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Accreditation Council of Oncology in  
Europe (ACOE)  
Mr N. Pellegrino  
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Cher Monsieur Pellegrino,

Veillez trouver en annexe l'accord signé par l'EACCME et par l'ACOE.

Avec mes meilleures salutations.

B. Reyckler  
Directrice administrative



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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

**THE EUROPEAN ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR CME (EACCME)<sup>®</sup>**  
– a body of  
**THE “UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES (UEMS)”**

**AND**

**THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL OF ONCOLOGY IN EUROPE (ACOE)**



**ACCREDITATION COUNCIL OF  
ONCOLOGY IN EUROPE**

Brussels, November 26, 2005.

Protocol for the Mutual Agreement between  
UEMS – EACCME<sup>®</sup> and the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE).

### **Introduction and Background.**

The EACCME<sup>®</sup> has been fully operational since January 2000. From the beginning, it was established with support of the national CME regulating bodies and its activities increase progressively. With more and more European countries establishing a form of obligatory CME, the importance and need for the easy non-bureaucratic EACCME<sup>®</sup> system of recognition and exchange of CME credits has become increasingly appreciated.

All stakeholders in the Accreditation Process (The UEMS – EACCME<sup>®</sup> with its Sections and Boards and the National Accreditation Authorities of the Member States of the European Union and European Economic Area) have agreed on the same basic criteria for Quality Control and Evaluation and also agree on a minimal information data base that should be provided by the Organisers of Events in order to evaluate these events. These criteria are fully described in the UEMS Quality Assurance document (reference D 0217).

### **Relationship between UEMS and the National Accreditation Authorities.**

The National Accreditation Authority of each Member State of the EU/EEA is the relevant authority guiding and ultimately controlling the Accreditation of those specialists working in its own country and determining the total number of credits required.

Distinction has to be made between the approval of an event on the one hand from the number of credits attributed to that event.

EACCME<sup>®</sup> awards the appropriate number of European credits for each event based on the European CME Credit system (ECMEC's) based on the one hour of educational activity = one ECMEC system. The National Accreditation Authority has the right and may determine the number of credits applicable within its own jurisdiction by applying a local factor to the European number. Some National Accreditation Authorities may limit the number of credits allowed for its national specialists attending an event but this limitation cannot have an effect on the European credits awarded to the event for specialists of other Member States.

National Events are evaluated and accredited by the National Accreditation Authority of the Member State where the events takes place. When such a national event is attended by a doctor from another Member State of the EU/EEA, acceptance will depend on the decision of the specialist's home National Accreditation Authority,

**Both EACCME<sup>®</sup> (of the UEMS) and ACOE hereby agree on the following:**

1. Applications for EACCME<sup>®</sup> recognition for European of International CME events are made to the UEMS office in Brussels.
2. All relevant papers are sent to the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE) for quality evaluation of the event according to the EACCME<sup>®</sup> criteria.
3. If an application is received directly by the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE), then ACOE must also forward the request to the UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> immediately in order to obtain the approval of the National Accreditation Authority of the country where the event is due to take place.
4. The evaluation of the event by the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE) must be finalised in a defined period of time (within 3 weeks) providing that the documentation on the event corresponds to ACOE requirements.
5. Since both UEMS - EACCME<sup>®</sup> and the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe play different but significant roles in the evaluation process, they are both entitled to a subscription fee paid by the event's organising body.
6. The ACOE subscription fee is based on an approved formula, dependent on the number of participants and the average participant's registration fee to the event
7. EACCME<sup>®</sup> is responsible for sending invoices to the Organisers/Providers of the CME event who have made their request to the UEMS office. That amount due to ACOE will be transferred to ACOE as expediently as possible following settlement.  
ACOE is responsible for sending invoices to the Organisers/Providers of the CME event who have submitted their application to ACOE directly. That amount due to the UEMS-EACCME will be transferred to the UEMS-EACCME as expediently as possible following settlement.
8. Failure of ACOE to perform the evaluation within the time specified (3 weeks), necessitating EACCME<sup>®</sup> to seek alternative expert assessment, forfeits its right to any fee for the event, providing the documentation material submitted was complete .
9. EACCME<sup>®</sup> will issue a formal Certificate of Approval to the organisers for issue to the participants following a successful application. The Certificate of Approval will refer to ACOE evaluation and will bear the ACOE logo.

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This agreement shall take effect from the date of its signature.

For the UEMS – EACCME

For ACOE

  
Zlatko Fras  
President

  
Dieter K. Hosfeld  
Chairman

**Additional Detail.**

In the allocation of credits, EACCME<sup>®</sup> has adopted the European CME Credit system (ECMEC's) based on the one hour of educational activity = one ECMEC system with a maximum of 3 ECMEC's for a half-day and 6 ECMEC's for a full day event.

The National Accreditation Authority is also requested to allocate its local credits (if different) in a defined time to assist the organisers.

Thanks to the mutual recognition of credits, the credits allocated by the UEMS – EACCME<sup>®</sup> can be used in USA as PRA class 1 credits for the ACCME. Similarly, credits allocated by the ACCME are accepted by the UEMS – EACCME<sup>®</sup>.

This agreement on mutual recognition of credits between the UEMS – EACCME<sup>®</sup> and ACOE on the one part and the National Accreditation Authorities of the Member States of the European Union/EEA on the other part, aims to assist the National Accreditation Authorities in providing an objective European evaluation of CME events and thus reduce duplication of their workload. It should also help the National Accreditation Authorities recognise each other's work.