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Slovak Society of Disaster and Emergency Medicine – Report

SSDEM was founded in 1996, as today has 139 members, most of them are physicians working in Prehospital EMS. Hospital EMS is under organizational and manpower construction according Decree of Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic, which prepare reconstruction of Central Hospital Admission Departments to Emergency Dept. with characteristic of EU standards (Slovak Republic, 5.3 mil inhabitants, member of EU, currency € since 2006, member OECD, 8 regions, 20 hospitals with like Emergency Department, 270 Ambulance crews nonstop on duty, 6 helicopter EMS).

Education of physicians in specialization of Emergency Medicine (EM) lasts 5 years and agree with EuSEM Curriculum. National Board Exam passed every year about 5 to 12 physicians, most of them are working in Prehospital EMS as members of Ambulance crew. As today we have in Slovakia 102 Emergency Physicians with specialization and state exam and next about 22 in final phase of study before Board Exam.

Education of medical students in EM is active in 2 of 4 Medical Schools in Slovakia and lasts 40 to 60 hours within the fourth academic year. EM as subject is preceded by 24 hours course of First Aid in the second semester of study.

Congresses: there are 3-4 small scientific events within year with emergency topics. The most important is annual Congres on Emergency and Disaster Medicine held every year with 350-400 participants. Next one will be on April 14-16, 2011 in Senec, near Bratislava (and Vienna) as 2nd international and 15th National. We would like invite representatives of EuSEM and participants from abroad (www.kongresum.sk).

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