SPECIALIST ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

MEDICAL

ANNUAL REPORT

2008
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FORWARD

I have great pleasure in presenting the fifth Annual Report of the Medical Specialist Accreditation Committee. Our aim is to ensure that doctors admitted to the medical specialist lists are capable of competent, safe and independent practice in their area of expertise. The public can be confident of the quality of care delivered by medical specialists as they have successfully undertaken the necessary training and experience.

During the past year the Committee has processed the remaining applications under the “grandfathering criteria” including cases were our decisions have been overturned by the Appeals Board mainly due to disparities in training and experience required for specialist status.

During the past year, structured postgraduate training is firmly in place. The Postgraduate Training Centre and Lead Training Coordinator have worked hard to support the Training Coordinators and the Specialist Training Committees. However there is clearly need for significantly more resources both human and monetary to be deployed in this area, including the need to streamline the bureaucratic hurdles which are in place. Postgraduate training must have an adequate budget and human resources in order to be delivered to a high standard. The difficulties in trainee progression need to be urgently addressed by all the stakeholders.

The SAC was also involved with Dutch partners in an EU training and review project ‘Free movement of Health Care Professionals”. The SAC together with the other Regulatory Councils focused on capacity building with particular reference to the correct implementation of EU Directive 2005/36. Several training events were delivered to a large audience. Reports and training materials have been placed on the website www.sahha.gov.mt/entities/freemovement.html. In addition recommendations on the future organisation and direction for the Regulatory Councils were made and these are being considered for implementation.

The Specialist Lists are published online by the Medical Council on www.sahha.gov.mt. These are amended on a weekly basis. Specialists are encouraged to ensure that their details are accurate. Those who do not maintain their yearly retention fees with the Medical Council are removed from the published lists.

Our work plan for 2009 includes curriculum development and assessment criteria, emphasis on Continuing Professional Development for registered specialists and quality assurance of established Training Programmes.

I extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee for their commitment and co-operation during the past year. Thanks are especially due to the outgoing Registrar Mr Michael Bonnici for his hard work and dedication.

Dr. Mariella Borg Buontempo
CHAIRPERSON
INTRODUCTION TO ANNUAL REPORT

The fifth year of the Specialist Accreditation Committee was dominated by the continuation of the Training Programmes which started during the previous year.

This was not an easy exercise since much depended on the development of the programme - on the one hand adhering to the rules adopted by the UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialties) as well as adapting of a methodology suitable to our system. The appointment of training coordinators and their willingness to make their experience and knowledge available will ensure that medical practitioners who opt to continue their post-graduate studies in the fields of the specialties of their choice and listed in the Fifth Schedule of the HCPAct will be able to further their studies locally rather than abroad.

The introduction of structured training programmes locally does not mean that the SAC has restricted any medical doctor from furthering his studies in other countries, but has encouraged those applicants who requested to take up a period of training in an approved teaching hospital in another country as part of their local training. No request has been turned down. Members considered such approved training abroad to be beneficial to the applicant and to the public service.

Another important aspect during the current year was the registration by the SAC of all medical practitioners who commenced their Basic Specialist Training as well as for the Higher Specialist Training.

Certificates confirming the Completion of the Basic Specialist Training are being issued jointly the SAC and the respective specialist association.

Personally I feel very proud that during the past five years as Registrar of the SAC I have worked with a dedicated team in a Committee whose primary function has been to maintain and improve the standard of Medical Practice and thus keeping the long tradition of giving the best medical service to those who require their services.

I augur the new Registrar soon to be appointed to appreciate the good intentions of members sitting on the SAC and work hand in hand by supporting their initiatives for the benefit of the health service in Malta.

On the other hand I wish to thank the Chairperson and all members sitting on the SAC – past and present for their support and encouragement during my tenure of office.

Michael Bonnici
Registrar
FUNCTIONS OF THE SAC

The Specialist Accreditation Committee is established by Art. 29 of the Health Care Professions Act 2003 Part VI (Chap. 464)

(a) to issue Certificates of Completion of Specialist Training in the specialties listed in the 5th Schedule of the HCPA, upon the fulfillment of criteria recommended by the relevant professional associations listed in the fourth schedule.

(b) to advise the minister and the relevant council on issues concerning specialist training and registration and any other matter that may be referred to it

(c) to act as the advisory body for training in any of the special areas of practice

(d) to accredit post-graduate training programmes

(e) to levy such fees for accreditation, as may be prescribed.

COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIALIST ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

One member appointed by the relevant Council;

One member, not being a member of the relevant Council, appointed by the Dean of the relevant Faculty or Director of the relevant Institute of the University of Malta;

One member, not being a member of the relevant council, appointed by the Superintendent of Public Health;

One member not being a member of the relevant council, appointed by each of the relevant professional associations;

The members of a Specialist Accreditation Committee shall be so appointed for a term of three years, and may be re-appointed for a further term or terms; The members of a Specialist Accreditation Committee shall, every three years, elect a Chairman from among themselves;
LIST OF MEMBERS AND SUBSTITUTES ON THE SAC 2008

REPRESENTATIVE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Dr. Mariella Borg Buontempo MD.,MSc.,FFPH.,CCST Chairperson

APPOINTED BY THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE & SURGERY (UoM) Art.30 (b) HCPA
Representative Mr. Mark Schembri MD.,LRCP.,LRCS.,LRCPS.,FRCS.
Substitute: Prof. Josanne Vassallo MD.,M.Sc.,MRCP.(UK) F.A.C.E.,F.A.C.P.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL:
Dr. Paul Soler MD.,MRCP
Substitute: Dr. Michael Boffa M.D.,MRCP,M.Sc.,T.Derm.,FRCP.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF MALTA
Representative: Dr. Stephen Fava MD.,MRCP.,FACP.,FEFIM.,FRCP.,M.Phil.,Ph.D

** MALTA ASSOCIATION OF OPHTALMOLOGISTS
Representative: Dr. Mario Tabone MD., D.O.R.C.P.(Lond)R.C.S.(Eng) M.R.C.Ophth.
(up to August 2008) (1)
Substitute: Mr. Thomas Fenech MB.,B.S.(Lond.)F.R.C.S.,(Eng) F.C.Ophth.
(up to August 2008) (2)

** THE MALTA ASSOCIATION OF SPECIALISTS IN PSYCHAITRY: *
Representative: Dr. Joe Vella Baldacchino MD.,D.Spec.,Psych.(PD)
Substitute: Dr. Joseph R. Saliba MD.,MRCPsych.,T.Psych.

ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS OF MALTA
Representative: Dr. Carmel Abela MD.,FCARCSI.,Dip.Pain. MED DIBICM
Substitute: Dr. Mario Zerafa MD.,FRCA.,DEAA.

** ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF MALTA
Representative: Prof. Joe Azzopardi MD.,MRCP.,DRCP.,FRCP.,FRCP.,FEFIM (Hons.)
up to (March 2008) (4)
   Dr. Paul J. Cassar MD.,MRCP (up to July 2008) (5)
   Dr. James Pocock MD., MRCP (6)
   Dr. E. Farrugia MD (8)
ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS OF MALTA
Representative; Mr. Gordon Caruana Dingli MD.,LRCP(Edin); LRCS(Edin):LRCP&S(Glasg);FRCS(Edin);FRCS RCP&S(Glasg)
Substitute: Mrs. Angela Sultana MD.,FRCS(Edin.)

THE ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPOEDIC AND TRAUMA SURGEONS
Representative: Mr. Carmel Sciberras MD.,FRCS.
Substitute: Mr. Ivan Esposito MD.,FRCS (Eng.)

** MALTA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE
Representative; Dr. Miriam Dalmas MD.,MSc. (up to February 2008) *(9)*
Dr. Nadine Delicata MD.,M.Sc
Substitute: Dr. Taygeta Firman MD.,M.Sc.

MALTA COLLEGE OF FAMILY DOCTORS
Representative; Dr. Mario Grixti MD; MMCFD
Substitute: Dr. A. Zammit MD; MMCFD

MALTA COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS
Representative: Mr. Raymond Galea MD.,FRCOG
Substitute: Mr. Donald Felice MD.,FRCOG.

MALTA COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS;
Representative: Dr. Bridget Ellul MB.,Ch.B.,MRC(Path)
Substitute: Dr. Christopher Barbara MD.,M.Sc.,

MALTESE PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION:
Representative: Dr. Doriete Soler MD.,MRCP

MALTESE RADIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION:
Representative; Dr. Salvina Zrinzo MD.,FA.FUR Radiologie

** THE GERIATRIC MEDICINE SOCIETY OF MALTA
Representative: Dr. A. Fiorini. MB.,Ch.B.,MRCP.,FRCP.,MD(Dundee) *(9)*
Substitute: Dr. Brian Farrugia MD.,Dip.Ger.Med.(Lond)

