

# The present and future role of ★ UEMS - EACCME ★

Speaking a common language across  
European CME



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# Phases of Medical Life

- Undergraduate
  - Exam/Assessment
  - University

*5 years average*  
**Diploma**
- Specialist Training
  - Exam/Assessment
  - University and Profession

*5 years average*  
**Certificate**
- Professional Life
  - Formal Requirement to show CME/CPD activity
  - Profession

*Lifelong*  
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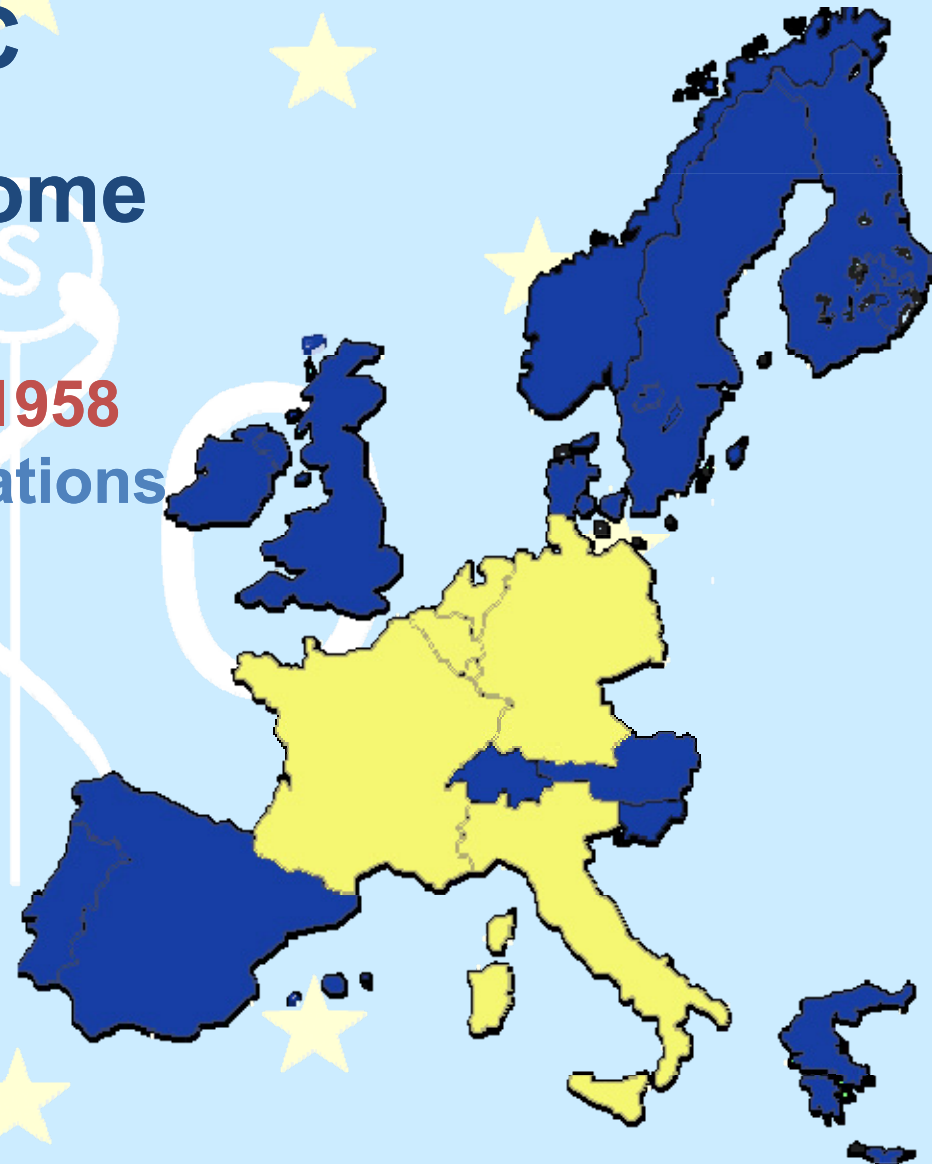


**1957 EEC**

## **Treaty of Rome**

Foundation of the UEMS in **1958**  
by the professional organisations  
of medical specialists of

