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Professional Recognition of Infectiology – ID Specialist

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- Legal context since 6th 'Staatshervorming'
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Professional challenges and opportunities in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases in Europe

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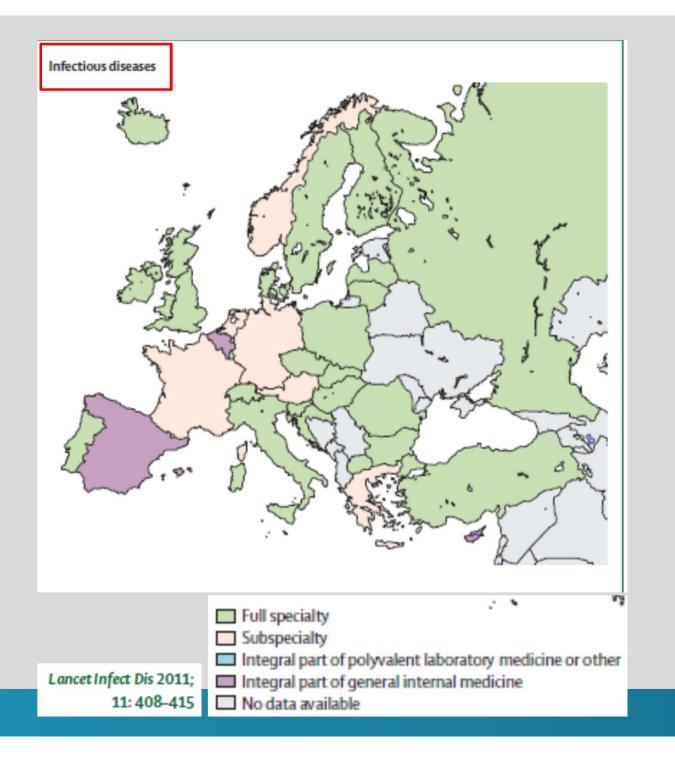
Lancet Infect Dis 2011; 11: 408–415

| | Infectious disease specialists (n) | | Training in infectious diseases† | | Duration of mandatory training in other specialties (months) | | Formal examination at the end of specialist training | Infectious disease hospital wards or units (n) | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| | Total in 2007 | Total per million inhabitants | Official curriculum | Duration (years) | General internal medicine | Clinical microbiology | (| Total per country | Total per million inhabitants |
| Austria | 25 | 3 | Yes | 3 | 1441 | 6 | No | 5 | 1 |
| Belgium | | - | No | | ** | ** | | 10 | 1 |
| Bulgaria | 172 | 23 | Yes | 4 | 60 | 48 | Yes | 34 | 4 |
| Croatia | 134 | 30 | Yes | 4 | 9 | 4 | Yes | 17 | 4 |
| Cyprus | 3 | 4 | No | ** | | ** | ** | 2 | 3 |
| Czech Republic | 245 | 25 | Yes | 5 | 6-12 | 1 | Yes | 35 | 4 |
| Denmark | 68 | 12 | Yes | 5 | 15-24 | 3 | No | 8 | 1 |
| Finland | 135 | 26 | Yes | 6 | 24 | 0-6 | Yes | 7 | 1 |
| France | ** | | Yes | 2 | 100 | 6 | Yes | 200 | 3 |
| Germany | 200 | 2 | Yes | 1-3 | 48-72 | | Yes | | |
| Greece | 71 | 6 | Yes | 2 | 60 | 3 | Yes | 15 | 1 |
| Hungary | 350 | 35 | Yes | 5 | 20-22 | 3 | Yes | ~30 | |
| Iceland | 14 | 47 | No | 6 | 900 | ** | No | 1 | 3 |
| Ireland | 12 | 3 | Yes | 4 | 2 | 3 | No | 5 | 1 |
| Italy | 55 | 1 | Yes | 5 | 10-12 | 2-4 | Yes | 150 | 3 |
| Latvia | 71 | 31 | Yes | 5 | | ** | Yes | 15 | 7 |
| Lithuania | 71 | 21 | Yes | 4 | 24 | 3 | Yes | 22 | |
| Luxembourg | 3.1 | 6 | No | | - | | | 1 | |
| Malta | 5 | 13 | | | ** | | - | 2 | 5 |
| Norway | 83 | 17 | Yes | 3 | 72 | 12 | Yes | 12 | 3 |
| Romania | 400 | 18 | Yes | 5 | 9 | 4 | Yes | 100 | |
| Russia | 4 | 0 | No | >2 | | | Yes | | |
| Slovakia | 106 | 20 | Yes | 5 | 17 | 2 | Yes | 17 | 3 |
| Slovenia | 42 | 21 | Yes | 6 | 24 | 5 | Yes | 4 | 2 |
| Spain | ** | | No | ** | | ** | No | 78 | 2 |
| Sweden | 305 | 34 | Yes | 5 | 12 | 6 | No | 28 | 3 |
| Switzerland | 116 | 17 | Yes | 3 | 36 | | Yes | 25 | 4 |
| Netherlands | 98 | 6 | Yes | 2 | 48 | 4 | No | 10 | 1 |
| Turkey | 1433 | 20 | Yes | 5 | 6 | | Yes | 443 | 6 |
| UK | 135 | 2 | Yes | 5-6 | - | 6 | No | 28 | 0 |

