



European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology

Peter E. Polak, EBAC chairman

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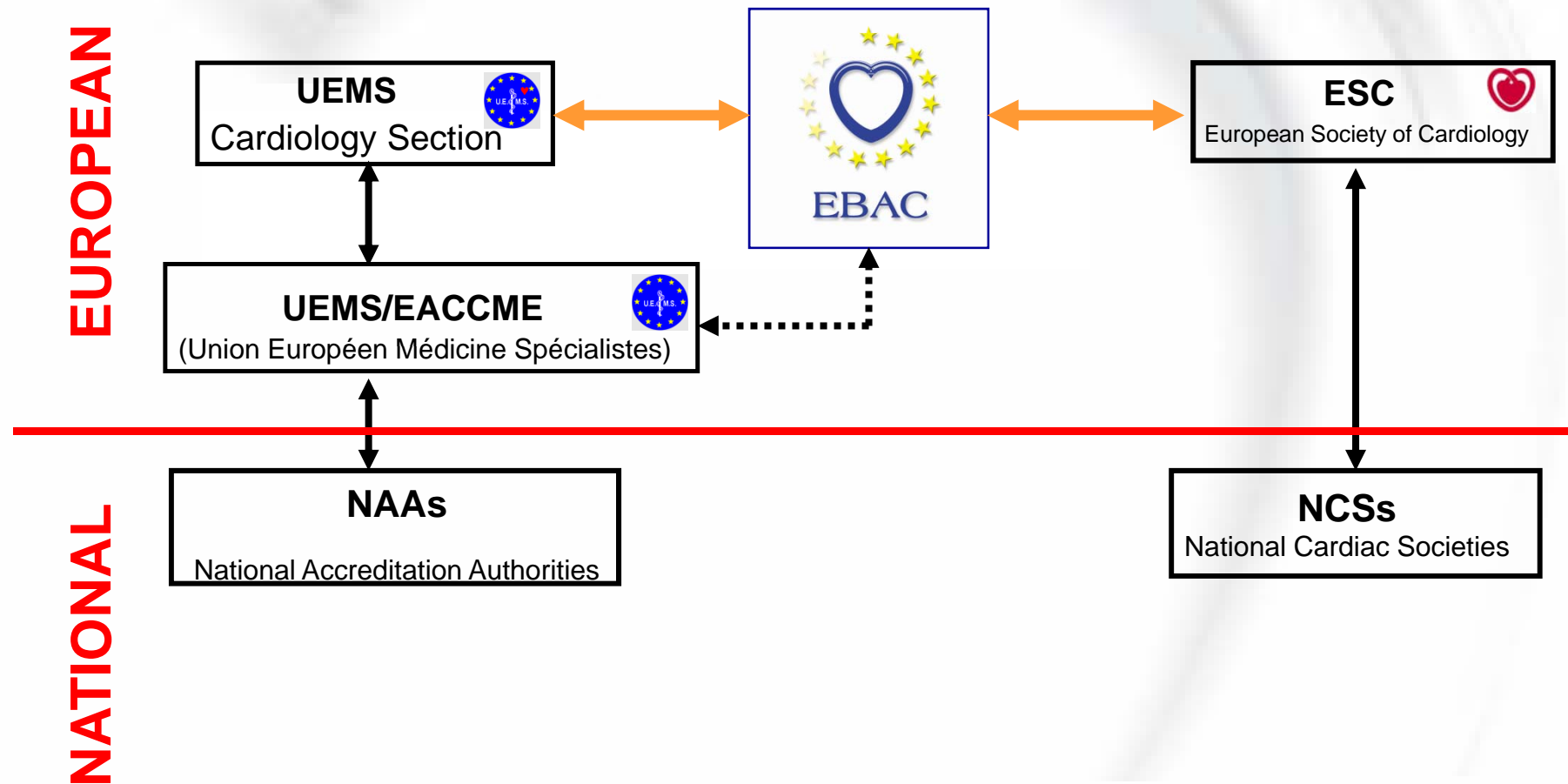


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EBAC history and background

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





EBAC history and background

EBAC Mission Statement

"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?

EBAC BOARD



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

Dr. P. E. Polak, NL, EBAC Chairman

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



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Dr. P. Mills, UK, EBSC Chairman act as Ex Officio member



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The Council for Cardiovascular Nurses and Allied Professions is represented by: Prof. J. Martensson, SE



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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*)
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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

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Welcome to the EBAC Web Site

EBAC at the ESC Congress 2008 - Munich
30 Aug - 3 Sept

✓ Come & visit the "European Accreditation" booth
Exhibition Hall B2 - opposite the ESC Stand

✓ Attend the ESC & UEMS Joint Session:
Tuesday 02 Sep. - 11:00-12:30
Bucharest Room - Zone A4

Learn more about "European cardiology - a bright future.
Training and accreditation".

