

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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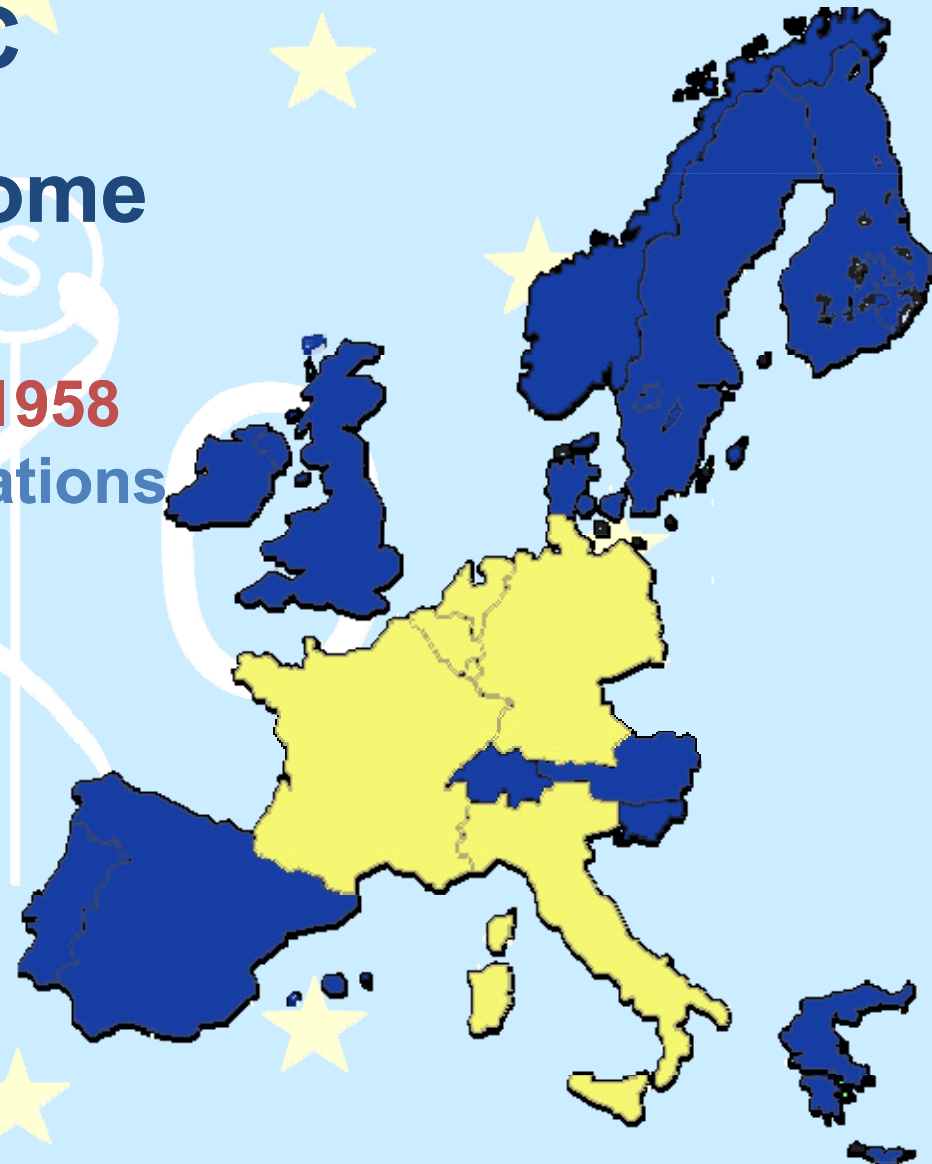


1957 EEC

Treaty of Rome

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

Belgium
France
Germany
Italy
Luxembourg
the Netherlands





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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**



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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**

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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

