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- Criteria for the Accreditation of Live Educational Events by the EACCME® (UEMS 2012/30).

Further to the UEMS Conference on CME organised in Brussels on 18.11.2011, the EACCME Taskforce reviewed the document adopted in Naples (UEMS 2011/30) in order to take into consideration the input provided by the participants to this Conference. It then circulated the amended version to the UEMS constituency for internal consultation. Further to the feedback received as well as the comments from the Working Group on CME, the “Criteria for the Accreditation of Live Educational Events by the EACCME®“ were adopted and will enter into vigour on 1st January 2013.

- Template for European Training Requirements for Medical Specialties (UEMS 2012/29)

The UEMS Working Group on Post Graduate Training had decided during the last Council meeting in Brussels (20.04.2012) to set up a Taskforce which was to revise the current structure of Chapter 6 of the Training Charter on Postgraduate Training. This Taskforce drafted a template structure which was then disseminated to the UEMS Constituency for consultation. Based on the feedback received and the input provided by the Working Group in Larnaca, this proposed structure was adopted and will pave the way to the harmonisation European Training Requirements developed by the UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards.

- Constitution of Governance Boards for the UEMS Standing Committees (UEMS 2012/28)

At its meeting in Prague in 2010, the UEMS Council adopted new Statutes which created Standing Committees in each key area of interest defined for UEMS: Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development (CME-CPD); Postgraduate Medical Training (PGT) and Quality Assurance (QA). The UEMS Executive elaborated a document providing the structure and mission for Governance Board to pilot the Standing Committees.

- Statement on Environment and Health (UEMS 2012/27)

On 20th -21st July 2012, under the patronage of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Italian Unit, the UEMS co-organised with the FNOMCeO and the Italian Institute on Bioethics, the 1st International Meeting on Ecological Bioethics, in Isernia, Italy. Further to this meeting, a first version of this Statement was drafted, highlighting the link between the environment and Health and the role of medical doctors in addressing this interaction.

- Statement on Professional Autonomy (UEMS 2012/26)
The UEMS is currently advocating against the initiative from the European Committee for Standardisation (Centre Européen de Normalisation - CEN) to adopt standards in the field of Aesthetic Surgery. This Statement was drafted further to the Discussion Forum held on 18.10.2012 and emphasise the importance of self regulation of the medical Profession.

- An additional set of decisions involved more directly the work and activities of the UEMS Sections & Boards, such as notably:

  o The endorsement of Chapters 6 in Pathology (UEMS 2012.31), Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (UEMS 2012.32) and Pneumology (UEMS 2012.33)
  
  o The creation of a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee in Manual Medicine
  
  o The creation of a Thematic Federation of Legal and Forensic Medicine

Additional:

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**Outcomes of the last UEMS Council Meeting (Larnaca -Cyprus)**

The Council of UEMS gathered on 18th and 19th October 2012 in Larnaca (Cyprus). On that occasion, the Members of UEMS discussed and agreed the following:

**Template for Training Requirements (former "Chapter 6")**

The UEMS Working Group on Postgraduate Training had established a specific Taskforce to work on a document setting out a common structure for the Training Requirements for each specialty recognised under the UEMS aegis (UEMS 2012/29). The aim was to provide an harmonised view on the recommendations pertaining to specialist training provided by the UEMS Sections & Boards.

**EACCME**

Updated criteria for the Accreditation of live educational events by the EACCME (UEMS 2012/30) were adopted by the UEMS Council after a consultation period of more than a year. Further to the positive experience with the accreditation of e-learning materials, 25 essential criteria were defined in order to assess the scientific validity and independence of congresses, training courses, etc that are provided to European doctors.

**Specialist issues**

Training Requirements were endorsed in the following specialties:

- Pathology (UEMS 2012/31)
- Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery (UEMS 2012/32)
- Pneumology (UEMS 2012/33)
A Thematic Federation was established in Legal & Forensic Medicine, and a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee for Manual Medicine.

**Future Structure**
The document UEMS 2012/28 enabling the creation of Governance Boards for each Standing Committee under the new UEMS Structure was adopted.

**Position Statements**
Further to the Discussion Forum which focused on the issue of "Self-regulation for the medical profession", the delegates to the UEMS Council decided to adopt a statement on professional autonomy (UEMS 2012/26).
Another statement on environmental health was also adopted (UEMS 2012/27).

Files:
- UEMS_2012.26_-_Larnaca_Statement_on_Professional_Autonomy.pdf 368 K
- UEMS_2012.27_-_Statement_on_Environment_on_Environment_and_Health.pdf 653 K
- UEMS_2012.28_-_Governance_Boards_for_UEMS_Standing_Committees.pdf 395 K
- UEMS_2012.29_-_Template_structure_for_European_Training_Requirements.pdf 384 K
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- UEMS_2012.31_-_Chapter_6_in_Pathology_-_2012.10.19.pdf 432 K
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