

Dear Fellow of the European Committee on Sexual Medicine (FECSM),

The Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Sexual Medicine (MJCSM) aims to promote and harmonize the highest level of Sexual Medicine in Europe – both on the basic and postgraduate level. MJCSM is working hard to achieve these objectives by setting educational standards, minimal requirements for training, defining rules for accreditation of educational activities and offering a systematic assessment for the recognition of quality.

Since the official foundation of the MJCSM in 2011, we managed to achieve a significant progress. Up to date, more than 500 physicians from all over the world passed the MJCSM exam and got the privilege of becoming FECSM. We have established the standards for sexual medicine training and created the first curriculum for sexual medicine education. However, we still have a lot more to do.

Sexual medicine is a multidisciplinary branch of medicine which takes into account the individual and couple dimensions but also biological, psychological and social aspects. Therefore, large part of the postgraduate sexual medicine education process should be provided in centers, which have a specific program dedicated to sexual medicine. Currently, we have 4 certified training centers and we need to increase their numbers for making sexual medicine education available across Europe.

Mentoring is also crucial for the education in every discipline of medicine and sexual medicine is not an exception. With the MJCSM website (www.mjcsm.org), we have created an online education platform for mentor-fellow interaction which provides an excellent opportunity for collaboration. The educational progresses of almost 300 trainees are constantly monitored by 13 supervisors and they will be evaluated prior to every MJCSM exam.

For the evolution of this process, we need your collaboration. As being a FECSM, many of you have the ability to train and supervise the young generation in the field of sexual medicine. In fact, many of you already do that with their residents and trainees. The supervision process does not always require physical presence of the mentor and the fellow as it could also be performed through the modern digital world.

If you are a FECSM and who meets the criteria to become a supervisor (<http://www.mjcsm.org/trainingcentreandtrainers/criteria1.html>) please enroll to our online education program and start training other fellows from all over the world. If you are working in a center which could be a sexual medicine training center (<http://www.mjcsm.org/trainingcentreandtrainers/criteria.html>), we would like to invite you to join us in the process of supervision and training for the future of sexual medicine all around the world.

On behalf of the MJCSM

Y. Reisman, chair

and

E. Serefoglu, secretary