

**Report of the European Board of Psychiatry**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE IN SPECIALIST TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRY**

Good quality in terms of training of a psychiatrist means that every training programme should have a defined goal, appropriate requirements for the training process and appropriate means for evaluation.

- \* The aim of training is to achieve the necessary knowledge and clinical experience required to work as a specialist in psychiatry. It should enable subsequent CME, which is a life long learning process, concerned with a professional as well as a personal development.
- \* The national requirements for specialist training in psychiatry should be compatible with the UEMS Board of Psychiatry Requirements.
- \* An individual training programme aimed at fulfilling the requirements should be developed in collaboration with, and be approved by, the trainee, the educational supervisor and the training co-ordinator.
- \* The national logbook compatible with the UEMS Board of Psychiatry Recommendations is a tool to secure proper training. It should be used by the trainee to record clinical and theoretical training as described in the Requirements. The educational supervisor and the training co-ordinator could use the logbook when assessing the trainee's progress.
- \* The training co-ordinator is responsible for the annual assessment of the trainee's progress as well as the final evaluation in the form of a written report.
- \* The training co-ordinator and the educational supervisor should have at least 5 years experience in specialist psychiatry and appropriate training for their task.
- \* Training institutions should be recognised by an appropriate national authority. A distinction should be made between institutions where complete training and where only partial training can be provided.
- \* There should be an effective and independent appeal procedure for the trainee who wishes to express complaints or appeal against the decisions about training matters.
- \* A national system for regular scheme inspections based on the UEMS Charter on Visitation of Training Centres should be in existence.

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