



WFME ACCREDITATION IS OUR PRIORITY: PRESIDENT PMC

Islamabad 30th September 2022: Keeping in view the importance of the WFME Accreditation 1st meeting of the WFME accreditation task force Internal & External was held at PMC. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Noshad Ahmad Shaikh (President PMC), Dr. Khurshid Ahmad Nasim (Vice President PMC), Dr. Raheela Yasmin (Special Advisor), Dr. Ali Tayyab (Special Advisor), Dr. Umar Ali Khan (Special Advisor)

The President apprised in the meeting that since PMC has qualified eligibility for the WFME. He added that the task force has been constituted aiming to sum up the work that has been done so far along with proposed steps for the WFME accreditation. He added that this taskforce has to expedite the finalization of accreditation application to be submitted to the WFME. Keeping in view that the deadline by ECFMG has been fixed as 2024 and the future of our graduates is at stake, Therefore, WFME accreditation process be undertaken at priority. A complete Presentation regarding current status of accreditation and an overview of the WFME accreditation timeline was given by the internal task force to chalk out further implementation of the process of accreditation. The President informed the Committee that the Council has decided that 2022 accreditation standards shall be a vision document. The current inspection criteria are the 2019 Standards based on which the PMC may perform inspections. It was brought under discussion that a seminar must be conducted by the PMC and international speakers shall be invited and consulted. It was emphasized that this will lead to better communication and understanding of the policies under revision and implementation. This would ultimately aid in the process of the subject accreditation. President added that PMC Council is focusing to complete the mandatory requirements and develop the standards of Medical Dental profession as per not only WFME standards but also on international best practices and ensuring that Pakistan's medical education and doctors are duly recognised internationally. It was mutually agreed that website shall be upgraded regarding PMC qualifying the Eligibility of WFME so that student's concerns are addressed. President PMC had another meeting in this regard with Agha Khan University Karachi and they have been taken on board in the WFME accreditation task force committee for the accreditation of WFME. The President PMC said that doctors and graduates don't need to worry as PMC is putting all their efforts to get the accreditation and soon we will achieve our goal and our Pakistani graduates shall be allowed to appear in ECFMG.