

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Dr. Iftikhar Qayum

I always enjoy reading of Journal of Rehman Medical Institute. It is always in attractive get up and a source of satisfaction for me. I would like to mention an excellent editorial (Globalization of Medical Education) written by your good self. I would like to mention that a word “local” used for regulatory bodies of Pakistan may kindly be replaced with “National”.

I hope you will give sympathetic consideration to this.

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AUTHOR’S REPLY

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Dear Sir,

I am really grateful and thankful for your letter pointing out the wording in JRMI V2 N1, 2016. It reflects your keen interest in Academics and also reflects well your interest in JRMI.

I agree with you in principle that the proper word should be “National”; however I took the cue from wording mentioned in the report of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Task Force (The ACCME Task Force on Globalization Reports to ACCME, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 07, 2003; available from [http://www.accme.org/printpdf/news-](http://www.accme.org/printpdf/news-publications/news/accme-and-globalization-continuing-medical-education)

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In this document, the Task Force has mentioned three operational definitions:

1. Globalization:
2. Internationalization:
3. **Localization:** Refers to the adapting of ACCME accreditation to meet the needs of a number of various locales around the world.

In this context, perhaps the wording can be justified with the interpretation that “local” refers to “national”. I did some research on why the word “Localization” was used by the Task Force. It appears that Accreditation in many countries is not the responsibility of National bodies; independent agencies and even NGOs can accredit medical education. In fact, in the USA, the independent Commission on Graduate Medical Education is the body granting Accreditation; and so on in many countries. Perhaps, this is why the Task Force used this word, instead of national.

I thank you again for the communication.

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