Physicians

Gain CME credits:
Choose an EBAC accredited programme:
Check the EBAC Accredited
Programmes Calendar.

CME Providers

How to Register:
Submit your international educational
programme to the assessment of
experts in Cardiology: Accreditation
Services

European Board for the Speciality of Cardiology

Individual accreditation management system
Diploma of European Cardiologist - on-line application
Follow up and centralisation of your CME activity
Be listed in the European Cardiologist Directory

Recently Accredited

Events

234 Events held in 2008
5 Events held in 2009

- IXth Aalst-Eindhoven Course
on Coronary Physiology
(Dec 08 - BE)

1168 EBAC accredited
events since 2001 !

Web CME

51 Web CME

- Chronic Kidney Disease and
Systolic Heart Failure
(University of Cologne)

CME Articles/Texts

155 Scientific articles/ texts

- 14 "ESC" Guidelines
- 137 CME articles published in
"Heart"
- 4 Chapters of the "ESC
Textbook on CV Medicine"

CD ROMs

12 CD ROMs

- ESC Congress 2007 Highlights
CDROM

- Edit
- Print
- User profile

Evaluation

- Evaluations
- Info requests
- See responses
- Confirm. e-mail

Payments

- First invoice
- Final invoice
- See payments
- Validate final paym.
- Download empty
form

Status :

Evaluation date :

Event

1st International Baltic Heart Failure Meeting, web page www.lcs.lt

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17 Sep 2008 14:27 CEDT

Lithuanian Society Of Cardiology

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Accredited - Final payment pending

10 Oct 2008 11:06 CEDT

2 - Contacts

Contact person responsible for this application :

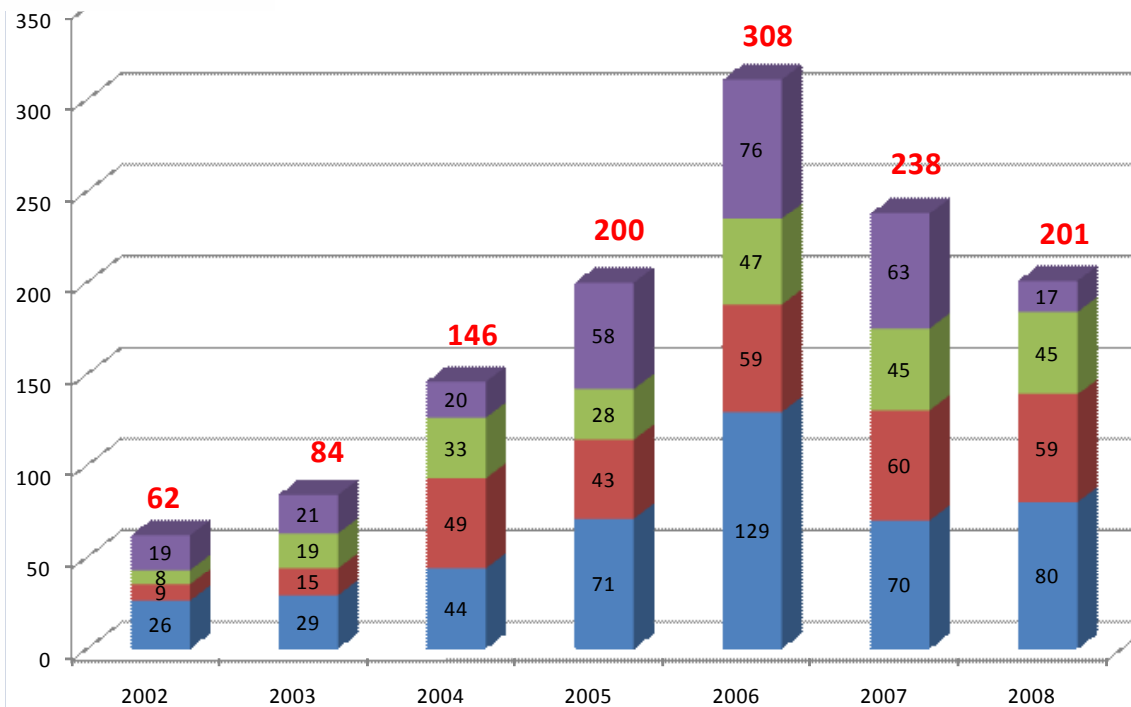
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Kaunas University of Medicine
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EBAC activities

Number of EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes since 2001

- ✓ **1 211** 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)

