

## WORLD FEDERATION OF MEDICAL EDUCATION (WFME) DELEGATION VISITS PM&DC

**Islamabad 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017:** Delegation of the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME) visited PM&DC on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.

Prof. Dr. David Gordon, President WFME (former President of the Association of Medical Schools in Europe, Emeritus professor of medicine and former dean of the medical faculty at the University of Manchester) headed the delegation. The members of the delegation included Prof. Dr. Ara Tekian (Professor of Medical Education and Associate Dean of International Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago USA), Prof. Dr. Janet Grant (Professor Open University Institute of Educational Technology (IET), Senior Advisor, WFME, UK). The PM&DC President Prof. Dr. Shabir Lehri along with its Council members and PM&DC staff welcome the delegation.

A detailed presentation of PM&DC was given to them by Prof. Dr. Abid Farooqi Vice President of PM&DC, regarding the enhancement and improvements done in PM&DC working specially in the registration and accreditation systems. He told the delegates that currently there are 51 medical colleges in the public sector and 93 in the private sector with a total of 144 medical and dental colleges.

He told that 166,750 MBBS /BDS doctors and 184438 specialists 'doctors are working in the country. Currently in Pakistan doctors who have achieved Postgraduate Qualifications, M.phil 2,731, 7,864 MCPS, 16,808 FCPS, 2,087 FRCS, 259 MRCP, 974 American Board of Diplomats, 18,613 other postgraduate qualification have been registered with PM&DC.

The delegates appreciated the efforts being done by the new Council to improve the system. The delegates along with the members of the council of PM&DC deliberated and discussed the ways and means to improve the mutual working relations between the two organizations and agreed upon to meet in future for further cooperation.

World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) President said that we would help PM&DC to obtain WFME recognition. The delegates requested PM&DC to support in maintaining accurate and complete information on the medical schools of Pakistan in the Directory of world medical schools for the advancement of the International Medical Education and Research.



The President WFME elaborate and clarified the prevailing misconceptions regarding status of medical dental colleges included in the world directory of medical schools. He explained that the WFME has not made it mandatory for the medical schools to adopt the integrated modular medical curriculum for the medical schools, any medical curriculum approved by the respective regulatory body can be adopted by the medical schools. However, WFME has devised criteria of recognition of accrediting bodies and up till now six accredited bodies have been recognized which may extend to 15 by the end of this year. He further explained that after 2023 the USMLE has decided to allow the graduates of only those medical schools who have been accredited by the regulatory bodies recognized by WFME.

In the meeting suggestion was forwarded by the honorable guest Prof. Dr. Janet Grant regarding recognition of accredited of distant learning programs in medical education (non clinical) by PM&DC. Dr Amir Hussain Bandeshah along with Prof. Mussadiq Khan, Dr Ibrar Ashraf and Dr Haroon member Executive Committee participated in the discussion and agreed to take the matter in the coming Council meeting to discuss the matter.

The following Council members attended the meeting including Prof.Dr.Shabir Lehri, Prof.Dr.Abid Farooqi, Dr.Amir Hussain Bandeshah, Prof.Umar Ali Khan, Maj.Gen.Saleem, Dr.Taj Muhammad, Dr Khayal ur Rehman, Dr.Ibrar Ashraf, Dr.Muhammad Haroon , Prof.Dr.Mussadiq Khan, Maj.Gen.Khaliq Naveed, Prof.Dr.Eice Muhammad,Dr.Asad Hafiz, Prof.Dr.Ahmed Mishwani, Dr.Feroz Jahangir,Dr.Mussarat Khan and Dr.Imran Neseer.



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