

EU-ACME PROGRAMME

5 years

H. Madersbacher
Chairman EU-ACME Office



„CME – A Lifelong Commitment“



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EU-ACME programme

**EU-ACME = European Urology – Accredited
Continuing Medical Education**

Constitution on January 6th, 2004

The EU-ACME is a joined committee of the European Association of Urology and the European Board of Urology.

Three members of both, the EAU and the EBU, are represented in the EU-ACME committee.

The chairman is the Board Member of the EAU.

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EU-ACME committee

Chairman – H. Madersbacher

Members

EBU

- Mr. P. Whelan
- Prof. S. Müller
- Prof. G. Alivizatos

EAU

- Prof. C.R. Chapple
- Prof. H. Van Poppel
- Vacant

- Prof. P.-A. Abrahamsson (ex officio)

EU-ACME Office

Beata Adamczyk – Manager

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Main goal is

→ to assist national and international urological societies in the implementation, promotion and organization of the CME/CPD credit management system among European urologists

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DO I REALLY NEED EU-ACME PROGRAMME?

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- ☞ CME is an increasing issue for the health authorities.**
- ☞ The authorities want you to document your CME.**
- ☞ In most European countries a CME programme is already implemented - in some also executed.**
- ☞ The EU-ACME programme helps you to collect CME credits in a smooth way. We – the EU-ACME office – offer registration and administration of your credits and provide you with an annual report to show it to your health authorities.**

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The EU-ACME Programme

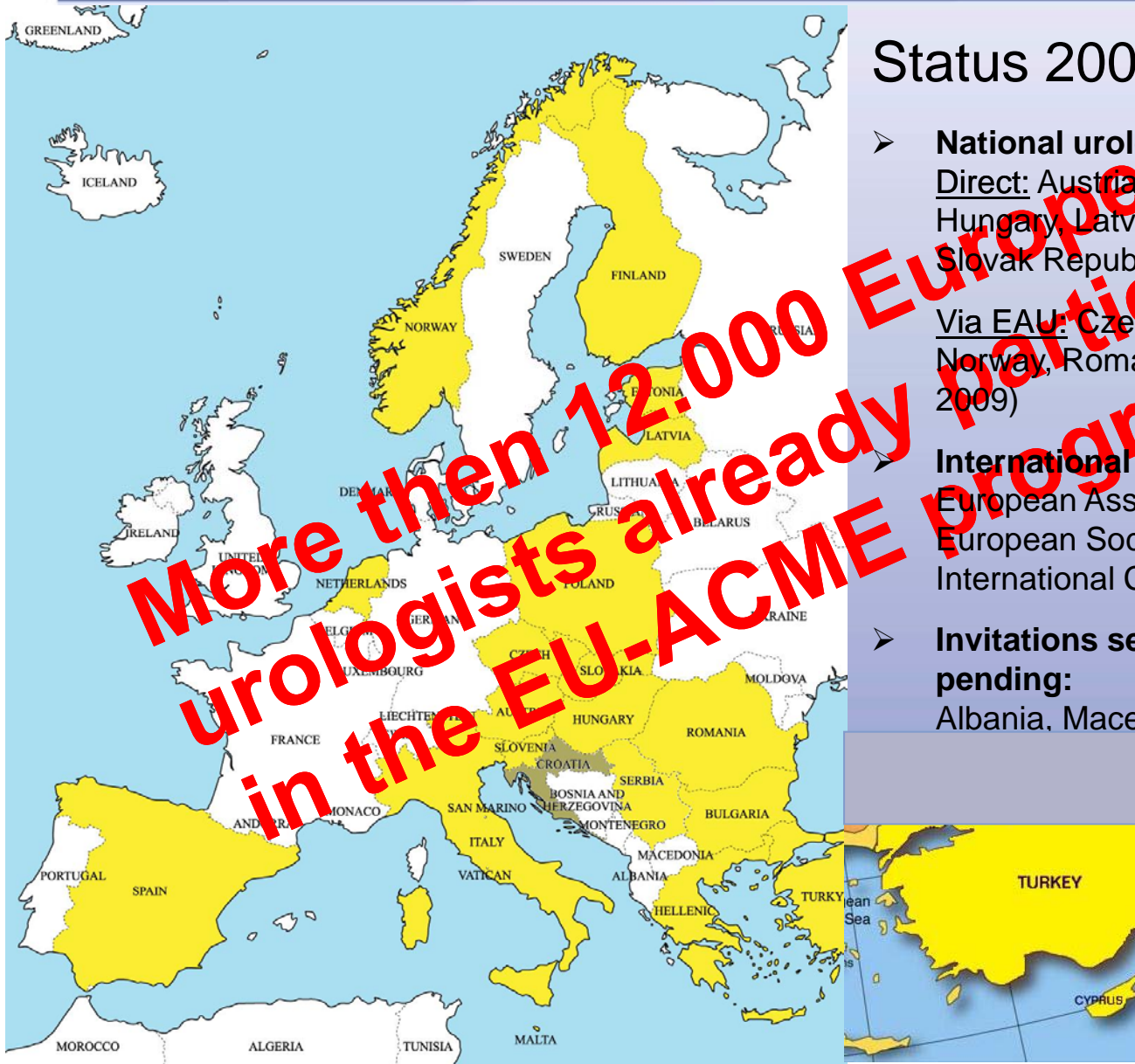
The EU-ACME office offers:

