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ESO /ACOE CME workshop: Towards a harmonized CME system in Europe

Tuesday 22 September 2009 – 11.00 – 18.15

Co-chairs:

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Professor Dieter Hossfeld, Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE)

Venue :

Internationales Congress Centrum ICC Berlin
Lecture Hall 6
Messedamm 22
DE-14055 Berlin
Germany

Participation upon invitation only

Programme

11.00 – 13.00: CME in Europe: state of play, issues and challenges

This session will outline the current state of play as regards CME rules and systems in place in the 27 EU Member States and their participation in the European system of mutual recognition of CME credits established by the UEMS. It will provide a brief overview of the rules and principles of the UEMS EACCME system. It will also give a brief comparison with the US system.

The session will also address the value of European CME programmes in helping health professionals to maintain their knowledge of best clinical practices and fulfil their obligations (legal or professional). The health professionals will explain what they see as the added value of European CME programmes and in what way they complement and provide another dimension compared to their national or local CME activities. The session will also raise some of the issues and challenges in participating in European programmes and getting them validated at home. Health professionals will explain what they think are potential challenges to access and benefit from European CME activities. This session will also seek the views of national CME competent authorities which will outline what are the incentives and motivation to participate in the EACCME system. They will also address what they see as important issues in the current process of mutual recognition of CME credits.

Timing	Titles of presentations	Speakers
11.00 -11.05	Welcome and Introduction	A. COSTA – ESO and D. HOSSFELD - ACOE
11.05 -11.25	What is CME?	E. POZNIAK, Siyemi Learning
11.25 -11.45	The US CME system	A. APARICIO, American Medical Association
11.45 - 12.00	European CME accreditation - UEMS rules and principles	B. MAILLET - UEMS EACCME
12.00 - 12.15	CME: Overview of the situation in 27 EU Member States	F.VAN HEMELRYCK – ACOE
12.15 - 12.25	European CME programmes - the views of health professionals	J. W. LEER – European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO)
12.25 - 12.35	European CME programmes: the views of national CME experts	C. PISSIOTIS, Independent CME expert, Greece

12.35 – 13.00 - Panel discussion

Moderator: E. POZNIAK

The moderator will recap on the issues and challenges outlined by the CME competent authorities and the health professionals and will stimulate an open discussion on these subjects. He will invite the representatives from the national authorities to talk about the situation in their respective country.

13.00 – 13.45 - lunch

2) CME accreditation tools and procedures: sharing good practices

13.45 – 15.15

This session will address a number of practical tools facilitating the accreditation processes. On one hand, it will provide concrete examples from CME national authorities which have developed dedicated tools for CME accreditation. On the other hand, it will also look at services provided by European CME accreditation Boards to help health professionals keep track of accredited European CME activities in their discipline and create personal portfolios/accounts with their CME activities.

Timing	Speakers
13.45 - 13.55	I. STARKE, UK Royal Colleges of Physicians
13.55 - 14.05	H. HJELMQVIST, Institute for Professional Development of Physicians (IPULS), Sweden
14.05 - 14.15	H. WEBER, Vice-President Austrian Academy of Physicians
14.15 - 14.25	R. VIGNERI, Co-chairman CME National Committee, Italy
14.25 - 14.35	H. MADERSBACHER, Chairman , European Urology Accredited CME Committee
14.35 - 14.45	D. SOUERY – Scientific secretary – European Accreditation Council in Central Nervous System

14.45 - 15.15 – Panel discussion

Moderator: J. W. Leer

The moderator will recap on the tools and procedures presented and stimulate panel discussion on these practices

15.15 - 15.45 - Coffee break

3) Accreditation of e-learning CME activities

15.45 - 17.15

This session will address the issue of the accreditation of e-learning CME activities under development in a growing number of European countries. CME authorities which accept e-learning as a valid way to collect CME credits will outline what are their views on e-learning, what made them including this type of CME activities on the list of valid activities to collect CME credits and what are the trends in their own country in terms of use and access to accredited e-learning CME materials (e.g. users profile, medical disciplines, etc.) Two accreditation boards will outline their perception, possible issues and challenges in accrediting e-learning material. It will also include an update on the EACCME activities on the European accreditation of e-learning. One CME provider will outline what issues they have encountered in developing e-learning CME programmes and solutions found to smooth processes and obtain accreditation.

Timing

15.45 - 15.55

Speakers

B. MAILLET, UEMS EACCME

15.55 - 16.05

J. WEIDRINGER, Bavarian Chamber of Physicians - Germany

16.05 - 16.15

K. RADZIWILL, Polish Chamber of Physicians

16.15 - 16.25

D. ROTAR PAVLIC, Medical Chamber of Slovenia

16.25 - 16.35

P. KRISTUFEK, Slovak Medical Association

16.35 - 16.45

P. POLAK, European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology – EBAC

16.45 - 16.55

R. STEVENSON, European Board for Accreditation in Pneumology - EBAP

16.55 - 17.45 – Panel discussion

Moderator: A. Costa

The moderator will recap on the issues raised in relation to e-learning

17.45 - 18.15 – Conclusions and take home messages

19.00 - 21.00 - Social Dinner – Funkturm Lounge – ICC Berlin