## **COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made on 26 of October of 2018

## BETWEEN:

 The EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS (UEMS), an international nonfor-profit organization incorporated under the laws of Belgium, having its registered office at 24 rue de l'Industrie, 1040 Brussels (Belgium), acting through its department the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®), hereby validly represented by Dr Romuald Krajewski, UEMS President and Prof. Vassilios Papalois, UEMS Secretary-General;

## and

2. The **PORTUGUESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (PMA)**, a private organization of public law incorporated under the laws of Portugal, having its registered office at Av. Almirante Gago Coutinho, n°151, 1749-084 Lisbon (Portugal), hereby validly represented by Dr. José Miguel Ribeiro de Castro Guimarães, the PMA President;

The parties sub (1) to (2) shall hereafter be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

## **RECITALS:**

- (A) The UEMS is a non-governmental voluntary organisation associating the national medical organisations that represent medical specialists in the European Union and in associated countries.
- (B) The UEMS established the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®), in January 2000, with the aim of encouraging high standards in the development, delivery and harmonisation of continuing medical education (hereafter "CME") and continuing professional development (hereafter "CPD").
- (C) The UEMS-EACCME® has established an international accreditation system described in Annex 2 and Annex 5 applicable to live CME events and e-learning materials respectively, and has introduced a common "CME currency": the European CME Credit (ECMEC®).
- (D) The UEMS-EACCME® serves 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 international CME/CPD activities. UEMS-EACCME® accreditation will be automatically recognised in all the countries, in and outside Europe, whose NAAs have signed an agreement with UEMS-EACCME®.
- (E) The PMA is the national accreditation authority in Portugal.
- (F) The Parties to this Cooperation Agreement acknowledge the need to collaborate on accreditation for International CME events, mutual recognition of CME credits, improvement of CME accreditation quality and on related activities.
- (G) The Parties wish to cooperate in this respect pursuant to the terms and conditions defined herein.