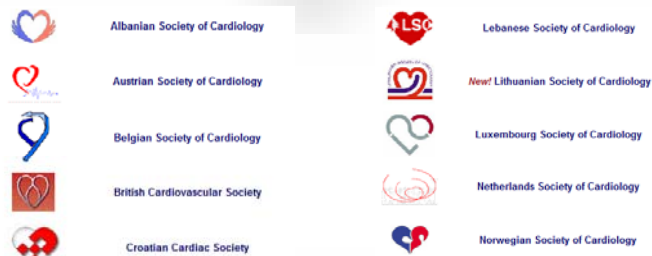


EBAC & National Cardiac Societies

*The competence of EBAC to accredit
international CME programmes in Cardiology
officially recognised by:*

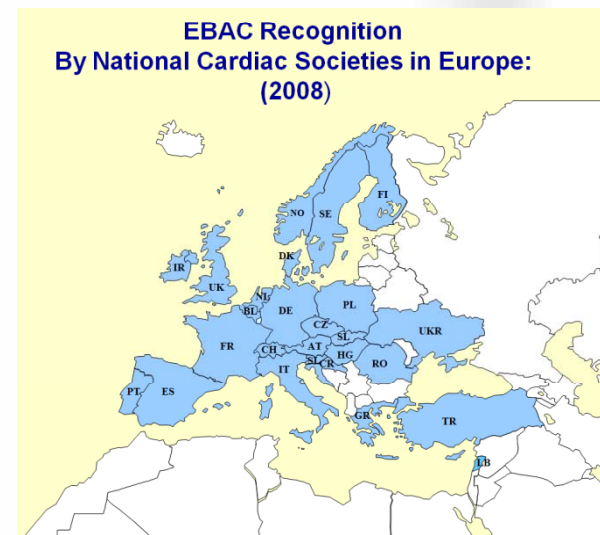
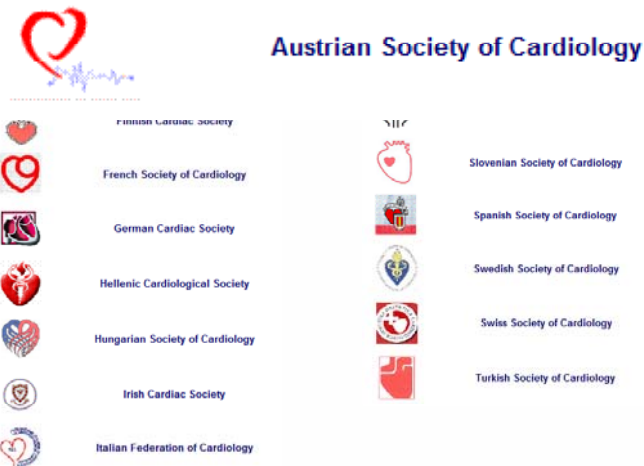
27 National Cardiac Societies

2 Accreditation Authorities



**1. Austrian Akademie of Physicians
(Mar. 2003)**

**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)*

Event <input type="button" value="v"/>								
CME Provider Name <input type="button" value="v"/>	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand Total
Association of Cardiologists of Bosnia & Herzegovina						1		1
British Cardiac Society			1					1
Cardiology Society of Serbia							1	1
Czech Society of Cardiology	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8
Danish Society of Cardiology			1					1
Egyptian Society Of Cardiology						1		1
Finnish Cardiac Society				1		1		2
Hellenic Cardiological Society	3	3	3	3	3	4		19
Israel Heart Society					1			1
Italian Federation of Cardiology					1			1
Lebanese Society of Cardiology	1					1		2
Polish Cardiac Society		1	1	1	2	1		6
Portuguese Society of Cardiology	2	1	2		1	2		8
Slovenian Society of Cardiology				1			1	2
Société Française de Cardiology			1	1	1	1	1	5
Spanish Society of Cardiology	2	2	3	2	3	1	1	14
Swiss Society of Cardiology	1							1
The Latvian Society of Cardiology			1					1
Turkish Society of Cardiology				1	1	1		3
Ukrainian Society of Cardiology		1						1
	10	9	14	11	14	15	6	79



EBAC latest News

Cooperation Agreement with EACCME/ UEMS Renewed for 1 year (Sept. 2, 2008)

Brussels - November 24, 2007:



