

Accreditation of infectiology in an European perspective

European perspective

- Infectiology accredited/recognized as separate speciality in different european countries with different training curricula
- UEMS section of Infectious Diseases since 1995
 - Representatives of national professional organisations
 - Belgium as observer
- European Board of Infectious Diseases (EBID) since 1998

European perspective

- Recognition criteria/training regulated by national authorities, in accordance with
 - National rules
 - European Union/European Free Trade Association (EU/EFTA) legislation
 - Recommendations of the UEMS/EBID
- In EBID recommendations minimum 6 yrs of postgraduate training
 - 2 yrs in internal medicine (“common trunk”)
 - 4 yr specialty training

EBID requirements for the specialty of infectious diseases

- Community and hospital acquired infection
 - At least 2 yrs exposure, including in- and outpatient care
- HIV/AIDS
 - If necessary, rotation to a dedicated unit if not provided in primary ID training centre
- Cross specialty infections (TB, hepatitis) recommended
- Opportunistic infections in immunocompromised pts

EBID requirements for the specialty of infectious diseases

- Travel medicine (if necessary through rotation)
- ICU: period of attachment essential
- Medical microbiology and clinical virology
- Infection control
- Epidemiology and public health medicine
- Research (maximum 1 yr within 4 year training period)
- Tropical infectious diseases (optional)
- STD
- Antimicrobial therapy

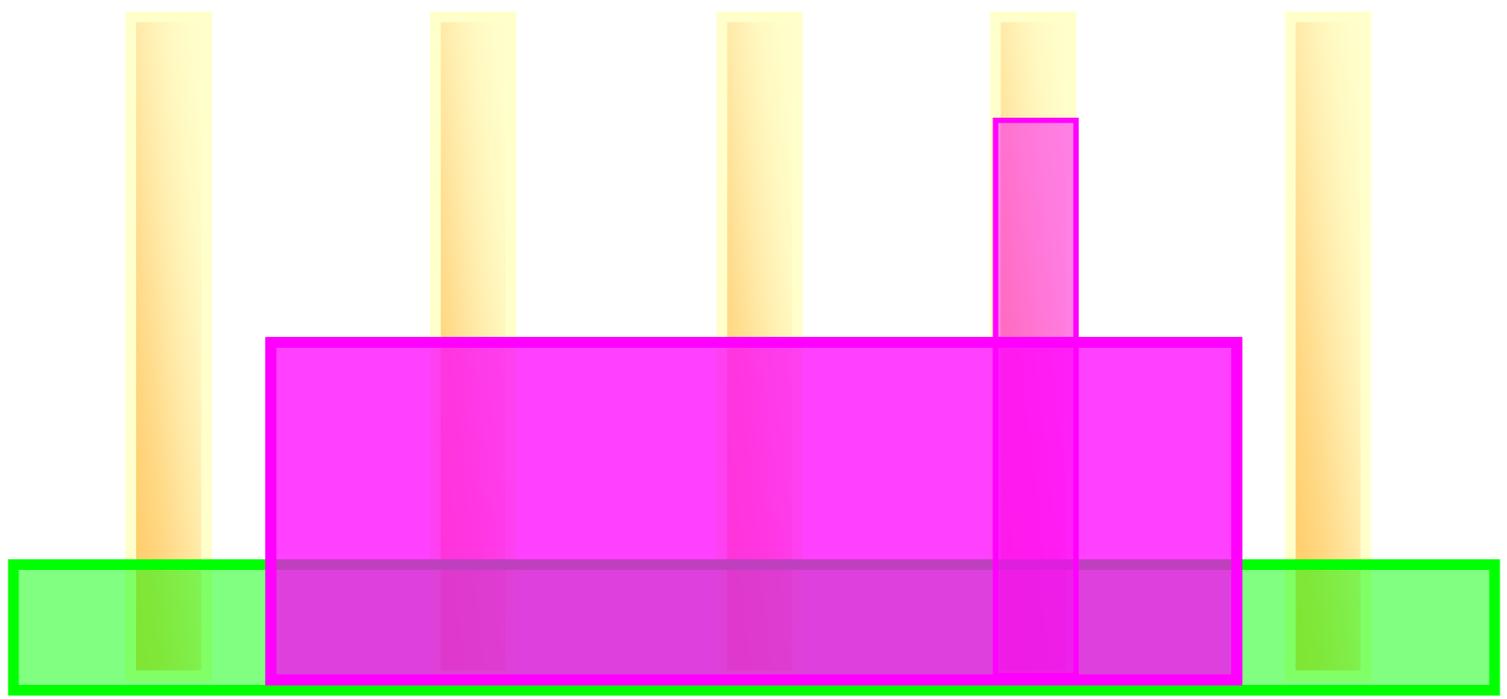
- 2005 Working party within Belgian Antibiotic Policy Coordination Committee (BAPCOC) to reach goal of achieving recognitions/ special professional competences in infectiology and medical microbiology

Proposal for ministerial decree regulating training and recognition of infectiology

- Drafted in 2005
- 4 + 2 model in internal medicine and paediatrics (special competence model; “bijzondere beroepsbekwaamheid”)
- Open to internal medicine, gastroenterology, pneumology, cardiology, reumatology, intensive care, paediatrics
- 1 year training within regular training period
- 6 months within clinical microbiology lab
- Definition of criteria for training centers and trainers

- GPs
- internal medicine
- subspecialists

Level of excellence



Diversity of competence and knowledge

- 2005 Working party within Belgian Antibiotic Policy Coordination Committee (BAPCOC) to reach goal of achieving recognitions/ special professional competences in infectiology and medical microbiology
- 26.5.2008 informal discussion with recycling of original documents at Cabinet of Ministry of Social Affairs (Onkelinx) → further initiative delegated to BVIKM/SBIMC

A new initiative: motivation

- Explicit description of specific professional competencies of “infectiology” and “medical microbiology” in the criteria for the Antimicrobial Management Teams (ABG) in hospitals (KB 10.2.2008)
- De facto presence of this expertise in the working field (as described in the reports of the ATM pilot phase → recognition = validation and officialisation)

A new initiative: motivation

- Recognition of competences ↑ guarantee of high quality and standardized training
- Harmonisation at the European level, as most European countries have specific recognitions in infectious diseases
 - Recognition would end current limitation on free circulation/ mobility of Belgian physicians with this expertise throughout Europe

Status praesens

- Proposals on the agenda of the High Council for Specialists for advice at the request of the Ministry of Social Affairs
- BVIKM/SBIMC working party to be convened
- Recognition of Infectiology as a special competence may prove less problematic than clinical microbiology

Hope and despair