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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 ACCREDITATION COUNCIL OF ONCOLOGY IN EUROPE (ACOE)

a body of

THE EUROPEAN CANCER ORGANISATION (ECCO)



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Protocol for the Mutual Agreement between

UEMS – EACCME® and the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE) under the remit of ECCO – The European CanCer Organisation.

Introduction and Background

Under the impulse of a growing shift from voluntary to mandatory CME-CPD in Europe, the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) set up the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) in October 1999.

The UEMS-EACCME® began its activities in January 2000 with the mutual recognition of accreditation of EU-wide and international CME-CPD activities for live educational events through the awarding of European CME credits (ECMECs) to individual medical specialists, allowing the recognition and exchange of CME credits between all European countries.

The UEMS-EACCME® sets itself as the central link between the National Accreditation Authorities (NAAs), the UEMS Specialist Sections and Boards (S&Bs), the European Specialty Accreditation Boards (ESABs) and the Providers of CME activities.

The Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE) is an independent body established in 1999 functioning under the remit of ECCO – the European CanCer Organisation, an international association under Belgian Law, registered office, 83, avenue E. Mounier, B-1200 Brussels.

The primary function of ACOE is the accreditation of European CME activities in oncology. In relation to this function, ACOE review and evaluate CME activities in the field of oncology, more specifically ACOE assess the quality and the educational value of the scientific programme of the activity.

ACOE is a multidisciplinary European body of experts representative of the complete spectrum of oncology health carers from all over Europe. ACOE Councillors are full time specialists practising in the field of oncology and all recognised for their experience in education and expertise in their field.

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Both EACCME® (of the UEMS) and ACOE hereby agree on the following:

1. Applications for EACCME® accreditation for European and International CME events in the field of oncology are exclusively made to the UEMS office in Brussels via its online application system.
2. Upon entry into force of document UEMS 2012/30 by the UEMS, ACOE's online application system will direct the CME providers to the UEMS EACCME® website to apply for EACCME® accreditation.
3. ACOE will retain some basic information about the events to allow their online scoring by its Councillors.
4. EACCME® will submit all eligible applications in the field of Oncology for their evaluation to ACOE.
5. ACOE will proceed with the evaluation of the event based on the EACCME® criteria as outlined in doc UEMS 2012/30. The evaluation of the event by ACOE must be finalised in the required period of time (within 5 weeks upon reception of the documentation) providing the UEMS EACCME® could ensure that all the documentation material submitted was complete and the relevant invoice was paid by the CME provider.
6. ACOE's role and function in the EACCME® system will be clearly acknowledged on the EACCME® website and a link provided to its website to provide more information.
7. Since both UEMS - EACCME® and ACOE play different but significant roles in the evaluation process, they are both entitled to a subscription fee paid by the event's organising body. The amount due to ACOE will correspond to a third of the fee (less 50 EUR) paid by the CME providers as per the fee sliding scale specified in UEMS doc 2012/30. That amount will be transferred by the UEMS to ACOE upon submission of an invoice from ACOE on a bi-annual basis.
8. Failure of ACOE to perform the evaluation within the time specified (5 weeks), necessitating EACCME® to seek alternative expert assessment, forfeits its right to the portion of the UEMS application fee for the event.
9. ACOE reserves the right to submit an "Evaluation invoice" to the CME providers. The amount invoiced to the CME providers will correspond to the amount based on the ACOE's fee formula dependent on the number of participants and the average participant's registration fee to the event. A third of the fee paid by the CME providers upon submission to the UEMS-EACCME® online application system, as per item 7, will be deducted from ACOE's "Evaluation invoice".

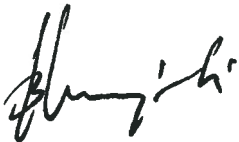
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10. ACOE's fee formula and right to submit an "Evaluation invoice" to the CME providers according to its fee formula will be acknowledged on the EACCME website.
This invoice will be justified to the CME providers with the following wording: "In accordance with the EACCME® / ACOE agreement, this invoice covers specific ACOE's administrative tasks and provisions for quality assurance in oncology CME events. These include ongoing support to CME providers in their requests about CME accreditation, updates on ACOE's website on CME policy developments, ACOE Councilors' evaluation meetings and random on site visits of accredited events.
11. ACOE will retain the right to refuse to evaluate subsequent events submitted by a CME Provider that has failed to pay the "Evaluation invoice" due for a previous event.
12. EACCME® will issue a formal Certificate of Approval to the organisers for issue to the participants following a successful application. The Certificate of Approval will refer to ACOE evaluation and will bear the ACOE logo.
13. This agreement shall be reviewed after 3 years.

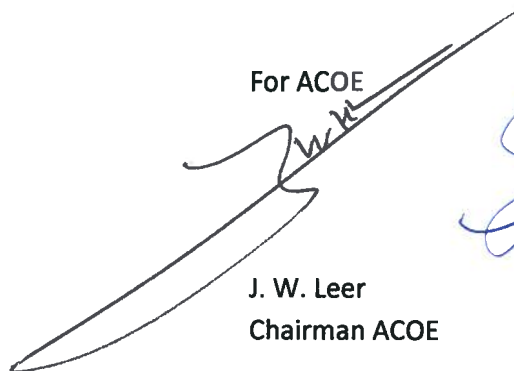
This agreement shall take effect from the date of its signature.

For the UEMS-EACCME®



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For ACOE



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Chairman ACOE

For ECCO



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