

SESSION V:

TOGETHER WITH THE IV. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHINESE-GERMAN/GERMAN-CHINESE SOCIETIES OF MEDICINE

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1. REPORT FROM THE STUDENTS' MEETING

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I am pleased to express the opinions and reactions of the students to this year's conference. My comments will be brief, direct and to the point.

1. Bearing in mind the fact that AMEE aims to promote innovations and new methods in teaching, the students feel that the format of this year's conference was inappropriate. The lectures were too long and the time given for discussion too short. We feel that shorter lectures with discussions in small groups of 8 or 10 people would be a more constructive way of dealing with the topics presented.

2. Many people have spoken about different methods of learning, for example, problem-based learning. But in spite of this, we feel there has been little explanation and no argument about a

theoretical basis which underlines these methods. Furthermore it seems strange to simply talk about something without allowing everyone to participate in such an activity. We cannot lecture about experiential learning without inviting our audience to experience it. We are in a much better position to pose relevant questions and discuss the effectiveness of a method after direct, hands-on experience.

3. A general question emerged among many students: is the AMEE conference a place to meet each other every year and have a nice time together, or is it a place to challenge people's assumptions to make them really think about things and discuss them critically? We students intend to practise what we preach and we would like to begin our discussion of these points immediately.