

Foreword

The "Mamaia 2005" International Summer Courses for Dental Surgeons

The experience we have acquired in organizing the International Summer Courses of 2002, 2003 and 2004, resulting in an increase of attendants, exhibiting firms, lecture delivering professors and of foreign attending physicians - constitute the pledge and the impetus for us to carry on and expand the range of action.

The "Mamaia 2005" Summer Courses (granting credits of continuous medical training) will be held on May 30-June 4.

Seeking to enable an ever larger number of dental surgeons to attend such training sessions, the suggestion will be made, at the forthcoming gathering of the deans of the Black Sea countries Faculties of Dental Medicine, that such courses be organized in other countries as well, pending the willingness of the host country.

Despite such a move being bold and arduous, it will nevertheless lead eventually to valuable results.

As long as the Black Sea area, in turning into an ever more significant zone geopolitically and socio-economically, it is but natural for dental medicine to be taking steps ahead as well.

We discard the notion that solitary acting performed by any dental surgeon, faculty staff or even national association might yield whatever benefits. We reckon that each and every one of us is better-positioned if deriving knowledge from one another.

To the extent that medico-dental higher education is concerned, endeavors are currently being made to settle the issue of transfer credits.

Can any one state how the Black Sea countries system of providing medico-dental assistance operates broadly? Or, are notions about the educational structure of one's neighboring country known?

Should such knowledgeable persons exist, we kindly invite them over to Constanta (full board secured) to lecture us!

It is self evident that European curricula will be broken even as far down in depth as feasible. As long as at present there are still dissimilarities in the system of training medical and dental undergraduates within the Universities of the same country, debate upon the differences existing among various countries proves downright pointless.

A basic managerial principle enjoins that no discussion concerning a desirable status can be launched prior to possessing the exact awareness of the current conditions.

Therefore we look upon the Oral Health and Dental Management in the Black Sea Countries journal as an instrumental means of securing communication among all interested parties and spreading informative items throughout our area.

Any other initiative in this respect is warmly welcome as it testifies to us being aware of the prospects of the geographic zone we live in, of the prospects of our professional field, hence of us as very individuals.

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