

## **ACCREDITATION 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 Syllabus.

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 accreditation to be submitted to CESP later on.

### **Conditions for accreditation**

Accreditation 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 Syllabus 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 allergist.
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.

### **Rules and procedures**

1. This accreditation will be done during a temporary two year period starting in January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005

2. Candidates must submit three copies of their *Curriculum Vitae* in English, to the secretary of the ETC-PA, or one copy in electronic format.
3. The Jury will be constituted by
  - a. The President of the SP EAACI
  - b. The Liaison Officer of .the ETC-PA in CESP
  - 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 ETC-PA
6. All accredited candidates will be given a diploma

### **Final comments**

This preliminary accreditation will form the basis of a first European list of Paediatric Allergists, to be submitted to CESP for final official approval. It is also a prerequisite for certification of Training Centres, since teachers must be certified specialists themselves.