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The last year (2012) the WG presented the result of the survey about the evolution of the continuing Education programmes in Europe.

You will find herewith the publication of our results.(IDJ 63-1;56.2013)

This year (2013) was devoted to the issue of Equivalency system between the different NDAs Continuing Education program . Consequently the WG send questionnaires to all the 38 NDAs member of the ERO. We received 24 answers (63 %) .

Results .

Continuing Education is voluntary in 58 % and Mandatory 42 %

Sanctions are present in 25 % .

Concerning the requierment :

There is a great discrepancy in the number of hours necessary

From 10 to 90 hours per year , with an average between 40 to 60 hours (50 %) .Total of years requested from 4 to 6

E-learning only 8 %

The responsibility of the Continuing Education is shared between:

Commitees/Institutions ; 30 % , NDAs ; 20 % , Dental Faculties ; 10 % ,

Others ; 40 %.(Joint commission or Commercial)

There is no evaluation in 67 % of the countries.

Conclusion

These findings point out that it will be difficult establishing an Equivalency scale. At this point also we can consider that the WG is not able to perform a proper scientific research but rather to set up only a working paper.

Therefore in our eyes it seem important at this stage to develop a format for an evaluation procedure .

After the Potsdam ERO meeting the next Education WG will elaborate A plateform for discussion between all the ERO NDAs.