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AGREEMENT BETWEEN

**THE EUROPEAN ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR CME (EACCME)[®]
– a body of
THE “UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES (UEMS)”**

and

**THE EUROPEAN BOARD OF ACCREDITATION IN ALLERGY AND CLINICAL
IMMUNOLOGY (EBAACI)**



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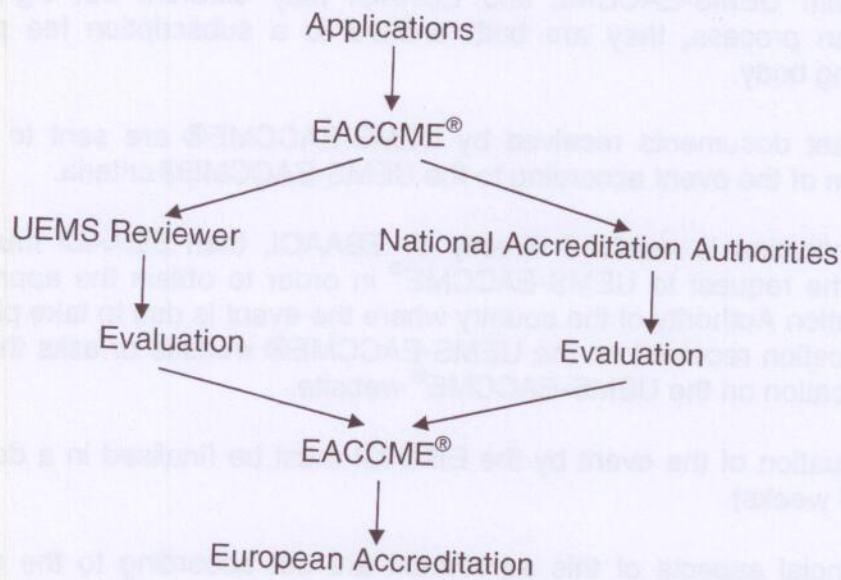
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Preamble

The UEMS-EACCME® has been fully operational since January 2000. From the beginning, it was established with support of the national CME regulating bodies and its activities increase progressively. With more and more European countries establishing a form of obligatory CME, the importance and need for the easy non-bureaucratic UEMS-EACCME® system of recognition and exchange of CME credits has become increasingly appreciated.

All stakeholders in the Accreditation Process (The UEMS – EACCME® with its Sections and Boards and the National Accreditation Authorities of the Member States of the European Union and European Economic Area) have agreed on the same basic criteria for Quality Control and Evaluation and also agree on a minimal information data base that should be provided by the Organisers of Events in order to evaluate these events. These criteria are fully described in the UEMS Quality Assurance document (reference D 0217).

UEMS-EACCME® and EBAACI, hereafter referred to as “the parties”, agree to collaborate in regard to the EACCME accreditation process.



The parties to the agreement share the view that an independent assessment of educational projects in the field of Allergology and Clinical Immunology has to be guaranteed. In order to warrant for sufficient control mechanisms for European scientific standards and to enhance postgraduate teaching activities, they decide to better use synergies between themselves and to intensify communication.

To achieve the above objectives, the European Board of Accreditation in Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EBAACI) is instituted (see annex 2).

EBAACI's role is to independently evaluate the accreditation of international activities in the field of Allergology and Clinical Immunology. Each party to the agreement will contribute its

specific competences to UEMS-EACCME® (EBAACI: scientific quality evaluation; EACCME: managing the accreditation process and granting European CME credits).

I. The agreement

The UEMS-EACCME® and EBAACI hereby agree on the following:

1. UEMS-EACCME® is the institution responsible for granting European accreditation to European and International CME events.
2. In the allocation of credits, the parties to the agreement adopt the European CME Credit system (ECMEC's) based on the one hour of educational activity = one ECMEC system with a maximum of 3 ECMEC's for a half-day and 6 ECMEC's for a full day event.
3. Accreditation applications can be entered both through EBAACI portal (www.aciuems.com) and UEMS-EACCME® portal (www.eaccme.eu). Each organization bears the costs of its own portal.
4. Since both UEMS-EACCME® and EBAACI play different but significant roles in the evaluation process, they are both entitled to a subscription fee paid by the event's organising body.
5. All relevant documents received by UEMS-EACCME® are sent to EBAACI for quality evaluation of the event according to the UEMS-EACCME® criteria.
6. If an application is received directly by EBAACI, then EBAACI must also immediately forward the request to UEMS-EACCME® in order to obtain the approval of the National Accreditation Authority of the country where the event is due to take place. EBAACI enters the application received on the UEMS-EACCME® website or asks the provider to submit the application on the UEMS-EACCME® website.
7. The evaluation of the event by the EBAACI must be finalised in a defined period of time (within 3 weeks).
8. The financial aspects of this agreement are set according to the sliding scales set in Annex 1.
9. UEMS-EACCME® is responsible for sending its own invoices to the Organisers/Providers of the CME event according to its sliding scale.
10. EBAACI is responsible for sending its own invoices to the Organisers/Providers of the CME event according to its sliding scale.
11. UEMS-EACCME® will issue a certificate of approval to the organisers for issue to the participants following a successful application. The CME accreditation certificate will incorporate the EBAACI logo.

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II. Duration of validity of the agreement

The agreement shall be valid from 1st January 2011 to 1st January 2012. At the end of this period the parties to the agreement will meet to assess the impact of the agreement.

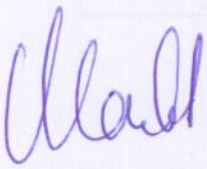
III. Termination of the agreement

The agreement can be terminated by each party before February 28th, for the end of that calendar year. The termination has to be notified in writing to the President of the UEMS-EACCME® and the President of EBAACI.

