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Dear Ms. Lucia Slobodová

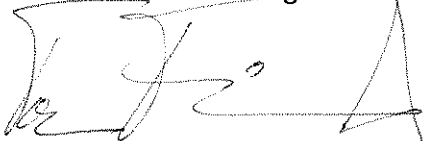
The Norwegian Society of Medical Genetics, a professional body under the Norwegian Medical Association responsible for approving and overseeing the training and education of medical geneticists in Norway, fully endorses the UEMS Clinical Genetics curriculum with the total length of 4 years, as stated in the "Description of Clinical Genetics as a medical speciality in EU: Aims and objectives of specialist training", adopted on 25 April 2009.

Clinical Genetics ("Medisinsk Genetikk" in Norway) has been a primary full speciality in Norway since 1973. We have a specialist training program that very much conforms to the "Description of Clinical Genetics" that now has been endorsed by the UEMS Specialist Section and adopted by the UEMS Council.

Although the training period is of 5 years in our country, this does include a 1 year period of either research (at minimum leading to one publication) or clinical training in relevant specialities (e.g. paediatrics, obstetrics, oncology and neurology). We will have no objections in accepting and recognising the education in other European countries where the training period is at least 4 years.

The Norwegian Society of Medical Genetics fully supports and endorses the inclusion of Clinical Genetics into Directive 2005/36, and hopes that important speciality, that has been a primary speciality in our country for the last 36 years, finally will be recognised at the European level.

On behalf of the Norwegian Society of Medical Genetics



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