Continuing Education Board

Proposal to amend the regulations governing the Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases: communication from the Continuing Education Board

With immediate effect

In Examination Regulations 2010, p 1006

Delete from p. 1040 line 44 to p. 1042 line 5 and insert:

1. The course will consist of lectures, written assignments and online Interactive case studies in the field of paediatric infectious disease. The course may be taken on a part-time basis over a period which shall normally be of two years’ duration but shall not exceed three years’ duration.

2. Every candidate must normally:

   (a) Attend a residential course held annually in Oxford entitled “Infection and Immunity in Children”.

   (b) Attend a second residential course held annually in Oxford entitled “Infection and Immunity in Children” (with a different course syllabus each year).

   (c) Attend the residential PENTA-ESPID (Tr@inforPedHIV) training course in paediatric HIV medicine.

   (d) Complete Online PENTA-ESPID(Tr@inforPedHIV)module in paediatric HIV medicine.

   (e) Actively participate in seven ESPID Online Case Rounds.

   (f) Actively participate in one four week PENTA-ESPID(Tr@inforPedHIV) Online Case Discussion in paediatric HIV medicine.

   (g) Actively participate in six online multiple choice sessions.

3. Every candidate shall be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

   (a) Active participation, to the satisfaction of the Course Director, in all parts of the course.

   (b) A written assignment consisting of either:
     i. An audit of clinical practice in paediatric infectious disease of no more than 4000 words.
        Or
     ii. A case study and literature review of no more than 4000 words.
And

iii. A short oral presentation.

(c) A written assignment consisting of either:
   i. A dissertation in an area of special interest of no more than 8000 words.
   Or
   ii. A project report describing a research study in the field of paediatric infectious diseases undertaken by the candidate of no more than 8000 words written in the style of a scientific paper with abstract, introduction/background, methods, results and conclusion.

(d) An examination consisting of multiple choice questions in paediatric infectious diseases covering the topics outlined in the schedule for training in paediatric infectious disease summarised below.

The assignments under 3(b) and 3(c) shall be forwarded to the examiners c/o Registry, Department of Continuing Education, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA, for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine and of which they shall notify candidates. The assessed work will, in normal circumstances, be submitted through an electronic submission system.

4. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies at the discretion of the examiners.

5. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma

6. A candidate who fails to satisfy the examiners in the assignments under 3(b) and 3(c) or the examination under 3(d) above may normally be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination which they have failed on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.’