

Program Directors Meeting 2016 - Summary of the Accreditation Session

AWG Report to Program Directors and Feedback

A one-day accreditation session was held during the June 2016 Program Directors meeting held in Madrid, Spain. The session had full engagement and participation of program directors and partners during the agenda discussions and break-out sessions.

The session agenda included a report to PDs on the development of the Accreditation of FETPs project and the results of the first cycle of accreditations of FETPs, which included a presentation summarizing the 21-page report that focused on the accreditation development period (2011-2016); including the pilot of accreditation and the review of the first accreditation cycle. This review was conducted by the Accreditation Working Group, which used information generated by the review of the accreditation applications, and the various feedback and evaluations vehicles included in the accreditation process.

The second agenda item was the AWG presentation of their review of the 2015-2016 accreditation cycle and the changes implemented to address the excess burden of documentation on some indicators and to increase the technical support to programs to prepare the information and documentation that supports the application.

The AWG work focused on simplifying the Accreditation of FETPs Indicators and Standards table and from there in reducing the number of questions and support documentation of the FETP Accreditation Application form, and the consequently reformatting and simplifying the accreditation application review, the site-visit agenda, and the site-visit report forms that accreditation reviewers complete.

The Accreditation Readiness Assessment is now not only recommended to programs as an important quality of FETP reference and readiness measurement, but also requested to be submitted with the program letter of intent together with the Accreditation Basic Eligibility certificate. A lively Q&A session about the streamlining of accreditation followed the AWG presentation.

Program directors and accreditation reviewers of the four programs completing the 2015-18 accreditation process shared their experience and reflections of the process with the audience.

Finally, program directors participated on 90-minute regional breakout sessions to discuss sharing of resources and avenues for regional and global collaborations to increase quality of programs and services and alignment of all programs with accreditation standards.

Please Review the 2016 revised Minimum Accreditation of FETPs Indicators and Standards Table, the Report of the Development of the Accreditation FETPs Project 2011-16, and the summary of discussions and recommendations made by PDs during the regional accreditation breakout sessions, and the AWG presentation.

Programs are invited to watch the video recording of the Q&A accreditation session that will be extremely informative to your programs.