- Registration and administration of credit points for members of EU-ACME programme
- Registration of accredited CME events
- The EU-ACME membership card
- Access to the online CME/CPD credit management system via www.eu-acme.org
- Yearly Credit Registry Report for participating urologists
- On-site assistance for attendance control
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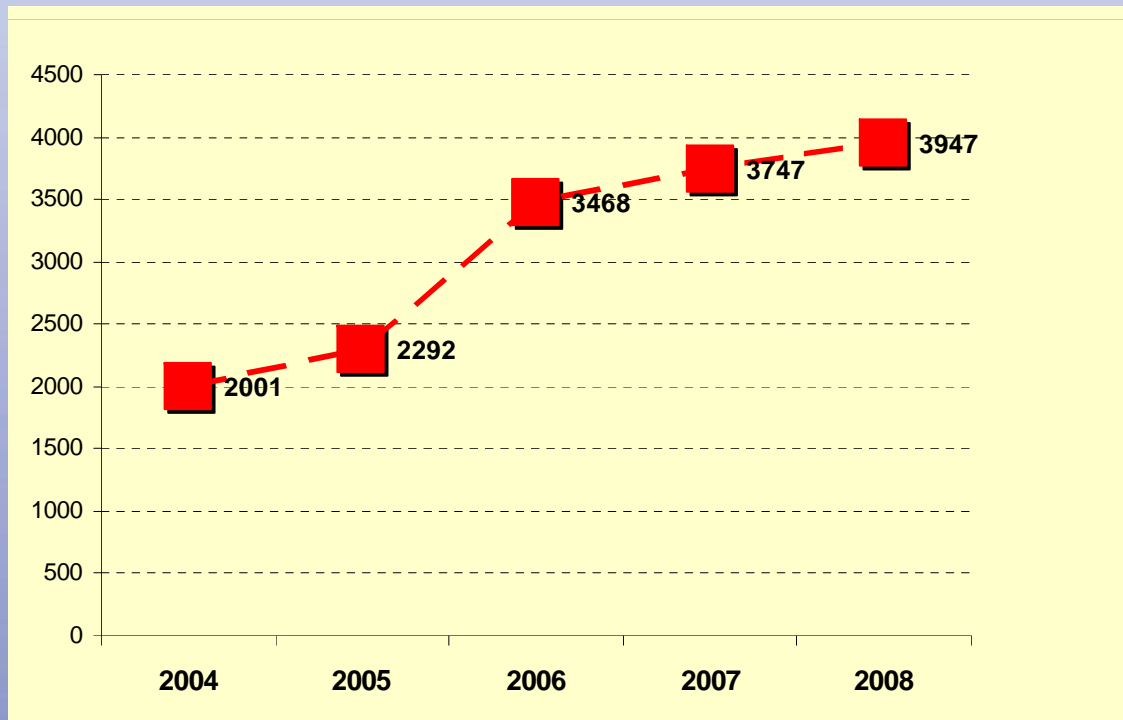


Status 2009

- **National urological societies - 19**
Direct: Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, the Netherlands
Via EAU: Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey (as of 2009)
- **International urological societies - 3**
European Association of Urology, European Society of Paediatric Urology, International Continence Society
- **Invitations sent out, answers still pending:**
Albania, Macedonia, *Portugal*

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*The percentage of EU-ACME members actively collecting CME/CPC credit points in 2007 was **43%** and increased further in 2008 by **5%***



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Why do not more European urologists participate actively in this programme?

