



## EBAC & UEMS/ EACCME Cooperation Agreement



UEMS: European Union of Medical Specialists  
EACCME: European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education  
EBAC: European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology

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The cooperation agreement, signed last Saturday in Brussels, by Professor Lino Gonçalves (EBAC Chairman) and Doctor Zlatko Fras (President of the UEMS) is set up for a 12 months pilot period, starting on the date of signature.

Both organisations will work together during this Pilot Period and decide upon future arrangements.

- **A simplified evaluation process:** All applications **in the field of cardiology** will be evaluated by EBAC. EBAC will review the quality and independence of the CME events or products. In this evaluation process, EBAC will work **according to the UEMS/ EACCME rules and quality standards.**
- **A direct link to National Accreditation Authorities**  
As soon as it is received in its office, EBAC transmits immediately the application forms to UEMS/ EACCME for submission to the relevant National Accreditation Authority **in order to obtain their recognition of the European Accreditation.**
- **The new Accreditation Certificate**, delivered by EBAC, will bear the UEMS / EACCME logo and will facilitate the recognition of the related CME Credits at the National Level.
- **The conversion of EBAC CME Credits to AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits** will be generalized to all events being awarded the EBAC Accreditation, and the related process will be facilitated. The American Medical Association (AMA) has an agreement of mutual recognition of continuing medical education (CME) credit with the European Union of Medical Specialties (UEMS). Under the terms of this agreement, the AMA will convert CME credit certified by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), the accrediting arm of the UEMS, to *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians (MDs, DOs or equivalent international degree) may have their EACCME credit converted to *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* by applying to the AMA ([www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)).