REGISTRAR: Mr. Michael Bonnici Dip.Soc.Stud.(H&S)

NOTES:
(1) Dr. Mario Tabone resigned on the 29th August, 2008. The new representative was nominated by the Malta Association of Ophthalmologists in December 2008.
(3) & (9) Both the Geriatric Medicine Society of Malta and the Malta Association of Specialists in Psychiatry could not participate any further on the SAC in accordance with Part 1 Art (d) of the Fourth Schedule of the HCP Act. LN 140/2008
(4) Prof. Joe Azzopardi resigned in March 2008.
(5) Dr. P.J. Cassar was appointed in lieu of Prof. Joe Azzopardi but had to relinquish his post on being appointed member of the Appeals Committee
(6) Dr. J. Pocook was nominated by the Malta Association of Physicians to sit on the SAC
(7) & (8) Dr. E. Farrugia replaced Dr. Myra Tilney as substitute to Dr. J. Pocock.
(9) Dr. Nadine Delicata replaced Dr. Miriam Dalmas as representative of the Malta Association of Public Health Medicine.
## ATTENDANCE

**8TH JANUARY 2008 - 9TH DECEMBER 2008**

**Number of Sittings**: 19

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**Notes:**

a Dr. Mario Tabone resigned in August 2008
b & c The Malta Association of Specialists in Psychiatry and the Geriatric Medicine Society of Malta ceased to comply with the Provisions of the Law (June 2008) (vide relevant note under item ‘List of Members and substitutes’)
WORKINGS AND ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS: Twenty one meetings were held during the year under review. Two meeting had to be adjourned due to lack of quorum.

AWARD OF CERTIFICATES The SAC was invited for a special ceremony by the Association of Surgeons of Malta for the presentation of Certificates for Completion of Basic Specialist Training in Surgery. This was the first time that certificates were issued at this stage of medical training. Similar certificates were issued later on in the year to 19 medical doctors on completion of Basic Specialist Training in Medicine.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OF COMPLETION OF BASIC SPECIALIST TRAINING The SAC issued an open call for applications for Completion of Basic Specialist Training on its web site.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING COORDINATORS The Department of Health issued a call of applications for Post-graduate Training Co-coordinators. Certificates to the selected coordinators were distributed by Parliamentary Secretary Dr. Joseph D. Cassar in a special ceremony held on the 15th July 2008 at the Main Auditorium of Mater Dei Hospital. A list showing the names of the post-graduate coordinators can be found further on in this report.

REQUIREMENTS TO STANDARDS AND PRACTICE The Broadcasting Authority published in the Government Gazette the requirements as to Standards and Practice involving Health Care Professions in the Media. (Subsidiary Legislation 350.30 – 29th January 2008). This legislation serves to limit the participation of non professionals taking part in the media in matters concerning health issues while engaging the appropriate participation of certain health care professionals.

CRITERIA FOR FORENSIC MEDICINE The SAC approved the criteria for Forensic Medicine. The sub-committee was composed of the Chairperson, The Malta College of Pathologists, The Medical Association of Malta, The Association of Physicians of Malta and the Malta College of Family Doctors. The outcome paved the way for five applicants to be awarded specialist status in this specialty.
MEETING WITH PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH

A meeting was held with the Parliamentary Secretary for Health on the 2nd May 2008 regarding additional specialties or sub-specialties in the Fifth Schedule of the Act, the composition of the Appeals Committee, the minimum number of specialists each association has on its books so as to be represented on the SAC and the question of Trade Union members represented on the SAC.

REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF SPECIALTIES

The following is the list of recommended new additions of Specialties to the Fifth Schedule of the Health Care Professions Act. There are presently fifty specialties.

Paediatric Oncology; Paediatric Cardiology; Paediatric Gastro-Enterology; Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes; Paediatric Neurology; Diabetes, Sports and exercise medicine.

DELETION OF TWO ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

The Maltese Association of Specialists in Psychiatry and the Geriatric Medicine Society of Malta ceased to be represented on the SAC. LN. 140/2008 dated 30.05.2008.

Both Associations failed to comply with the provisions of the Fourth Schedule Art. 1. (d).... it has a minimum of fifteen full members registered as specialists with the relevant Council.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HCP act.

Several suggestions were agreed upon and were proposed as amendments to the Health Care Professions Act., including the establishment of sub specialties, issues related to the composition of the Appeals Committee, call for nominations by postal service and trade union membership of the SAC.’


The following salient amendments concern the SAC:

The title of this legal notice is The Health Care Professions Act (Amendment) Order, 2008.

