AHA- & ERC-guidelines meet in 1 bilingual paediatric instructor course: Alpine valley between Switzerland & Southtyrol

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Introduction: the world of Paed. Resuscitation is well defined by worldwide consensus document of ILCOR International Liaison Committee of Resuscitation. Isn’t it? Continental guidelines derived from ILCOR for continental use seem to be useful. But what is happen, if there are courses from 2 continents in 1 area with different guidelines and course concepts?

Aims: Harmonization and Exchange of bi-/trilingual instructors and cooperation in teaching paediatric resuscitation between 2 culturally, linguistically and geographically similar areas, but divided by guidelines: Switzerland–AHA American Heart Association since 1996/ Southtyrol-ERC European Resuscitation Council since 2003: German, Raetoromanic, Italian. Only Switzerland: French


Results: Thanks to SRC-System to label PBLs-courses, Ital. PBLs-course despite of less flexible Italian system (as AHA/ERC, too) has been introduced in the spirit of European integration. The same Italian course is running in the swiss Canton Ticino/Tessin in Italian since 2003 following AHA-guidelines and in Southtyrol since 1998 in German/Italian following ERC-guidelines. Joint Ital.-Swiss PBLs-instructor course has been realized the first time in 2007 following ERC- and AHA-guidelines in German/Italian. Exchange of EPLS-ERC- and PALS-AHA-instructors was promoted inside formal recognition provided by ERC/AHA since 2003. This PBLs/PALS/EPLS-System has been promoted by Southtyrolean/Swiss instructors in cooperation with 15 countries since 2003/2004 in Germany/Austria.

Conclusion: Interregional cooperation inside cultural/linguistic spaces wished by EU is possible despite different guidelines. Good Paed. Resuscitation is possible using all available systems integrating quality thanks to joint instructor teams.

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