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- Accredited congresses, seminars, workshops are not reported to the EU-ACME office
- Participants do not know, how to gain credit points

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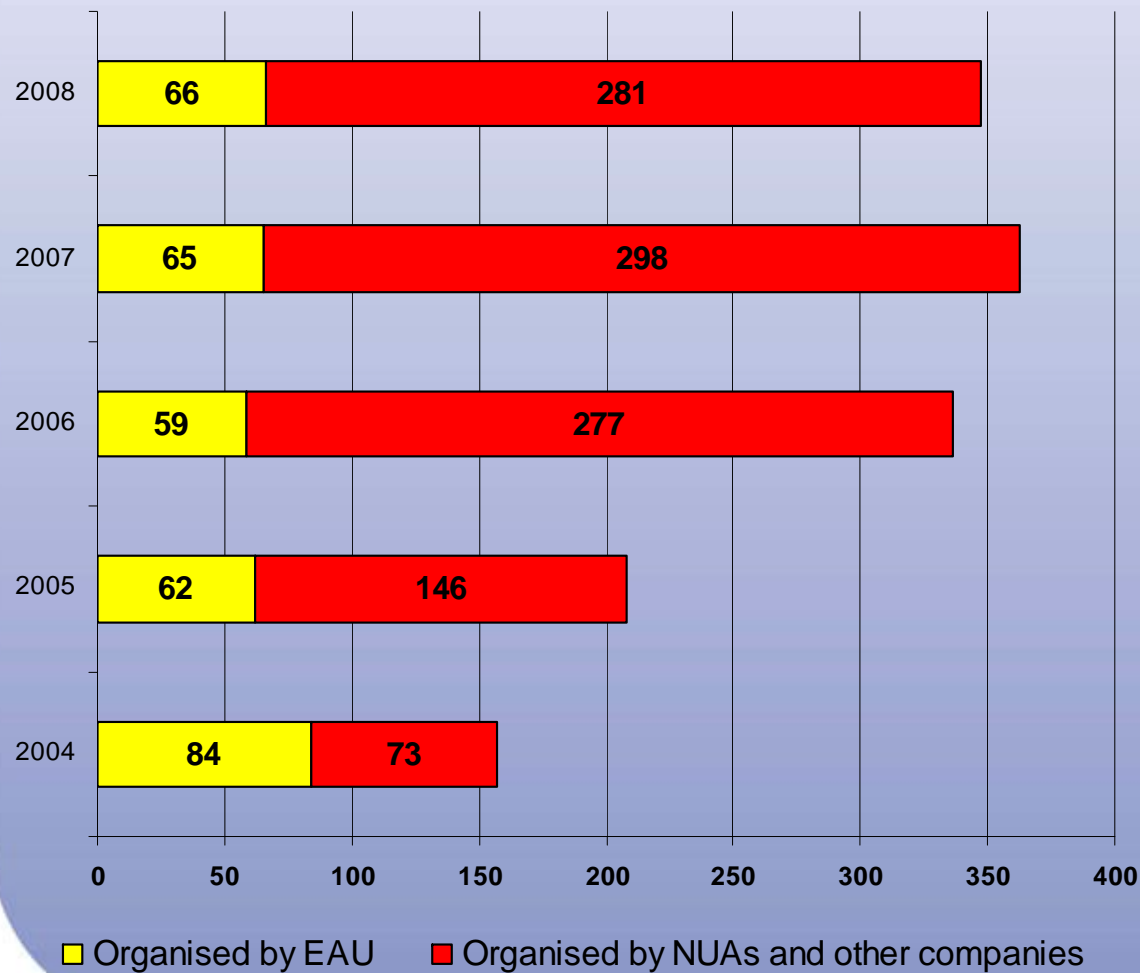
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Current status EU-ACME programme

Total number of registered accredited CME events

meetings, seminars, workshops, courses, congresses, conferences, etc.



2004 – 2008

- EAU – 336

- NATIONAL and
INTERNATIONAL
meetings – 1075

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What must the organizer of a congress, seminar, workshop etc. do, that urologists participating in this event and are members of the EU-ACME programme, get credit points?

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Table scanners and EU-ACME card



Successfully used so far

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On-site assistance in organising electronic attendance control



Estonian Urological Society
Tallinn - Estonia



ESPU Annual Meeting
Brugge - Belgium

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Journals with EU-ACME MCQs on-line:

- European Urology
- European Urology Supplements
- EBU-EAU Update Series
- Journal of Paediatric Urology

