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Dear Colleague

We have received an English version sent by Dr. Lopes dos Santos of the training program for Paediatrics proposed by the Portuguese College of Paediatricians and approved by the Portuguese Medical Association.

We are delighted to verify that this document follows the recommendations of the UEMS Charter on Training of Medical Specialists, written by the European Board of Paediatrics and recently approved by the UEMS Council, during the 2015 October Meeting.

It is an extensive and detailed text, that expects 3-year core training in Paediatrics (Common Trunk) and a further 2-year training period in general or specialized Paediatrics, as recommended by EAP and EBP. The Common Trunk objectives are generally consistent with the recently approved European Curriculum for Common Trunk in Paediatrics and the differentiated training areas considered are almost coincident with the Paediatric Subspecialities referred to in the Appendix 2 of the Paediatric document, with similar programs to the European approved syllabi for paediatric subspeciality training. Training in the last 2 years may in some cases be oriented to specific paediatric areas and this may facilitate the acquisition of an additional certification in a Paediatric subspeciality.

We appreciate the inclusion of relevant training in ambulatory paediatrics and adolescent medicine and hope that future versions may also address the possibility of a more formal differentiation into Primary Care Paediatrics.

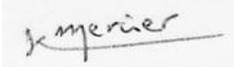
We also appreciated the proposed evaluation system, with regular in-training assessments and a final summative assessment, including among other procedures a national MCQT in general paediatrics for all trainees, irrespective of the chosen training area, since all of them will essentially be paediatricians.

We really hope this document soon gets final approval by the relevant Government authorities and is quickly implemented in your country for the ultimate benefit of Portuguese children

Yours Sincerely

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