Cooperation Agreement signed between EBAC & UEMS/ EACCME



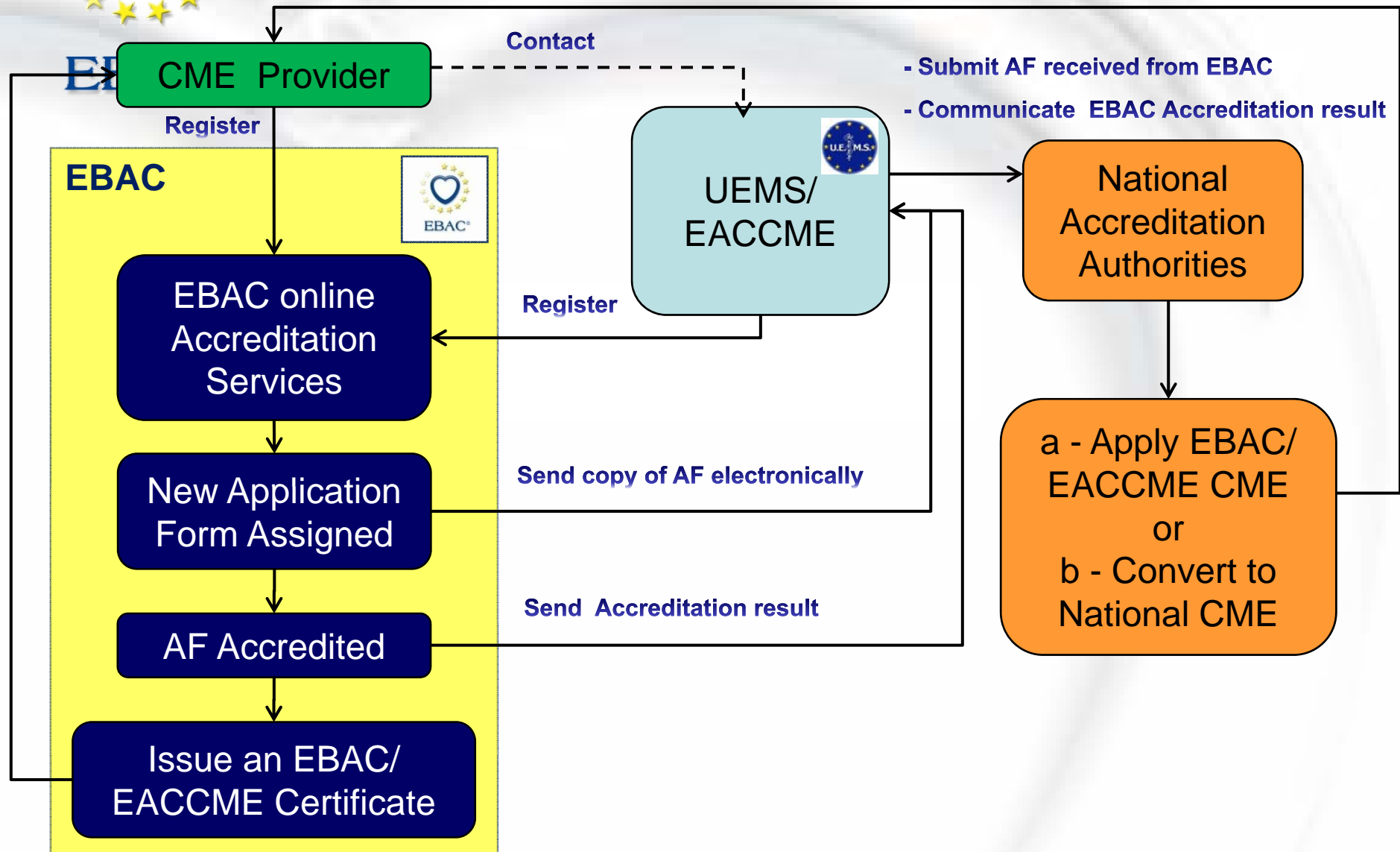
**Towards a harmonized European CME Credit system
for the benefit of European Cardiologists**

- ✓ 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*






EBAC latest News



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

 EBAC®	EBAC ON-LINE ACCREDITATION SERVICES Discover EBAC	
	Welcome to the EBAC on-line accreditation services	
	<p>You may now submit your educational programme to the EBAC Board for accreditation.</p> <p>The application procedure is performed on-line for all types of educational programmes (Events, CD-ROMs, Web, Articles/ Texts).</p> <p>The "Discover EBAC on-line services" will provide you with some practical information on how to use efficiently our services.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ EBAC web site▪ EBAC Calendar▪ Contact us	New to EBAC on-line services Prior to submit your 1 st educational programme: Register as CME Provider Register!

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Some regulations/ guidelines

a. Guidelines commercial support

No satellite symposia or parallel activities

But:

Educational Programmes

According EBAC rules



Some regulations/ guidelines

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



Some regulations/ guidelines

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



Some regulations/ guidelines

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



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Thank you

For your attention



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