



**Agreement between the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
and the Panhellenic Medical Association (PhMA)
for the EACCME recognition of live and E-learning educational events
taking place in Greece**

THIS AGREEMENT is made on 23rd October 2021

BETWEEN:

The **European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)**, an international non-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of Belgium, having its registered office at 24 Rue de l'Industrie, 1040 Brussels (Belgium), acting through its department the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®), hereby validly represented by Prof. Vassilios Papalois, UEMS President and Dr João Miguel Grenho, UEMS Secretary-General;

and

The **Panhellenic Medical Association (PhMA)**, a quasi-governmental association established under the laws of Greece, having its registered office at 3 Ploutarchou Street, Athens, Greece, hereby validly represented by Dr Athanasios Exadaktylos, (the "President of PhMA") and Dr. George Eleftheriou (the "Secretary General of PhMA");

1. The UEMS European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) is a well-established and internationally recognised accreditation authority in the field of specialist medical education.
2. EACCME® has very well-defined accreditation criteria for live and e-learning educational events established after many years of experience in the field of medical specialist accreditation. EACCME® is governed by the UEMS Executive (the UEMS Secretary General being responsible for all EACCME® activities) and the EACCME® Advisory Council on Continuing Medical Education that includes all partners (UEMS Enlarged Executive Committee and Specialist Sections and Multidisciplinary Joint Committees, National Accreditation Authorities and Specialist Accreditation Bodies).
3. The basic principle of the accreditation process for each application to EACCME® is the three part review by the EACCME® Office (administrative review), the National Accreditation Authority (NAA) of the Country where the event takes place (assurance of compliance with

national standards and regulations) and the specialist review conducted either by the relevant UEMS Specialist Section or by a specialist accreditation body with which EACCME® has an agreement in collaboration of the relevant UEMS Specialist Section.

4. The Panhellenic Medical Association (PhMA) is the national accrediting authority in Greece.
5. The UEMS and the PhMA agree that as of 23rd October 2021 and for a period of 5 years, until 23rd October 2026, the EACCME® will grant European CME credits (ECMEC®) to all events (live and E-learning) taking place in Greece and organised by Greek providers wishing to receive EACCME® credits; these include all events for which Greek providers have been using so far the PhMA accreditation platform. The events could be either in Greek or in English language or bi-lingual. It is expressly understood between the parties that not all national events will go through this process. Upon provider's choice, some may continue using the PhMA existing accreditation platform that will not be retired for the initial period of two years. Following that transition period, it is the intention of the Panhellenic Medical Association for all credits awarded to Greek providers to be European EACCME CME credits and providers will need to use the EACCME platform for Greek events.
6. The terms of this agreement are as follows:
 - Greek providers will submit their applications to EACCME® through the EACCME® platform for Greek events of the PhMA. All information and documents will be provided in English.
 - The secretariat of the PhMA will do the administrative check following the EACCME® criteria for the accreditation of live educational events (UEMS 2016/20) and E-learning materials (UEMS 2016/21).
 - Based on EACCME principles, there is a need of three reviewers:
 - a PhMA Office administrator
 - a reviewer representing the PhMA as a National Medical Association
 - a specialist reviewer (preferably the delegate of Greece in the relevant UEMS Section)
 - Once the application is complete, the admin person from PhMA will send the application out for review to two reviewers appointed by PhMA. These reviewers will perform the scientific and national review of the application. They will therefore need to register on the EACCME® platform for Greek events as reviewers beforehand.
 - Once the application is reviewed, the PhMA admin person will determine the number of European CME credits (ECMEC®) to be granted. The conversion rate is: 1 ECMEC® = 1 PhMA credit. The PhMA will produce a report for the UEMS EACCME Office related to the accredited events. The list of those events will be accessible via the website of the UEMS EACCME.

7. Financial Aspects

Fees:

The EACCME will receive 20 % of the fee per event that has been evaluated through the EACCME platform for Greek events, with an upper roof of 30.000 euro per year, for the initial period of two years. After this period of time there will be a reconsideration-negotiation between both parties to define these economic terms (EACCME % of fee per event and upper roof) for the remaining three years.

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