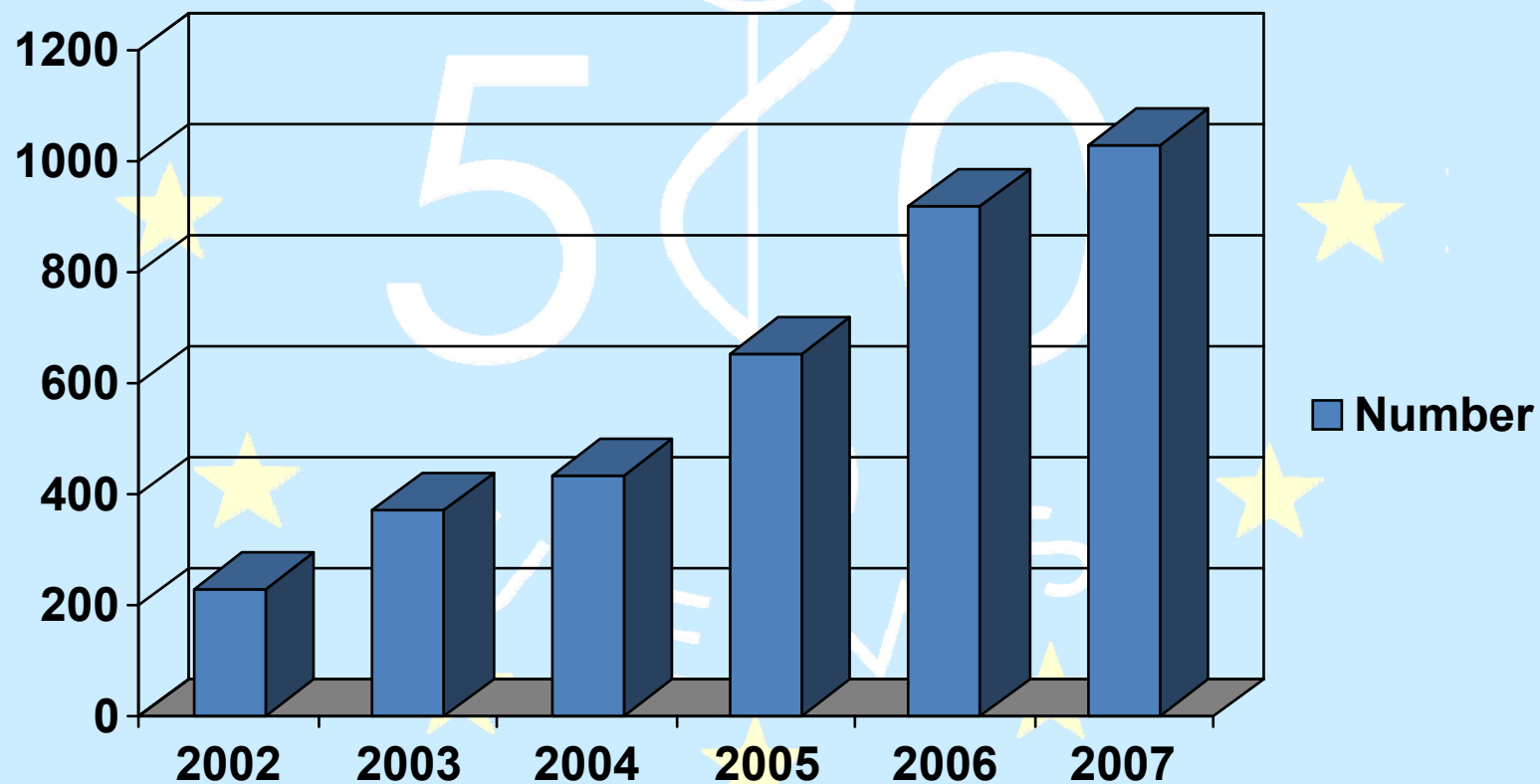


Minimal Criteria for e-Learning

- 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

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Thank you

Muchas gracias

Tack

Dakujem

Grazie mille

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Kiitos

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