In short term

- Journal of Neurourology and Urodynamics



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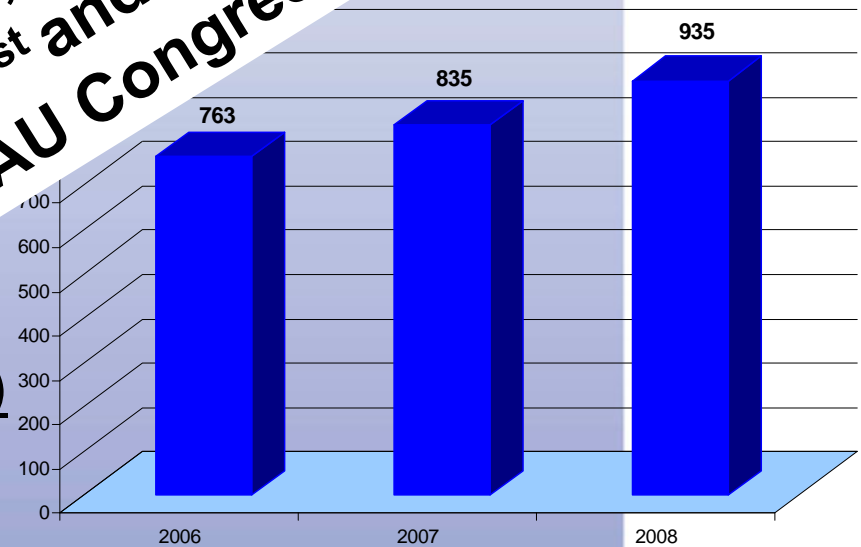
EU-ACME - MCQs On-line

Total number of answered MCQs
2006 - 2008 – **2865** (including re

Total number of answered MCQs
by EU-ACME members
2006 – 763
2007 – 835
2008 – 935 (increase 12%)

Total number of EU-ACME members
visiting webpage

2006 – 2008 **296**

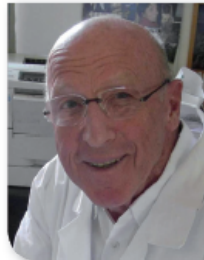


Those three EU-ACME members, who answer correctly the most MCQs between July 1st and December 31st will get free registration for the EAU Congress in Barcelona

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Win free registration for the milestone EAU meeting in Barcelona!

EU-ACME participants invited to answer multiple choice questions from EAU journals



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Free registration Barcelona

In order to increase awareness about continuous medical education on-line and promote this modern way of education the chairman of the EU-ACME committee Prof. H. Madersbacher has raised an exciting initiative.

Among all EU-ACME members those three who answer the most questions from European Urology, EU Supplements and EAU-EBU Update Series correctly will be awarded with free registration for the 25th Annual EAU Congress in Barcelona (16-20 April 2010). Only multiple questions from European Urology, EU Supplements and EAU-EBU Update Series

published in from 1 July 2009 until 31 December 2009 will be considered.

Members of the EAU Board meeting welcomed the idea at their latest meeting in Stockholm, agreeing that a competitive approach may encourage the best and the most talented to participate.

The winning members will receive an official letter in early January, and their names will be announced in the February 2010 issue of European Urology Today.

Good luck!



Help urologists to collect CME credit points and register your activity today!

(Inter)National Urological Associations and the CME providers (organisers of CME activities) are invited and urged to send in requests to register nationally accredited CME activities or requests for European accreditation.

For further information please contact the EU-ACME office by e-mail at eu-acme@uroweb.org, or by phone: +31 26 389 0680.

www.eu-acme.org

The place to be:
www.eu-acme.org/europeanurology



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- **How many credit points should be earned ?**

Recommendation of the European Board of Urology

250 CME credits in 5 years

- **How many credit points do I get by attending a CME accredited event ?**

1 hour = 1 credit point

- **By answering correctly the MCQs of an accredited article**

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- Main goals for 2010-2011
- Increase awareness for services of the EU-ACME office to national urological societies participating in the EU-ACME programme
- Sustain the cooperation with the NUAs already participating in the EU-ACME programme
- Increase the number of the NUAs participating in the EU-ACME programme
- Increase awareness for CME-online by reading accredited articles.
- Improve electronic attendance control during the accredited CME meetings on-site

CME already in the middle ages

In the city-state of medieval Florence city officials, concerned with the consistency of medical care for its population in a time of rapidly growing knowledge, insisted that all practising physicians had to attend an annual refresher meeting to learn about latest clinical practice.

Ell S. Five hundred years of speciality certification and compulsory continuing medical education. JAMA 1984;251:752-3

WHAT ARE THE FEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EU-ACME PROGRAMME?

For members of the European Association of Urology EAU the fee for EU-ACME programme is included in the membership fee

For all other urologist it is 10 € per year

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There are total 8605 EAU members participating in the EU-ACME programme from which 3.746 are at the same time members of national urological societies which joined the programme