Art. 1 (c) New Definition: “Evidence of formal qualifications”:

Evidence of formal qualifications means - diplomas, certificates and other evidence issued by the competent authority in a Members State designed pursuant to legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions of that Member State and certifying successful completion of professional training obtained mainly in the community.

Evidence of formal qualifications issued by a third country shall be regarded as evidence
of formal qualifications if the holder has three years formal experience in the profession concerned on the territory of the Member State which recognized that evidence of formal qualification, certified by that member State.

Art. 16. (a) (3) substitution of sub art 3 of the Principal Act.

“A healthcare professional, who is a citizen of Malta or of a Member State, or a person otherwise legally entitled or authorized to work in Malta, and who fulfils the conditions for the taking up and pursuit of a specialty in Malta shall be entitled to use his lawful professional and academic titles, as the case may be, and where appropriate, the abbreviation thereof deriving from their country of origin or the country from which they come, in the language of that country” and

(b) is in possession of a specialist qualification listed in Part 1a and 1b of the Second Schedule

Art. 17 Substitutes Art 42 of the Principal Act.

Constitutes “evidenced qualifications from competent authorities and method of verifying with competent body of Member State”

Art. 18 Addition of two new articles in the Principal Act:

Art. 42a. relates to “Non-applicability of automatic recognition of formal qualifications and acquired rights.”

Art. 42b. relates to “Non-preclusion of applicant from completing an adaption period.”

Art. 19 Substitution of Art. 43 of the Original Act

In so far as formal qualifications of a doctor with basic training and specialized Doctor and dental practitioner as specialized dental practitioner.

Art. 20 Amendment to Art. 51 of the Principal Act concerning ”fees charged by relative council or committee”

Art. 22 Amendment to Fourth Schedule Part I Art. (1)

Paragraph (d) is being substituted thus: “it has a minimum of fifteen full members registered as specialists with the relevant council”

Art 23. New schedule “Sixth Schedule” in relation to Art. 43 of the Principal Act.

“Acquired rights” wherever it applies to specialized doctors.

Amendment to Second Schedule

Part (1a) so far as it concerns to basic qualifications in medicine
Part (1d) so far as it concerns to general medical practice
Part (IIa) so far as it concerns to basic qualifications in dentistry
Part (IIb) so far as concerns qualifications in specialized dentistry
  1.(Orthodontics)  (2) (Oral Surgery)
TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The main activity of the SAC during the current year was the completion of all the Training Programmes required to fulfill one of the principal aims why the SAC has been established.

(a) to advice the Minister and the relevant council on issues concerning specialist training and registration…
(b) to act as the advisory body for training in any of the special areas of interest
(c) to accredit post-graduate training programmes.

The following programmes have been approved during the year under review. Paediatrics, Revision of the Training Programme for Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Paediatric Surgery, Radiology, Haematology, Histopathology, Ophthalmology and Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

The training programme of Psychiatry is still pending due to further discussion that is required.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Dr. P.J.Cassar who substituted Prof. Joe Azzopardi in March 2008 relinquished his post as representative of the Association of Physicians due to his appointment on the Appeals Committee.

Five out of eight applicants whose application was not approved by the SAC submitted an appeal with the appeals committee. Three other cases on the Appeals Committee from decisions of the SAC have been withdrawn. Presently there are seven pending cases concerning decisions from the SAC.

JUDICIAL LETTER

The SAC received a judicial letter served on it by one of the applicants whose application was refused. Applicant was asked to file another application for another review. The case is still pending.
OTHER ACTIVITIES

Several members of the SAC took a very active part in the Twinning Light Project – Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications held in conjunction with experts from The Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The national seminar held on the 21 and 22nd July 2008 at the Main Auditorium of Mater Dei Hospital and the follow up in October held in the main lecture room of the Medical School G’Mangia were beneficial to all Councils. The training related to the provisions of the EU Directive 2005/36 as well as new methods in dealing with applications as well as the procedures and experience from other countries, thus harmonizing our systems with other EU member states. The SAC attended three other sessions organized during visits by the experts. Relevant training documents are at the website: http://www.sahha.gov.mt/pages.aspx?page=1212

BELOW THE LINE ACCOUNT

Amount brought forward from last year balance (converted to Euro)  Euro 29,316.84

Income during 2008 ( from application fees ) +  Euro: 1,030,60

CLOSING BALANCE  Euro: 21,316.48

Note: The only source of income is from application fees. Funds are audited and kept by the Treasury Department as a ‘Below the line account’ in favour of the Specialist Accreditation Committee having been referred by the Accounts Section of the Department of Health.