^{*}Survey collected from sentinel practitioners by the European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases throughout Europe between 2008 and 2009. No data were received from Estonia, Poland, Portugal, or Macedonia. †Specialty and subspecialty. -=Not determined.

Table 2: Status of infectious disease services in European countries*

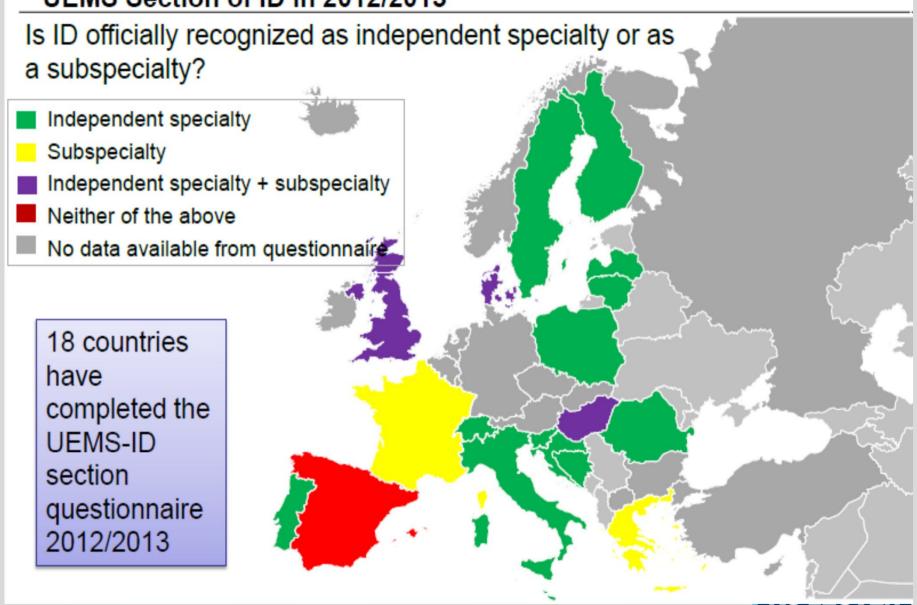
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Result Questionnaire done by the UEMS Section of ID in 2012/2013





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| COUNTRY | OFFICIAL TRAINING (yrs) | COMMON TRUNK OR GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE (GIM) PRE- TRAINING REQUIRED | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| | | yes/no | duration | | |
| Croatia | 5 | yes | 2 yrs | | |
| France | 2 yrs after 4 yrs of a specialty | no | | | |
| Hungary | 2+3 | yes | 6 months | | |
| Italy | 5 | yes | 60 credits (480 hours) | | |
| Latvia | 4 | yes | 6 yrs | | |
| Portugal | 5 | yes | 1 yr (6 months of GIM) | | |
| Romania | 4 | yes | | | |
| Spain | | | | | |
| Sweden | goalguided, but at least 5 yrs | goalguided | usually 1-2 yrs | | |
| Switzerland | 3 yrs ID + 3 yrs internal medicine | yes | 3 yrs | | |
| UK | 4 yrs ID only (rare) 5 yrs ID + Gen Med or ID + CM; 6 yrs Trop Med/ID with Gen Med | yes | min 3 yrs | | |
| Slovenia | 6 | yes | 2 yrs | | |
| Finland | | yes | depends on the centre | | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 4 | no | | | |
| Poland | 5 | yes | 2 yrs | | |
| Greece | 2 | yes | 5 yrs | | |
| Lithuania | 4 yrs including 2 yrs of general internal medicine training | yes | 2 yrs | | |
| Denmark | 6 | yes | 33 months | | |



