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Letter from the Editor

MUCH HAS CHANGED BUT THERE IS NEED FOR MORE

Health care is becoming increasingly complex across the globe; technology, deliver models, economic requirements, demographic and the epidemiology of diseases are changing at a rapid pace. Despite multiple efforts in defining common competencies and standards that all healthcare professionals should meet, it has become clear that education and training programs have to adjust the need to be accountable to society for products they produce.

Medical education has evolved to become a discipline in its own right. With demands on medical faculties to be socially responsible, there is now an increasing pressure for the professionalism of teaching practice. Albania is a relatively young country in medical educational term. However, based on his historical roots in the past, Albania medical education was adapted to changing circumstances through the ages. Although there were a number of innovations and reforms, we still face several challenges and critical issues caused by new health care standards.

In order to respond successfully to changes in health care and to produce a new breed of future doctors through effectively medical school reforms, Albanian Government has decided on 23.01.2013 (VKM Nr. 48) to improve, as soon as possible, educational strategies of high medical education beginning with transformation of actual Faculty of Medicine to a University of Medicine, composed of Medical, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health and Medical Nursing Faculty. This essential and welcome structural improvement will enable to move from traditional teaching to integrated curricula, student directed learning, active participation and roles in practical education, to resolve the tension between “knowing” and “doing”, to consider diverse training methods and formats for students and residents, to reinforce research activity, to promote academic excellence, to conduct more rigorous program evaluations, to foster new partnership and collaborations and to ensure long-term retention of high quality medical services.

On behalf of editor-in-chief of the “Bulletin of Medical Science” I heartily would like to wish Prof. Dr. Jera Kruja, the appointed Rector of Albanian University of Medicine, to successfully proceed in fulfilling the multi-dimensional teaching, clinical and research reforms and to insist on higher standards of medical education. I am sure that thanks to the high academic, clinical and scientific profile and her long experience in direction of the high academic and hospital structures, Prof. Dr. Jera Kruja, together with respected professors of our Departments and Services will achieve the needed standards on high medical education.

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