**Belgium**  
**France**  
**Germany**  
**Italy**  
**Luxembourg**  
**the Netherlands**





# E A C C M E

## **Purpose UEMS policy**

- **Contribute to quality and harmonization of CME in Europe**
- **To make life easier for our colleagues by easing access to international CME**
- **Developing quality guidelines**
- **Maintaining national authority**



# E A C C M E

## Purpose UEMS policy

- Same procedure for each Specialty
- Same procedure for each Country
- Harmonisation of the fees
- Avoid multiplication of the process
- Have one entry





# **Continuing Medical Education (CME)**

**Maintenance of Academic Knowledge  
and Skills**





# Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

- Means of Updating, Developing and Enhancing how Doctors apply the Knowledge, Skills and Attitudes required in their working lives
- The Competence development includes CME + Personal, Managerial, IT, Communication and Social skills



# Quality of CME

- **No scientific proof of efficacy of attending congresses, courses, symposia by individual professionals.**
- **Abundant evidence of rapid improvement of medical practice through utilisation of new developments.**



# Quality Requirements CME

- Written statement learning objectives
- Submitting full data provider
- Disclosure potential conflict interest
- Attendance, mechanism for feed-back
- Report, assessment by Provider

**Non-biased education, either commercial or otherwise**



# Shift to mandatory CME in Europe

- Policy UEMS : CME is an ethical obligation and should not be mandatory
- Voluntary CME is effective on macro-level
- But, on individual level participation has to be encouraged

**Mandatory CME is not effective in the weeding out of bad apples**



# What means “Mandatory”

- Only theoretical measures
- “Last call”
- Real effect on the license to practise or on the payment of the practitioner

**“Mandatory” is not always what we think it means...**



# Voluntary versus Mandatory CME

- Motivation
- Incentives
- Control mechanisms

**The carrot is more effective than the stick...**



# Minimal Criteria

- **Non-biased education**
- **Control of attendance**
- **Report after the event**
- **Have clear learning objectives**
- **Precise the target audience**



# Draft Flowchart Accreditation in Europe

## Credits

## UEMS suggestion

Full credits (E CME C)

No weighted factors

1 ECMEC per hour of activity

3 ECMEC for a half day / 6 ECMEC for a full day activity

Translation of these E CME C's to National credits can follow the rules of the National Accreditation Authority

For instance :     can have a maximum  
weighting factors can be introduced nationally



# Formal Agreements with National Accreditation Authorities

## Current:

Spain, Cyprus, Greece, RCSI, Malta, RCPI, Turkey,  
Slovakia, Norway, Luxemburg, Belgium Romania,  
Slovenia, Sweden

## Soon :

Regione Lombardia, Czech Republic

## Near Future :

France, Regione Veneto, Regione Friuli...

## Future :

Germany, Italy , UK (RCoP),...



# Updating of Agreements

- **Spain**

Financial aspects (fee)

Credits translation table

1 ECMEC = 0,12 Spanish Credits

- **Belgium**

1 ECMEC = 1 Belgian Credit

- **Romania**

1 ECMEC = 1 Romanian Credit



# Fees

- **Based on a sliding scale**
- **Number of participants (expected)**
- **Three invoices can be expected :**
  - **UEMS**
  - **Section**
  - **National Accreditation Authority**



# Agreement with the American Medical Association on Mutual Recognition of Credits

**Till June 30th 2006 :**

- Pilot project for 2 years each time

**From July 1st 2006 :**

- Real agreement for 4 years



# Future

- **Systematic evaluation of meetings by the participants**
- **Long Distance Learning**
- **More agreements with the Sections**
- **More agreements with the National Accreditation Authorities**
- **Contacts with other parts of the world**
- **Contacts with UEMO**



# e-Learning

- **Start from January 1st 2009 on**
- **Principles similar to live-events**
- **Practical issues to be formalized**
  - Credits allocated
  - Fee
  - Process fine-tuning