Earlier initiatives

- December 1998 March 2000: description of professional competence and meeting with cabinet advisor
- September 2006: draft of MB/AM for professional competence in Infectious Diseases and in Clinical Microbiology (M. Costers, BVIKM/SBIMC and Bapcoc)
- December 2008: motivation letter to High Council Working Party Titles (M. Struelens and K. Magerman, BVIKM/SBIMC)
- → January 2009: High Council Working Party Titles: negative advice for recognition of specific competences → strengthen training and education within currently existing specialties

Earlier initiatives

- February-May 2013: National Council for Hospital Services:
- → Concerning Infectious Diseases (and Travel Medicine) there is a need for competence in:
 - Laboratory Medicine Microbiology
 - Infection Prevention and Hospital Hygiene
 - Clinical Infectious Diseases
- → Request for professional recognition should be re-activated by the High Council



Legal Context since 6th Staatshervorming





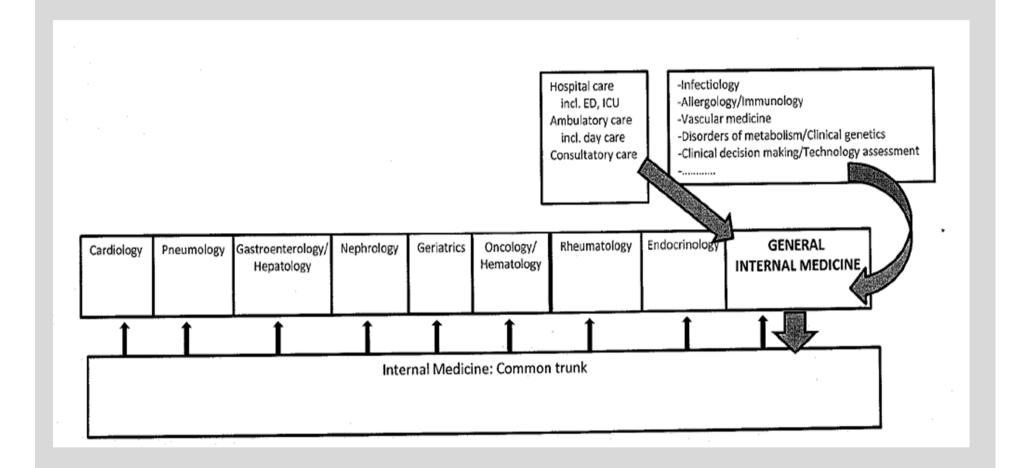
Federal Government (FOD/SPF)

- High Council of Specialists and General Practitioners
 - Working Group for Professional Titles
 - Working Group of Specialists (recognition of trainers / training institutions)
 - Plenary Council
- Professional Titles
 - Level 2: full specialty
 - Level 3: specific competence (subspecialty)
- Mixed Working Group of High Council (specialists) and Recognition Councils NL/FR
 - Criteria for the recognition of candidate-specialist (trainees),
 trainers and training institutions for each (sub-)specialty

Legal Authority

- Federal Government (FOD/SPF):
 - Professional titles
 - General criteria and standards (eg. minimal duration of training)
 - Quality control
 - Global quota of specialists and GPs
- Communities (NL/FR)
 - Recognition council (EC/CA)
 - Specific criteria and operational standards
 - Quality control
 - Subquota per specialty
- Communities (NL/FR)
 - Education (Bachelor-Master; Master after Master; Postgraduate)

New structure of Internal Medicine



Vanderschueren S, on behalf of the Board of the Belgian Society of Internal Medicine. Acta Clin Belg 2009;64:344-345.



