European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology

Peter E. Polak, EBAC chairman

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EBAC history and background

**EBAC**: a Joint initiative of ESC and UEMS Cardiology Section (2001)

UEMS Cardiology Section

UEMS/EACCME (Union Européen Médicine Spécialistes)

NAAs (National Accreditation Authorities)

NCSs (National Cardiac Societies)

ESC (European Society of Cardiology)
"The European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology (EBAC) will stimulate, coordinate, and facilitate high quality Continuing Medical Education (CME) in cardiology, both for individuals and institutions, in order to provide the highest possible standard of care for patients and populations."
EBAC history and background

“Who” is EBAC?

The Union of European Medical Specialists Cardiology Section (UEMS-CS) is represented by:

Dr. P. E. Polak, NL, EBAC Chairman
Dr. C. D. Fessas, CY
Prof. T. Ander, AT

Prof. H. Weber, AT, and Prof. L. Goncalves, PT,
previously EBAC Chairman, act as Ex Officio members

The European Society of Cardiology (ESC) is represented by:

Prof. H. E. Botker, DK
Prof. R. Griebenow, DE
Prof. P. Perone-Filardi, IT

Prof. O. Smiseth, NO, ESC Education Committee act as Ex Officio member
Dr. P. Mills, UK, EBSC Chairman act as Ex Officio member

The Association for European Paediatric Cardiology (AEPC) is represented by: Prof. S. Kaku, PT

The European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS) is represented by: Prof. A. Kesäniemi, FI

The European Society of Hypertension (ESH) is represented by: Prof. S. Erdine, TR

The Council for Cardiovascular Nurses and Allied Professions is represented by: Prof. J. Martensson, SE
Since June 2005, the increasing number of international CME programmes submitted for accreditation, lead the EBAC Board to put in place the "EBAC Reviewers Committee". The cooperating team of external evaluators shares the review process of international CME activities in cardiology submitted to EBAC for accreditation.

**EBAC REVIEWERS COMMITTEE**

Prof. K. Thygesen, DK (ex. EBAC Board Member)
Prof. F. Macedo, PT
Dr. P. Monteiro, PT
Dr. J.W. Roos-Hesselink, NL

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France
EBAC activities

Type of Educational Programmes accredited by EBAC

- Scientific/Educational events

- Distance learning products (CD-ROMs, internet-based CME programmes, case-based learning).

- CME articles and texts (European Heart Journal; Heart).

- Textbook chapters (e.g. ESC textbook).

- Virtual reality CME.
EBAC activities

EBAC Accreditation is performed on-line
ebac-cme.org
EBAC activities

Number of EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes since 2001

- 1211 Events held into 34 different countries
- 12 CDROMs
- 158 CME Articles & Texts
- 51 CME web modules

Number of events assigned to EBAC for evaluation (as of Nov. 4, 2008)
The competence of EBAC to accredit international CME programmes in Cardiology officially recognised by:

27 National Cardiac Societies


2. The Netherlands Institute for Continuing Cardiovascular Education (CVOI) (Oct. 2001)
## EBAC & National Cardiac Societies

### Number of EBAC accredited events submitted by National Cardiac Societies (incl. N. C. S. Annual Congresses)

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**Total Events Submitted:** 79
Cooperation Agreement with EACCME/ UEMS
Renewed for 1 year (Sept. 2, 2008)

Brussels - November 24, 2007:

Cooperation Agreement
signed between
EBAC & UEMS/ EACCME

Towards a harmonized European CME Credit system
for the benefit of European Cardiologists

✓ Conversion of EBAC/ EACCME CME Credits to
AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits

✓ Recognition of EBAC/ EACCME CME Credits by
National Accreditation Authorities

✓ All application forms in the field of Cardiology are evaluated by
EBAC

✓ EBAC continues to work according to EACCME quality standards
EBAC latest News

- Implementation of the agreement starting Dec 1, 2007

1. Register as a CME Provider

2. Register with EBAC online Accreditation Services

3. New Application Form Assigned

4. AF Accredited

5. Issue an EBAC/EACCME Certificate

- Submit AF received from EBAC
- Communicate EBAC Accreditation result

- Send copy of AF electronically
- Send Accreditation result

National Accreditation Authorities

a - Apply EBAC/EACCME CME
b - Convert to National CME
New EBAC Accreditation on-line Services

3 Phases project

1. Design Phase
2. Development (In progress)
3. Test & Adjustments (Sept to Nov)

Final version launched: December 2008
Some regulations/ guidelines

a. Guidelines commercial support

No satellite symposia or parallel activities
But:
Educational Programmes
According EBAC rules
b. Educational programmes to be accredited if:

- Educational programme comply with EBAC/ EACCME rules and policies
- CME provider
  - (inter)national professional medical society
  - universities
  - teaching hospitals
- Scientific Course Director appointed by CME provider
c. Course director

- Responsible for course
- Disclosure Form of all speakers
- Aware of source and form of commercial funding
- Signature on each certificate
- Evaluation Form
- EBAC/ EACCME accreditation statement
Some regulations/ guidelines

d. Educational programme content

- Balanced
- Placed in a general context
- Critical appraisal of the subject
- Educational value
e. Satellite sessions timing

• Commercially organised satellite sessions (not accredited by EBAC) should not be scheduled during and not overlap with the scientific sessions held during the main event/congress.
Some regulations/ guidelines

f. Commercial sponsor-advertising

- EBAC recommends use of ‘unrestricted educational grant’

- The application form should be submitted by the scientific institution and not by the sponsor
Some regulations/ guidelines

f. Commercial sponsor-advertising (continued)

• No promotional activities to be held in the CME course room
• Regulations concerning the use of EBAC logo
www.ebac-cme.org
Thank you

For your attention