

## EFC NEWS – OCTOBER 2013

### Dear Member Countries

Here is the European Federation for Colposcopy (EFC) 2013 consensus on standards in colposcopy for training and practice outlining the vision of the board of the EFC. Satellite meetings held in Berlin in 2011 and 2012 developed a principle for consensus on these standards in colposcopy. Furthermore there is a demand for EFC approval to guide colposcopy services towards better quality. EFC considers that a further satellite meeting scheduled for **Berlin 28 February/1 March 2014** will finally lead to the development of tools to record colposcopy performance indicators and facilitation of training.

Full details of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Satellite meeting for national society colposcopy leaders will be sent out in the new year but please keep the date in your diary and decide who will be available to represent your country in Berlin

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### Achievements of the satellite meetings 2011 and 2012

- Overview on the heterogeneity in screening / practice of colposcopy throughout Europe
- Consensus on standards in colposcopy for training and practice
- Identification of possible quality parameters in the daily practice of colposcopy and approval of 6 quality indicators in a Delphi process
- Re-evaluation of the 51 core competencies in training in colposcopy (*please see Poster, E. Moss, attached to this Newsletter*)

### Conclusions 2013

1. Broad consensus on standards and defined quality assessment in colposcopy
2. Well defined core competencies in training and quality parameters for daily colposcopy practice
3. National concepts, electronic devices to assess quality
4. A strong demand for EFC approvals to guide colposcopy services towards better quality

### Policy for EFC approval of national QA programs in training of colposcopy (to start after satellite meeting 2014)

EFC's educational committee (EEC) will develop:

1. A frame program for basic and advanced colposcopy courses with defined time slots for specific core competencies

2. Minimum requirements for exit assessment (may include a dynamic pool of tasks/questions)

National societies (EFC members) submit their concepts to EEC. EEC will review the submission and if accepted recommend the approval by the EFC Executive Board

### **EFC approval of colposcopy training courses?**

<b>Organised by</b>	<b>Basic core competencies</b>	<b>Advanced competencies</b>	<b>Part of an EFC approved educational program</b>	<b>Approval</b>
EFC	Yes	No	Yes	<u>EFC training certificate of attendance in basic colposcopy</u>
EFC	No	Yes	Yes	EFC training certificate of attendance in advanced colposcopy
National societies	Yes	No	Yes	<u>National training certificate of attendance in basic colposcopy approved by EFC</u>
National societies	No	Yes	Yes	National training certificate of attendance in advanced colposcopy approved by EFC
Others *	Yes (and/or)	Yes	No	<u>Training course recommended by EFC</u>

### **EFC approval of national QA concepts in practice of colposcopy (“expert colposcopist”)**

National societies will submit their concepts / QA-programs to the EFC Executive Board. The submission must include:

1. A well defined independent evaluation of the overall case load, as well as numbers of low-grade and high-grade disease seen by individual colposcopists per year
2. Evaluation of the individual performance with the use of the 4 EFC quality indicators

EFC approval 1 = Colposcopist fulfilling EFC standards  
 1.+2 = and member of EFC’s QA program

### **Recommended electronic tools**

EFC recommends the development and use of electronic tools to improve independent QA in colposcopy. The use of approved tools would ease the approval of national QA concepts. A mix of electronic tools and personal control is possible

Already approved by EFC:

- BSCCP’s electronic log book for training

Candidates:

- The Italian and German web based colposcopy data management + QA programs
- The Finnish web based training program with exit exam

### **The 3rd Satellite Meeting will be held in Berlin 28 February/1 March 2014**

We await your applications of national QA and training programs and any other input  
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Please see Poster attached to the email– Dr Esther Moss – Prague September 2013