It has to be noted that most of these funds are being spent on lawyers’ fees. It is pertinent to note that appellants from SAC decisions are accompanied by lawyers during the hearings of their appeal. In addition it is necessary that the SAC has the necessary expert legal advice on issues relevant to applications for entry to specialist registers.
REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2008

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED from MALTESE NATIONALS
A total of 21 applications were received from Maltese Nationals for the following specialties:
Accident & Emergency Medicine (1)  Internal Medicine (3)  Family Medicine (2)  Psychiatry (4) Respiratory Medicine (2), Plastic Surgery (1)  Cardiology (1)  Public Health Medicine (1) Gastroenterology (2) Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (1)  Radiology (1) Infectious Disease (1)  Endocrinology and Diabetes (1)

PS. there have been other applications from Maltese applicants who were previously considered ‘in training’ when their original application was submitted.

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES
A total of 17 applications were received from foreign nationals for the following specialties:
Serbian Nationals: Histopathology & Cytopathology (1)  General Surgery (1)  Anaesthesia & Intensive Care (1)
Bulgarian Nationals: Urology (1), Microbiology (1) British (Cardiology) (1)
Italian Nationals: Plastic Surgery (1), Cardiology (1) Urology (1) Ophthalmology (1) Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery (1)
Greek Nationals: Plastic Surgery (2)
Czech Republic Nationals: General Surgery (1), Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (1)
Norwegian: Dermatology & Venereology (application not complete)
Austrian: Family Medicine (1)

TOTAL OF APPLICATIONS ASSESSED BY SAC

Total Number 91.


8 applications - not approved
7 applicants considered in Training
13 applicants pending  for the following reasons (a) either applications not complete. (b) request for more information (c) request for certified authenticated certificates.
LIST OF TRAINING CO-ORDINATORS.

Dr. Martin Balzan MD.,MRCP.,FEFIM

Dr. Andrew Borg MD.,DM.,FRCP(Lond)., FRCP(Edin)

Dr. Stephen Fava MD.,MRCP.,FACP.,FEFIM.,FRCP.,M.Phil.,Ph.D.

Dr. Peter Ferry MD.,MRCP.,MSc.

Mr. Charles Swain MD.,FRCS.

Mr. Arthur Felice MD.,FRCS

Dr. JanJanula MD(Brno) 1st.Deg.Ophth(Prague) 2nd Deg.Ophth(Prague)Ph.D.Ophth.(Prague)

Mr. Ray Gatt MD.,FRCS(Edin).,FRCS(Eng).,LRCP(Edin).,LRCS(Edin).,LRCP(Glas)

Dr. Cecil Vella MD.,MRCP(UK)

Mr. Raymond Galea MD.,MRCOG.

Dr. John Mifsud MD.,DISM Psych.,Dip.CMC. Jurisp.& Proc.

Dr. Adrian Mizzi MD.,MRCP.,FRCA.

Dr. Mario Sammut MD.,MSc(Health)

Dr. Gunther Abela MD.,FIMC.,RCS(Edin)

Dr. Andrew Aquilina MD; MRCP (UK); FRCA(UK)

Dr. Stefan Laspina MD; FFPath; FRCPath.
CLINICAL POSTGRADUATE TRAINING COORDINAING COMMITTEE

Dr. Mariella Borg Buontempo MD.,MSc.,FFPH.,CCST is representing the Specialist Accreditation Committee.

TRAINEES

In March 2008 the SAC published on its website a call for registration for those Medical Practitioners interested in post-graduate training programme in the BST and HST level as well for the General Practice Trainees.

POSTS/POSITION OF ‘HST’ ‘BST’ TRAINEES APPOINTED THROUGH APPLICATIONS BY DIRECTOR GENERAL - RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Geriatrics at HST Level.........1
Accident & Emergency Medicine at BST level.........2
Obstetrics & Gynaecology at BST level.........2
Pathology at BST level.........2
Infectious Disease at HST level........1
Endocrinology & Diabetes at HST level........2
Rheumatology at HST level........2
General/Internal Medicine at HST level........1
Gastroenterology at HST level........1
No candidates were appointed in the following Specialties: Oncology, Nephrology and Neurology.

NOTE: THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TABLE ABOVE

STUDY LEAVE

The SAC approved six applications from medical practitioners for study leave in a foreign country of between 6 months and 12 months.