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At the meeting in Buenos Aires, the Council approved the enclosed document as guide lines for "Specialisation" in clinical allergy. However, before making it public I felt that it would be best if you were to have the opportunity of looking through it again. As you will recall, the idea is simply to provide some guide lines rather than details, and I would appreciate it if you would examine it in this light and let me have your reply as soon as possible.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE I.A.A. OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR TRAINING AND SPECIALISATION IN "ALLERGOLOGY" (CLINICAL ALLERGY) IN THE GENERAL FIELD OF "CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY"

1. The training and specialisation requirements should be under the control and supervision of appropriate academic or authoritative medical bodies. The training should be undertaken in approved institutions of high academic and clinical standards.
2. Postgraduate training, under conditions and for periods (at present varying from 2 to 3 years) acceptable in different countries by appropriate authoritative boards or examining bodies in Internal Medicine or Paediatrics and on which the specialisation in "Allergy" should be based.

The authoritative body or bodies may on review of individual cases find postgraduate training in other fields of medicine of a comparably acceptable order to the above as a basis for specialisation in "Allergy". For example, in "Respiratory Medicine" and "Gastro-enterology".

3. The training programme or requirements for specialisation in "Clinical Allergy" should include:
 - (a) Basic theoretical training in the established field of general immunology.
 - (b) Experience in or familiarity with the basic laboratory procedures. This may be acquired for example by a period of research training in a relevant field, or by adequate instruction.
 - (c) Training in the clinical application of basic immunology to the "practice of allergy".
 - (d) Clinical training in approved institutions, for example, academic or teaching hospitals, with experience in several relevant fields, e.g. respiratory disease, gastroenterology, paediatrics, dermatology, etc.

This period of the training varies at present in different countries, from two up to, preferably three to four years.

The authoritative controlling body or bodies should be required to determine the adequacy of the training, either by examination leading to a diploma or certificate and/or overall assessment so as to be able to recommend or give appropriate status where it possesses such powers, of specialist in "Clinical Allergy" in the field of Clinical Immunology. Acceptance of these general requirements will entail clinical, laboratory and theoretical assessment of the facilities available to meet them and for their provision where they do not exist.