

## **MEET YOUR COLLEAGES AROUND THE WORLD! FINDINGS OF A STUDY TOUR OF THE DUTCH CBE GROUP TO SEVERAL MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN SWITZERLAND**

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The eight medical schools in the Netherlands successfully use Computer Based Education (CBE) as one of the available educational tools. About 30 faculty members with a focus on CBE development coming from these schools are united in a national collaboration, which is part of the Dutch Association on Medical Education NVMO. The collaboration began in 1992.

During the last 10 years, this CBE group has visited several institutions in Europe and the United States in order to get acquainted with colleagues around the world and to learn about different educational systems and techniques. Visits were paid to the United States (1996 and in 2002 also including Canada), Great Britain (1998) and Germany (2000). These visits have been an inspiration for members of our group, resulting in minor and major innovations on CBE and ICT in our own institutions.

In the period of 28 February until 4 March 2005, the CBE group has visited medical schools in Geneva, Lausanne, Bern, Basel and Zurich, Switzerland. During these visits, a lot of applications were demonstrated and discussions took place on strategies and techniques regarding medical CBE. At the last day of the tour, the Dutch group participated in a local symposium in Zurich on E-learning, where also some Dutch CBE has been demonstrated.

In the presentation, the highlights of the tour will be discussed. Also the logistic organization of the tour will be presented to inspire our colleagues to organize such tours to obtain more international collaboration and exchange of CBE materials.