



European Board of Urology



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Re: Invitation to join the EU-ACME programme sponsored by the ICS

As the chairman of the EU-ACME office I am very pleased that the International Continence Society (ICS) is offering you to join our EU-ACME programme for free. The offer from the ICS will cover your membership fee and is available for a limited time only.

EU-ACME

is a joint program
of the EAU and EBU

EU-ACME (European Urology – Accredited Continuing Medical Education) is one of the offices of the European Association of Urology (EAU) and the result of a joint venture with the European Board of Urology (EBU).

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The constant demands of modern medicine makes Continuing Medical Education (CME) an absolute necessity. It helps medical professionals to maintain and upgrade their knowledge and enhances the quality of patients' care.

A special credit system was introduced so that participants can get credit points by attending accredited meetings or by reading CME articles in relevant journals. In some countries CME is already obligatory for doctors such as in Austria, Germany, Italy and other countries will soon follow.

The EU-ACME programme is working with the ICS to help provide its members to collect credit, it aims to help urologists but also other specialists to collect CME credit points in a smooth way by registering and administering individual credit points centrally in the EU-ACME Office in Arnhem.

Once you have joined the EU-ACME programme your attendance at accredited meetings will be registered with the help of your EU-ACME membership card. Once a year the EU-ACME office provides participants with a report listing the meetings they have attended and the number of credit points they have collected so far. From this year onward you will get credit points whenever you attend ICS events, e.g. the Annual Meeting or the Education Courses.

The programme is open to all specialist doctors, e.g. urologists, gynaecologists, proctologists, geriatricians, but also residents can participate and will get a yearly certificate from the EU-ACME office documenting the meeting they have attended (incl. also the credits they would have earned). So far, there is a mutual recognition of credit points between Europe and the USA, but we are sure that other countries in other areas of the world will follow or accept the EU-ACME credits.

Physiotherapists and nurses may join the EU-ACME programme, however they will need to enquire whether they are eligible to claim credits towards their professional career.

If you would like to join the EU-ACME programme please fill in the attached registration form and send it back electronically to the EU-ACME Office in Arnhem. The free registration to the EU-ACME programme is open till 15th March, 2006. Take this chance and join the EU-ACME programme!

With kindest regards

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Educational Committee of the ICS
responsible for CME

Prof. Dr. H. Madersbacher
Chairman of the EU-ACME office
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P.S.:

Those members of the ICS who are already members of the EAU (active members) or belong to national societies, which have already joined the EU-ACME programme, - should already have an EU-ACME membership card (Austria, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania and Turkey), or will get it within the next few weeks (Belgium, Greece, Spain and Sweden), therefore there is no need for them to apply.