New Structure of Internal Medicine

Gemengde WG – GT Mixte HR/CS – EC/CA 2016-2017

- All 10 specialties become level 2 professional titles (incl. endocrinology / clinical hematology / nephrology)
- Common Trunk of 3 years for all specialties (incl. geriatrics)
- Duration of training for all specialties will be 6 years (incl. general internal medicine)
- Trainee makes definite choice during year 3, with a selection process (subquota) and separate evaluation of common trunk
- Local trainer of common trunk can be a specialist in one of the 10 specialties; coordinating trainer must be an internist
- → In consensus approved by the plenary High Council; June 23, 2016 (TC) and March 23, 2017 (HE)
- → Still waiting to become a MB/AM (to be published in Staatsblad/Moniteur)

TRUNCUS COMMUNIS INWENDIGE GENEESKUNDE

Voorstel van de Werkgroep "inwendige geneeskunde" Hoge Raad van artsen-specialisten en van huisartsen juni 2016

positief eindadvies d.d. 23 juni 2016 Hoge Raad van artsen specialisten en van huisartsen

Eindadvies Hoge Raad van artsen-specialisten en van huisartsen FOD Volksgezondheid

d.d. 23 maart 2017

Niveau 2 'ALGEMENE' INWENDIGE GENEESKUNDE

op basis van het

Advies van de gemengde werkgroep inwendige geneeskunde







Education and Training Requirements

- Higher education in Infectious Diseases:
 - Postgraduate university course ULB-UCL-ULg (FR)
 - Similar project in 'Master Specialistische Geneeskunde, hogere opleiding – OPO aanvullingen in en OPO wetenschappelijke verdieping in..." as well as a Masterthesis (NL)
- European Board of Infectious Diseases UEMS:
 - Training Requirements for the Specialty of Infectious Diseases.
 - European Curriculum in Infectious Diseases.

Prefinal draft September 2017



Belgian Antibiotic Policy Coordination Committee

Beleidsnota legislatuur 2014-2019



Werkgroep Ziekenhuisgeneeskunde

Werkgroep ziekenhuisgeneeskunde: planning 2014-2019

- 1. Werking van de werkgroep optimaliseren
- Begeleiding van de antibiotherapiebeleidsgroepen versterken kwaliteitsindicatoren, nationale thema's en interne audits: jaarlijks activiteitenrapport, kwaliteitsindicatoren opvolgen met behulp van puntprevalentiestudies en interne audits, nationaal thema uitwerken met behulp van interne audits en workshop
- Surveillance van antibioticumverbruik en antibioticumresistentie in de ziekenhuizen versterken: functionaliteit van de surveillance van het antibioticumverbruik uitbreiden, verbruiksgegevens koppelen aan andere databronnen zoals de Minimale Klinische Gegevens, resistentiegegevens verzamelen op nationaal niveau
- 4. Antibioticagids voor de ziekenhuizen, richtlijnen en adviezen
- Meer aandacht voor antibioticumbeleid in de basis-, voortgezette en continue opleiding: interuniversitaire opleiding tot 'afgevaardigde van het antibiotherapiebeheer', nationale studiedag, bijzondere beroepsbekwaamheid Infectiologie en Medische microbiologie
- 6. Deelname aan (internationale) studies stimuleren en faciliteren





5 July 2017

Support for recognition of medical specialty Infectious Diseases in Belgium

To

Honourable Ms M. De Block, Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Honourable Dr B. Winnen, Chief of Staff Honourable Mr P. Facon, Director-General

Mario Poljak ESCMID President



UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

Grenoble, July 4th, 2017

Section Maladies Infectieuses Infectious Diseases Section Président : Pr. Jean Paul Stahl, Maladies Infectieuses, CHU, 38043 Grenoble



Groepering van Belgische internisten-infectiologen

Namen en referenties hieronder.

21 november 2017

Ter attentie van

Mevrouw M. De Block

Minister van Sociale Zaken en Volksgezondheid

Cc:

Dr B. Winnen

Kabinetschef van Mevrouw de Minister M. de Block

Cc:

De heer P. Facon

Directeur-generaal FOD Volksgezondheid

Referentie: Aanvraag tot erkenning van een Bijzondere beroepskwalificatie in Infectieziekten/infectiologie

BEROEPS - EN COMPETENTIEPROFIEL VAN DE KLINISCH INFECTIOLOOG

ARGUMENTATIE

- De Belgische context in de Europese Unie
- 2. De opleiding infectieziekten/infectiologie
- 3. De nood aan een beroepskwalificatie Infectieziekten/infectiologie

