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To Heads of UEMS Delegations
To the Presidents and Secretaries of the UEMS Sections and Boards,
To the Members from the National Accreditation Authorities.

EACCME Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

This Newsletter aims to give you more information about EACCME because it appears that many confusions exist.

The EACCME was created by the UEMS in 1999 as a clearing house for accreditation in order to help European Specialists partaking in quality CME activities gain recognition by the exchange of credits throughout Europe.

The EACCME is a full and entire part of UEMS and is run by the Secretary-General responsible to its Management Council.

EACCME has never, or ever will, seek to undermine the National Accreditation Authorities which continue to remain fully responsible for Events that are clearly National. European or International Events will be evaluated on their scientific value by the European Sections and Boards which will also propose a recommended number of credits while the National Accreditation Authority of the Country where the event takes place has also a role to play.

The Secretary-General has arranged mutual recognition agreements with some National Accreditation Authorities of the Member States based upon this proposal and continues to extend these to others. EACCME also has a mutual agreement with the American Authority.

This does not alter the importance of the Sections and Boards in the evaluation of events.

We hope that this Newsletter has clarified for you the position of EACCME but if you still have questions please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Bernard Maillet,
Secretary-General.