Brussels, 12th July 2013

To   Providers of Continuing Medical Education

Dear colleague,

Thank you for your support and understanding during the first half year that the UEMS-EACCME® has been implementing the new criteria for the accreditation of live educational events (LEEs). These criteria are more robust than in the past, contributing to greater transparency regarding the standards of provision and the funding of CME-CPD in Europe. It is encouraging to see that EFPIA has recently published its own guidelines that also will contribute to these developments.

The UEMS-EACCME® has reviewed its experience of accrediting applications under these new criteria and has learned many important elements that will be used to refine and improve accreditation over the coming years. This is in line with the UEMS-EACCME®'s commitment to encouraging good quality CME-CPD throughout Europe.

An immediate change that the UEMS-EACCME® feels can be implemented now, is a reduction in the minimum period required for submitting an application. With immediate effect (the date of this letter), this has been reduced to twelve weeks before the date of the LEE. This new deadline will be applied rigorously.

In addition, the UEMS-EACCME® will provide the opportunity to providers, who have proven their reliability through multiple successful applications, to have a minimum date less than this, subject to agreement with the UEMS-EACCME®. Providers who feel that they fit this description should apply to the UEMS-EACCME® for confirmation of this status.

Yours sincerely,

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