

EAC's 5-year strategy plan: Consensus Statements

In 2007, the EAC was established by the General Council (GC) to take on the Academic work of the ECU including the academic convention work and the Research Council.

In the intervening years the Academic Council (AC) has worked on developing a structure to enable the Academy to fulfil the tasks assigned by the GC.

The Academy has started to validate and award CPD points to academically oriented seminars throughout Europe.

In addition to this, the EAC has developed a conceptual framework for a Model Graduate Education Programme (GEP) in Europe, already approved by the GC.

With the assistance of the ECU a joint venture with COCA was agreed upon to provide the peer reviewed online journal "Chiropractic and Manual Therapies".

At the same time, specialty colleges have been established to provide a faculty for future CPD projects and to set the standards in their field of expertise.

During our Academic Council meeting November 25 2010 the AC has decided to focus on the following 5-year strategy plan with the aim of providing high quality CPD in Europe:

2011

- Low cost easily accessible day-seminars based on the existing convention infrastructure (expanding on the best attended lectures/workshops), offered several times in the year at different locations in Europe, for
 - CPD (on a regular basis) and
 - GEP purposes (under request from national association)
- Draft a proposal for CPD guidelines
- Establishment of an interactive website in order to create
 - CPD portfolio for each member
 - Specialty college interactive forum
 - Newsflashes for the "x-ray case of the week", upcoming seminars and news from the Academy
 - Online credit card payment system
- Specialty colleges Master-classes at the ECU convention
- Faculty training for GEP
- Offer multi-level membership fees Barcelona November 25 2010

2012

- Short clinical 'guidelines' developed by the specialty Colleges to assist everyday practitioners in clinical decision making and in evidence based practice
- Provide an online template for presenting national GEP to facilitate exchange of knowhow
- Offer online podcast sessions of lectures and seminars
- Collaboration with existing national colleges (academies, agencies) in the area of CPD
- Explore possible fund raising opportunities (outside fees) e.g., advertising at website, sponsors
- Consultation of the stakeholders on CPD guidelines

2013

- Implementation of an e-learning platform for Continuing Professional Development CPD (stage I)
- Finalization of the GEP Model Curriculum and begin implementation

2014

- Implementation of an e-learning platform for CPD (stage II)

2015

In 2015 The Academy aims to expand its membership to 1500 thereby achieving financial independence from ECU.