IV. Extension of the agreement

Unless one of the parties to the agreement terminates it, it is automatically extended for a calendar year.

Brussels, , 2010.



Dr. Bernard Maillet
Secretary General

For UEMS-EACCME®

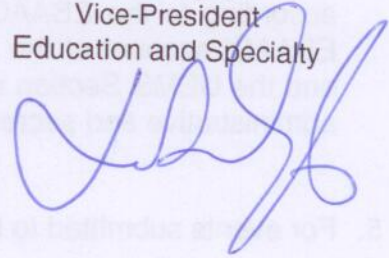
For EBAACI



Jan Lötval,
President

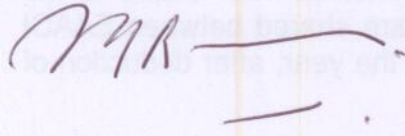
The EAACI

Luis Delgado
Vice-President
Education and Specialty



The UEMS Section of Allergology

Jan de Monchy,
President



Annex 1

Financial aspects

The EACCME® and EBAACI hereby agree on the following:

1. UEMS-EACCME® agrees that EBAACI will apply its own fee to cover its administrative and secretarial costs. These costs will have to be agreed upon by the parties and processed through the EBAACI technical secretariat.
2. For live events, accreditation fees by the UEMS-EACCME® are based on the expected number of participants.

UEMS -EACCME® Sliding scale		Distribution*		
Participants	Total Fee	UEMS	NAA	UEMS Section
1 – 250	350 €	100 €	100 €	100 €
251 – 500	650 €	200 €	200 €	200 €
501 – 1000	950 €	350 €	300 €	300 €
1001 – 2000	1250 €	400 €	400 €	400 €
2001 – 5000	1550 €	500 €	500 €	500 €
Over 5000	3050 €	1000 €	1000 €	1000 €

*after deduction of administrative costs of 50 € per application

3. The EBAACI's fees are defined as follows:

UEMS -EACCME® Sliding scale		Distribution*	
Participants	Total Fee	UEMS Section	EAACI
1 – 250	350 €	100 €	100 €
251 – 500	650 €	200 €	200 €
501 – 1000	950 €	350 €	300 €
1001 – 2000	1250 €	400 €	400 €
2001 – 5000	1550 €	500 €	500 €
Over 5000	3050 €	1000 €	1000 €

*after deduction of administrative costs

EBAACI opens a bank account to which the fees must be paid.

4. For events submitted to the UEMS-EACCME® directly, UEMS will invoice the providers according to the UEMS-EACCME® sliding scale and will add EBAACI fee in their invoices according to the EBAACI scale. This EBAACI fee will be transferred from UEMS to the EBAACI account at the end of each semester. EBAACI fees are shared between EAACI and the UEMS Section and Board of Allergology at the end of the year, after deduction of administrative and secretarial costs.
5. For events submitted to EBAACI directly, see item 1. 6.

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6. EBAACI has the right to consult external experts when necessary but has to get the express agreement of the EBAACI President and EACCME® before entering a consulting agreement. The consulting fees will be borne by the party to the agreement which decides to consult external experts.
7. Failure of EBAACI to perform the evaluation within the time specified (3 weeks), necessitating UEMS -EACCME® to seek alternative expert assessment, forfeits its right to any fee for the event, providing the documentation material submitted was complete .

**Annex 2
The EBAACI**

Rules governing the European Board of Accreditation in Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EBAACI)

1. EBAACI is composed of 6 members nominated for 4 years, 3 by EAACI and 3 by the UEMS Allergology Section and Board. Each party will consult the other one before the nomination.
2. EBAACI's chairmanship and related casting vote is shared following the principle of a 2 years rotation between EAACI and UEMS. However, when deliberating on the accreditation of an EAACI educational project, EBAACI will be chaired by an UEMS representative.
3. To minimize the risk of conflict of interest, all EBAACI members are required to sign a disclosure statement for the events in which they are involved.
4. EBAACI evaluates each submitted accreditation request. For decisions of the board, a 2/3 majority is required (4 out of 6 votes).
5. The economical support of CME activities is accepted if they are in agreement with the D9908 Rev2007 Regulation of the UEMS.
6. The administrative aspects of the accreditation will be handled by EBAACI's technical secretary who will have the task of supporting the applicants with the filling in of the Application Form, of receiving the Application Forms and inserting them on the EACCME web platform, of distributing the documents to the members of EBAACI, of gathering their evaluations and of communicating EBAACI's decision to EACCME and to the organizer.
7. The EBAACI members return their evaluation to the EBAACI technical secretary within 2 weeks
8. The EBAACI technical secretary distributes the Application to the EBAACI members.
9. The technical secretary will also be in charge of tracing all meetings which could be accredited and of encouraging their organizers to have them accredited.
10. The technical secretary is responsible for the EBAACI bank account and submits a statement of account to the EBAACI chairperson 4 times a year or upon request.
11. EBAACI shall meet twice a year, once in the framework of the ordinary business meeting of the UEMS Section and Board of Allergology and once during the annual EAACI Congress. The meetings are organized and arranged by the EBAACI chair and

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the costs of the EBAACI members are covered by the organization they are nominated by.

12. Each year, one of the representatives of the EAACI will be invited to a meeting of the UEMS Section of Allergology and one member of the UEMS Section of Allergology will be invited to an Executive Committee of EBAACI with an observer status.



**U.E.M.S Section and Board for Allergology
and Clinical Immunology**

January 7, 2011

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To:

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Dear Mrs. Schaller, *Sylvia,*

Please, find enclosed two copies of the Agreement between EACCME,
a body of the UEMS, and EBAACI.

Kind regards,

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