	AP	Medical Immunology	YES
	P	Medical physiology	YES
	P	Neurology	YES
	P	Pathology	YES
	P	Pathophysiology	YES
	P	Pediatrics	NO
	P	Psychiatry	YES
Charles University in Prague 1st School of Medicine	P	Anatomy	NO
	P	Anesthesiology	NO
	P	Clinical biochemistry	YES
	P	Dermatovenereology	NO
	P	Forensic medicine	NO
	P	Histology and embryology	YES
	P	History of Medicine	NO
	P	Hygiene and epidemiology	YES
	P	Industrial medicine	YES
	P	Medical biology	YES
	P	Medical biophysics	YES
	P	Medical genetics	YES
	P	Medical Immunology	YES
	P	Medical Informatics	YES
	P	Medical microbiology	YES
	P	Medical pharmacology	YES
	P	Neurology	NO
	P	Neurosurgery	YES
	P	Nuclear medicine	YES
	P	Oncology	YES
	P	Ophthalmology	YES
	P	Otorhinolaryngology	YES
	P	Pathology	YES
	P	Pathophysiology	NO
	P	Pediatrics	NO
	P	Psychiatry	YES
	P	Radiology	NO
	P	Rehabilitation medicine	YES
	P	Sexuology	NO
	AP	Sports medicine	NO
P	Stomatology	NO	
P	Urology	NO	

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University	Degree	Field	Result	
Charles University in Prague 2nd School of Medicine	P	Forensic medicine	NO	
	P	Gynecology and obstetrics	NO	
	P	Histology a embryology	NO	
	P	Hygiene and epidemiology	NO	
	P	Internal medicine	NO	
	P	Medical biology	YES	
	P	Medical chemistry and biochemistry	NO	
	P	Nuclear medicine	NO	
	P	Oncology	NO	
	AP	Orthopedics	NO	
	P	Otorhinolaryngology	YES	
	P	Pathology	YES	
	P	Pathophysiology	YES	
	P	Pediatrics	YES	
	P	Radiology	NO	
	AP	Rehabilitation medicine	NO	
	P	Sports medicine	NO	
	P	Surgery	YES	
	AP	Urology	NO	
	3rd School of Medicine			YES
		AP	Anesthesiology	YES
P		Dermatovenereology	YES	
AP		Gynecology and obstetrics	NO	
P		Histology a embryology	YES	
P		Hygiene and epidemiology	YES	
P		Medical physiology	NO	
P		Neurology	NO	
P		Ophthalmology	NO	
AP		Orthopedics	YES	
P		Pathology	NO	
P		Pediatrics	NO	
P		Plastic surgery	YES	
P		Psychiatry	YES	
P		Surgery	YES	
Medical School in Pilsen	P	Anatomy	YES	
	P	Anesthesiology	YES	
	P	Dermatovenereology	YES	
	P	Gynecology and obstetrics	NO	
	P	Hygiene and epidemiology		
	P	Medical Informatics	NO	
	P	Medical pharmacology	NO	
	AP	Orthopedics	YES	
	P	Otorhinolaryngology	NO	
	P	Pathology	YES	
	P	Pathophysiology	NO	
	AP	Psychiatry	YES	
	P	Social medicine	NO	
	P	Stomatology	YES	
	P	Surgery	YES	
	AP	Urology	YES	

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Charles University in Prague			
Medical School in Hradec Kralove			
	AP	Gynecology and obstetrics	YES
	AP	Hygiene and epidemiology	YES
	P	Medical biology	YES
	P	Medical immunology	NO
	AP	Neurology	NO
	AP	Neurosurgery	NO
	AP	Radiology	YES
	AP	Stomatology	YES
Masaryk University in Brno			
School of Medicine			
	P	Dermatovenereology	YES
	P	Histology and embryology	YES
	P	Hygiene and epidemiology	YES
	P	Medical chemistry and biochemistry	NO
	P	Medical microbiology	YES
	P	Medical pharmacology	YES
	P	Neurology	YES
	P	Pathology	YES
	P	Pathophysiology	YES
	P	Psychiatry	YES
	P	Radiology	YES
Military Medical Academy			
	AP	Medical microbiology	NO
	P	Military internal medicine	YES
	AP	Military radiobiology	YES
	P	Military surgery	YES
	P	Toxicology	YES

P – full professor

AP – associate professor