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The EBAss Program for Exchange of Personnel

EBAss is an international, not-for-profit organisation, represented in more than 13 European countries, EBAss primary objectives are the development of inter-professional communications, harmonisation of education programmes and the development of a common approach to accident prevention and safety in hyperbaric treatment centres.

In this context, EBAss wishes to stimulate professional personnel exchange and intellectual reflection aiming toward the promotion and improvement of continuous education. This can be achieved by "informed" observation of the activities of hyperbaric treatment centres.

EBAss has therefore launched a program of personnel exchange between hyperbaric centres in Europe. This program, aimed exclusively to personnel other than doctors, will allow the participants (members of EBAss) to observe the procedures, methods and treatment protocols of another hyperbaric centre during a short period (typically, 3-5 days).

Participating hyperbaric centres chosen to receive such "exchange personnel" will comply strictly to the criteria set out for "centres for hyperbaric oxygen therapy" as set out in the "Code of Good Practice for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy", written by the ad hoc Working Group of the COST B14 Action and endorsed by the European Committee for Hyperbaric Medicine (ECHM).

An EBAss member wishing to enrol in this scheme should contact EBAss stating which facility they are interested in visiting; initial contact with the hyperbaric facility will then be made by EBAss.

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When the member visits the facility they will be there as an observer only; they will not be employed as part of the work process however they will be expected to abide by that facilities rules and must at all times act in a professional manner. Once the visit is complete the member will be required to write a report of his/her activities during the exchange, this can then be used as an article for inclusion in EBAss News; the format of this report will be provided by EBAss.

Hyperbaric facilities interested in hosting exchange visits by personnel should also contact EBAss in order for compilation of a list of interested facilities.

EBAss will contribute to the cost of travel between the accepted members home facility and the chosen exchange facility; the EBAss contribution will not exceed 200€ maximum on presentation of invoice.

EBAss will always form the link between the participating member and the facility chosen; EBAss will be responsible for gaining approval of the medical director(s) of the chosen facility.

Participation in this scheme will not incur any financial cost for the chosen hyperbaric facility. The EBAss exchange personnel will be considered as "super-numery" to the facility; they will be an observer only and he/she will not be requested to perform ANY specific task in relation to the daily workload performed by the chosen centre.

The responsible person dealing with the EBAss exchange programme within EBAss is Ms GEELS, Judith, of the Hyperbaric Centre of Amsterdam (The Netherlands). Email address: j.r.geels@amc.uva.nl

Participants of this programme should register with EBAss and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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