

EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION IN PAEDIATRIC ALLERGOLOGY

Introduction

Paediatric Allergology has been recognized by CESP (Confederation of European Specialist in Paediatrics) and UEMS as a Paediatric Subspecialty and a Training Syllabus has been approved. CESP is setting up a visitation program to accredit Training Centres for paediatric subspecialties in EEC countries, and in the future, European Paediatric Allergists will all be trained in such centres, according to the approved Training Program.

However, there are many doctors currently practising Paediatric Allergology in Europe, who have clinical experience and scientific activity in the field. Although their background and training may have been heterogeneous, they were really the pioneers of Paediatric Allergology, and many are working in centres that will be accredited for training in this new subspecialty.

The Section on Paediatrics of EAACI (SP EAACI) considers, therefore, that interested European Paediatricians, should have an opportunity, during a limited period of time, to submit their curricula and eventually be accredited as European Paediatric Allergists. This will be a provisional certification to be submitted to EAP later on, when tis becomes feasible.

Conditions for certification

Certification will be based on any of the following criteria:

1. Doctors with double certification in both Paediatrics and Allergology.
2. Paediatricians with the subspecialty, competence or equivalent differentiation in Paediatric Allergology recognized by professional, scientific or government departments, responsible for professional training and/or health care in their countries.
3. Paediatricians considered by the Jury to have fulfilled the Training Program for Paediatric Allergology
4. Paediatricians with at least 2 years training in a Paediatric Allergy Unit with recognized official capacity to train allergologists in that country.
5. Paediatricians working in the field of Paediatric Allergology for at least 5 years, with a period of at least 2 years supervised by a certified allergologist.
6. Paediatricians with a special interest in Allergology, who, for at least 10 years, significantly contributed to the scientific progress in the field of Paediatric Allergology and the implementation of this subspecialty in their country, as judged by the Jury.
7. For applications submitted after June 1st 2019, it is a mandatory prerequisite for this certification that the candidate has also passed the Paediatric EAACI knowledge exam

Rules and procedures

1. This certification will be done during a temporary period that has started in January 1st 2005, until training centres are accredited in the countries of the candidates. After centres are accredited in a given country, only candidates successfully trained and/or evaluated in those centres or by national professional or scientific bodies or government departments, responsible for professional training, will be accepted as European Paediatric Allergologists by ETC-PA.
2. Candidates must submit one copy of their *Curriculum Vitae* in English, in electronic format to the secretary of the ETC-PA via the national delegate
3. The Jury will be constituted by
 - a. The Chairperson of the SP EAACI or his/her representative
 - b. The Liaison Officer of the ETC-PA in EAP
 - c. Element of recognized reputation nominated by the ETC-PA (this person may vary, and should preferably be the national delegate of the country of the candidate)
4. The Jury may ask for confirmatory documents or for additional elements and may require an interview with the candidate
5. All candidates must pay a 50 Euro fee, to cover administrative costs and eventual travel costs or other expenses of the Jury. This should be paid to the treasurer of the Clemens Von Pirquet Foundation
6. All accredited candidates will be given a diploma

Final comments

Although this certification may enrich the individual *Curriculum Vitae* of the candidates as a prestigious quality label, it is simply a recognition of merit by a scientific society and does not *per se* confer any official title or license to practise as a paediatric allergologist in any European country.

It is also a prerequisite for European Accreditation of Training Centres, since teachers must be certified specialists themselves.

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