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The Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs, Turkey.  
TEPDAD

This is to inform you that the WFME Recognition Committee met in Quito, Ecuador on July 31, 2013 and considered and decided upon the Recognition Report of Tip Eđitimi Programlarini Deđeriendirme ve Akreditasyon Derneđi, TEPDAD (The Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs, Turkey) prepared by the Recognition Team dated June, 2013 (enclosed).

The Recognition Committee decided unanimously to grant TEPDAD WFME Recognition for a ten year term with follow-up actions required. These follow-up actions are described below. During this period the TEPDAD must inform WFME of any substantive changes in the scope of activities of the agency, in the procedures and standards for accreditation of medical education.

Recognition by WFME confers the understanding that the accreditation agency has been assessed and found to be credible in its policies and procedures to assure the quality of medical education in the programs and medical schools that it accredits.

The Recognition Committee noted and agreed to the areas of strength identified by the Recognition Team and stated in the report (p. 5):

- A systematic and meticulous description, analysis, discussion and assessment of compliance with the standards at all stages of the process
- Policies and procedures are in accordance with internationally accepted best practice
- The accreditation system is characterized by a high degree of transparency. Easily accessible information is provided for the medical schools and the general public
- Several useful guidelines, instructional documents and courses are provided to assist the medical schools considering or undergoing accreditation
- The site-visit teams are highly qualified and experienced groups representing a broad spectrum of medical education expertise and knowledge

Also, the Recognition Committee decided to endorse the recommendations by the Recognition Team regarding follow-up actions on two issues (Areas for further consideration/areas of transition, described in the report p. 5):

1. The use of information on the performance of recent graduates of the medical school in making accreditation decisions (the Recognition Report Part III, Section E, Accreditation Decisions)
2. Release of the student members of the site visit teams from their studies for the duration of the visit (the Recognition Report Part III, Section B, Site visit)

WFME requests that TEPDAD report to the WFME Office on implementation of solutions to these problems within a period of 18 months from the date of this letter.

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Recognition decisions will be made public on the WFME website within 30 days after the final decision. Furthermore, the WFME Secretariat will notify the Higher Education Council of Turkey and the Secretariat of the World Directory of Medical Schools of the decisions taken at the Recognition Committee meeting.

This Decision Letter and the final Recognition Report by the Recognition Team are held confidential by WFME but may be disclosed by the agency at its discretion.

If TEPDAD makes a public disclosure of its recognition status the agency must disclose that status accurately and provide the name, address and telephone number of the WFME secretariat.



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