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Curriculum Implementation Support Program – CISP-II 22nd, 23rd September 2020

Report

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The Curriculum Implementation Support Program – II (CISP–II) was organized at Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University Medical College, Pune, on 22nd, 23rd September 2020. In view of COVID 2019 pandemic, it was conducted as 'ONLINE' workshop, ie, our participants and resource persons were present in the WS hall, but the MCI Observer attended online.

Elaborate arrangements were made to enable continuous online interactive audiovisual access to the MCI observer throughout the 2 day workshop proceedings. To maintain physical distance between participants in view of the COVID Pandemic, the venue was shifted to the 1st floor Examination hall, with just 2 participants seated at each table.

It was organized under the aegis of MCI Regional Centre, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, with online attendance of the MCI Observer Dr. Kalpana Kulkarni, Associate Professor, Pathology, BJ Medical College, Pune. Since we are in the same town, we would have loved to have her with us at the workshop venue, as the 'online' presence did put a little constraint to her contributions.

Although 30 faculty members across the departments had enrolled for the program, there had to be some changes due to the current volatile situation, including 3 replacements and 1 last minute dropout due to health reasons. Out of the 29 faculty members who could actually participate, 5 were from Preclinical, 11 from Para clinical, 7 from Medicine & allied and 6 from Surgery & allied. Representation across hierarchy of seniority was 8 Professors, 11 Associate Professors, 9 Assistant Professors and 1 Tutor (Post PG). All participants actively participated in the workshop, making the sessions fruitful and lively.

Workshop resources created by MCI and shared with us by the MCI Nodal center, GSMC, Mumbai and the MCI Regional Center, AFMC, Pune, helped us to convincingly get across to the participants the essence of various aspects of the new CBME Curriculum, generating confidence about the need and the feasibility of implementation of these changes.

As far as prior knowledge is concerned, the participants were a mixed batch, because 7 participants had not attended the Revised Basic Workshops conducted earlier. The pace and the focus of the WS sessions had to be adjusted to accommodate all.

Participants were greatly impressed by the tremendous work put in by the MCI committees and subcommittees to bring out such a well-defined Competency Based Curriculum, as evidenced in the 3 volumes of the revised UG Curriculum giving subject wise details and rest of the modules, including the GMER 2019 and CISP-LRM documents to guide us in its implementation.

The logical sequence of sessions starting from Goal, roles and associated competencies expected of a graduate, through appropriate choice of T-L methods, assessment methods helped achieve these workshop objectives. The participants got 'hands on' experience through group / individual tasks linked with the sessions, taking them towards actual implementation of these concepts.

Fourteen members of the Curriculum Sub Committees (CSCs) formulated by the college for implementation of the new curriculum as per MCI directives were participants in this workshop. Walking them through the CISP including the Curricular Governance made them aware of the magnitude of work which lay ahead. During the last session, however, most participants expressed their belief that though huge, the task was definitely doable. They appreciated the opportunity of electives being offered to the students and came out with wonderful ideas for the electives to be offered. They have been provided a format for submitting more structured plans after thrashing it out in their own departments and arriving at a departmental consensus.

Participant Feedback about the entire workshop was very positive, although it was a little revision for the participants who had recently attended the revised basic WS. Good pretest score of these RBCW literates confirmed the effectiveness of the RBCWs conducted an year ago. Along with the quality of the interactive sessions and knowledgeable inputs from the resource persons to refine the hands on activities allocated to them, the participants also appreciated the elaborate arrangements made to conduct the workshop, ensuring all the necessary precautions mandated by the COVID Pandemic situation.

Many expressed the need to sensitize the entire faculty of the college about the curricular innovations to be brought in, in order to enable effective implementation.

ME faculty is all geared up to undertake more of these workshops and many faculty members are waiting to participate. All are awaiting signal from the MCI to schedule further sessions of the 'revised Basic WS and AETCOM'.

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Group Photo: CISP II Participants & Resource persons (MCI Observer Dr. Kalpana Kulkarni from BJ Medical College attended on line)