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**To National Member Associations of the UEMS Council
UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards
European Specialty Accreditation Boards**

Subject: New criteria for the accreditation of Live Educational Events by the UEMS-EACCME®

Dear Colleagues,

The UEMS-EACCME® has provided an international accreditation system applicable throughout Europe for CME meetings for the last 12 years. Over that time, significant developments have occurred in CME-CPD that have included international mutual recognition agreements with the USA and Canada, and major changes in the regulatory framework for the support of medical education. Following an extensive set of consultations, the UEMS-EACCME® has developed new criteria that reflect this new regulatory environment and provide a developmental stimulus for the achievement of higher standards for medical education in Europe.

As a means of enhancing the transparency of its processes and of those expected of Applicants, the UEMS-EACCME® has amended its criteria for the accreditation of Live Educational Events (LEEs).

These criteria (UEMS 2012/30) will become applicable for all applications made as from 1st January 2013 and will supersede the current accreditation criteria (UEMS D 9908 and subsequent revisions) as of that date.

This document applies for the accreditation of LEEs criteria similar to those that already have been applied by the UEMS-EACCME® for the accreditation of e-learning materials.

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The following is an outline of the key elements of the new document:

- 1) Greater emphasis on the needs of learners and the achievement of meaningful educational outcomes
- 2) High quality education by the Providers of LEEs
- 3) Increased transparency as regards funding and organisation of LEEs

The UEMS-EACCME® thanks the many colleagues who responded to the consultation process and trusts that all will consider that this document incorporates the many views that were expressed. Colleagues are encouraged to read the policy document in full in order to prepare for the implementation of these new criteria. Additional guidance documents, including answers to FAQs and template forms, will be made available in the first week of December.

Yours sincerely,

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President



Dr Edwin Borman
Secretary General