# Formats for e-Learning

## Delivery of CME-CPD by :

- recorded audio
- recorded video
- CD
- DVD
- PDA

## Not :

- printed material

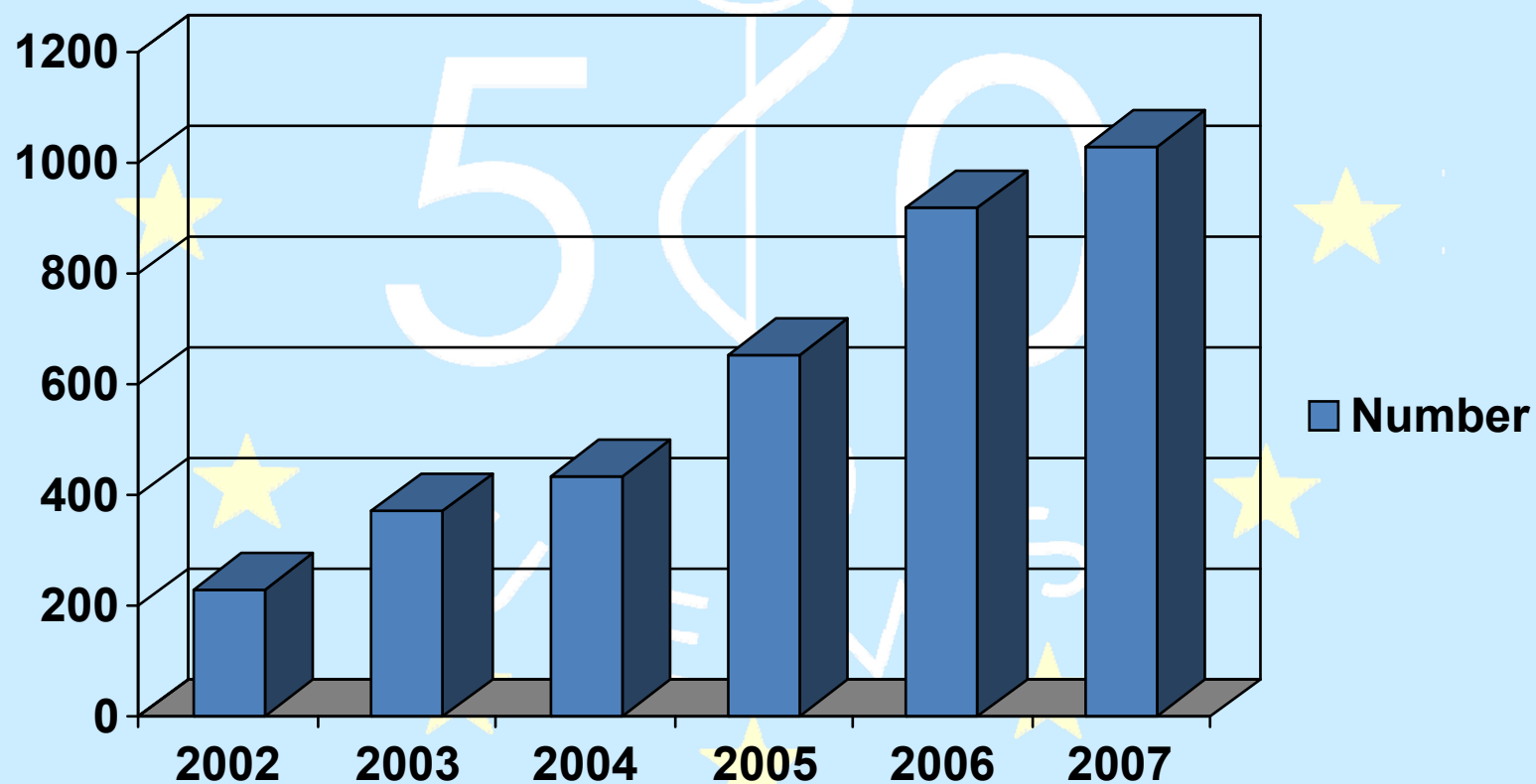


# Minimal Criteria for e-Learning

- Educational objectives
- Learning needs
- Description of the material
- Nature of the material
- Details of the Provider
- Quality assurance by the Provider



# Accreditation Requests





# U.E.M.S.

- **Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes**
- **European Union of Medical Specialists**

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Schön dank

Merci

Mult obrigado

Dekuji

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Thank you

Muchas gracias

Tack

Dakujem

Grazie mille

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Kiitos

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