

UEMS Working Group CME/CPD  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Marrakech

## Meeting Notes

Chair Hannu Halila  
Rapporteur Trevor Duffy

1. Welcome and presentation of the participants – 17 + Chair/Rapporteur
2. Minutes of the last meeting , October, 20, 2017, Brussels – accepted
3. Approval of the agenda - approved
4. Report from the EACCME Advisory Board Meeting, Brussels, January 13, 2018
  - a. Report given:
    - i. Discussion of EACCME 2.0
    - ii. New platform for EACCME
    - iii. Practical Questions and Answers meeting between UEMS office and those involved
    - iv. Discussion of expansion of numbers of reviewers
  - b. Comments
    - i. Close collaborator from American Medical Association was in attendance, maintains important and useful links.
5. Working groups of EACCME: Progress Reports were discussed (see reports submitted as part of council meeting papers)
  - a. Development of a training module for reviewers
    - i. Discussed who should be a reviewer – made recommendations
    - ii. Distinction between different kinds of issues for review
    - iii. Need some feedback as to what happened at the event
      1. Could visit the meeting – this would incur costs?
      2. Seek paper report after meeting
    - iv. Question – first paragraph “who is a reviewer”, do the National Authorities play a role – is happening in some countries
      1. Reviewers are determined by the Sections independently, national authorities are not involved
      2. Events may often have a review by a national authority also
      3. EACCME accreditation is internal. Maybe in some countries that EACCME accreditation is not recognized, then the country has local review
      4. Agreement process between EACCME and local authority

- v. Question – Feedback, accreditors don't generally get feedback. "loose point" in the whole process that needs to be solved. Also getting reports will be a lot of work.
- b. Conflict of interest disclosure forms
    - i. Extensive report, detailed
    - ii. No one present at meeting to discuss
    - iii. Any feedback should be sent to the working group
  - c. Expansion of recognition of professional qualifications
    - i. Was presented in draft in Brussels
    - ii. Discussion of areas of expansion – discussed time spent related to that activity – eg mentorship of thesis
    - iii. Keep simple, and defined
    - iv. 11 new areas of recognition suggested
    - v. Discussion from floor – how to deal with issues such as personal reading, how can this be measured/controlled or is it taken on trust.
  - d. Collaboration with other healthcare professionals
    - i. To open the concept of CME/CPD and the system and process to other health care professionals
    - ii. EACCME and ECMECs are trade marks of UEMS
    - iii. New name for credits for non medical doctors suggested EHPEDCs
    - iv. System should remain with a link/control at UEMS, someone from UEMS should remain part of evaluation panel
    - v. Question – which healthcare groups would be the first to start collaboration
      - 1. Example given of Laboratory medicine section already collaborating since 2010 – joint congress, presents problems and difficulties, lots of learning. Not accredited
    - vi. Question – CME only for doctors? Not giving ECMECs, instead giving EHPEDCs. This does clash with previous direction of working group where we had proposed CPD to be the term/concept in the future instead of CME
    - vii. Question – is the document still only for internal use at present. Not secret but not valid until it is approved. Working groups need to report to October council for adoption, for subsequent presentation at November meeting
    - viii. Question – national experience, two separate organisations, both involved in accreditation
    - ix. EU professional qualifications directive doesn't only talk about doctors, it includes other professionals
    - x. Question – may need to change the name from EACCME – perhaps EACCPD

- xi. Question – do not accredit other professionals rather collaborate with them to develop their own system?
  - xii. Not “for them” but “with them”
- 6. UEMS CME/CPD Conference, November 23/24, 2018, Brussels
  - a. UEMS executive is open to suggestion for topics
  - b. Exec (Sec Gen) has suggested 3 points
    - i. Series of meetings with potential EACCME partners
    - ii. Practical sessions – how EACCME 2.0 works
    - iii. Presentations for future aspirations in field
  - c. Will overlap with 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UEMS
- 7. Reports of recent developments in the field of CME-CPD in the UEMS member countries (from participants of the working group)
  - a. Out of time to discuss
  - b. Refer to national reports that have been returned to the council meeting, contain comment on CME/CPD
- 8. AMEE (Association for Medical Education in Europe) 2018 Basel, August 25-29, 2018
  - a. For information
  - b. UEMS will be involved – session on specialist training
- 9. Any other business
- 10. Next meeting, Brussels, October 19, 2018