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mede-ondertekenaars:



Uw kenmerk BBT infectiologie Ons kenmerk

MDB/BW/MW/KVDW/20171213 -- 553945

Bijlagen

Dossier behandeld door

Contact via K. Vandewoude 02 528 6900

Datum

3 0 JAN, 2018

Betreft: - uw schrijven over een erkenningsvoorwaarden voor artsen infectiologen

Ik heb met aandacht uw schrijven aangaande voornoemd dossier doorgenomen. Ik maak het voor verdere studie over aan de bevoegde dienst binnen de FOD Volksgezondheid, met name de dienst Strategie van de Gezondheidsberoepen (diensthoofd a.i. mevrouw Aurelie Somer).

Ik wijs er wel op dat de infectioloog niet per se via een titel hoeft geregeld te worden. Het is immers de bedoeling in de toekomst te werken met een visum als 'license to practice' naar Angelsaksisch model, waarbij de visumhouder een portfolio bijhoudt en zijn bijkomende kennisverwerving, expertise en activiteitsniveau documenteert

Ten slotte dient het geheel van de beroepstitels inwendige geneeskundige conceptueel rond te zijn vooraleer er aan niveau 3 titels dient gedacht. Ik zie ook nog verbanden met de kindergeneeskunde en de intensieve geneeskunde, die in uw bundel suboptimaal uitgewerkt zijn.

Zoals eerder aangehaald, vraag ik aan de FOD om in de loop van het voorjaar nuttig initiatief te nemen; er zal een adviseur namens de beleidscel aan het overleg deelnemen.

Date: zondag 3 december 2017 22:20:38

dr. Patrick Waterbley Secretaris Hoge Raad van artsen-specialisten en van huisartsen

Het Bureau van de Hoge Raad Artsen zal ingelicht worden van uw schrijven.

Momenteel vergadert de Werkgroep Inwendige Geneeskunde niet meer, na analyse van de stand van zaken door de Hoge Raad Artsen. Er wordt gewacht op meer duidelijkheid rond de al dan niet opvolging van de eerdere en toekomstige adviezen van de Hoge Raad Artsen ter actualisering van de sterk gedateerde Belgische erkenningscriteria (van 26 adviezen sinds eind 2014 gaven er slechts 3 aanleiding tot een ministerieel besluit).

Uiteraard zal de Werkgroep inwendige geneeskunde ook ingelicht worden van uw schrijven zodra de Werkgroep de activiteiten hervat.

Prof. J. Boniver, voorzitter van de Hoge Raad Artsen en de heer P. Facon, directeur-generaal ontvangen cc van dit schrijven.

Plenary High Council, December 14, 2017

- Vergadering neemt kennis van de brief dd 12 november 2017
- Dossier wordt geagendeerd op Bureau HR/CS
- Overleg op kabinet belangrijk voor inschatten van verdere opvolging

Conclusion

- Specialty or Subspecialty of ID is recognized in nearly all European countries
- Several attempts to initiate a recognition process were not successful in the past
- A level 2 title (full specialty) is not realistic and potentially harmful (RIZIV/INAMI nomenclature)
- The new structure of Internal Medicine offers an opportunity to develop a level 3 title of specific professional competence (subspecialty)
- Education and Training Requirements are well described / established both at the level of university (theoretical courses; diploma) and at the level of professional practice (UEMS; other European countries)

Conclusion

- A novel, well documented and motivated attempt to initiate a professional recognition was launched by BVIKM/SBIMC in November 2017
- With broad support by Belgian Infectiologists and by European scientific and professional societies
- Request is registered by the minister and the High Council
- No follow up, yet political priority?
- When professional recognition is obtained, organizational and financial aspects must be tackled (RIZIV/INAMI)



Full specialty

Subspecialty

Integral part of polyvalent laboratory medicine or other

Lancet Infect Dis 2011; Integral part of general internal medicine

11: 408-415 No data available

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A large survey among European trainees in clinical microbiology and infectious disease on training systems and training adequacy: identifying the gaps and suggesting improvements

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Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis (2017) 36:233-242

Fig. 2 Map of the mean satisfaction score of infectious disease trainees regarding their training in a given European country. The three colors (green, orange, and red) represent the mean score in tertiles without weighting for the number of participants of each country

