



## Joint Statement by ESC and UEMS on Accreditation in Cardiology in Europe



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To **ESC Constituent Bodies**  
**Presidents of National Cardiac Societies, ESC Associations, ESC Councils**  
**and ESC Working Groups**

**Dear Presidents,**

In view of recent and confusing messages circulated, the Leadership of both ESC and UEMS have decided to prepare this joint communication.

With regards accreditation of educational programmes in cardiology, ESC and UEMS declare that:

1. UEMS confirms that any collaboration or communication between the UEMS and EBAC has stopped formally.
2. Accreditation of educational programmes in cardiology will be done by EACCME, the UEMS accreditation body.
3. ESC and UEMS have signed an agreement in September 2016. This means that the Cardiology Section of UEMS is part of the Agreement.
4. Thus, all your educational programmes and events should be submitted to EACCME for accreditation: <http://www.eaccme.eu/>
5. UEMS and ESC are building a 'Specialist Accreditation Committee in Cardiology' (SACC) which will be activated during 2017.

We invite you to circulate this joint communication to your members.

This paves the way for forward looking and innovative developments in the field of accreditation.

All the best for the new year.

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