



The International Association

Agreement between

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine & COLEGIO MEXICANO DE MEDICINA CRITICA (COMMEC)

The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) and COLEGIO MEXICANO DE MEDICINA CRITICA (COMMEC), both Scientific non-for-profit research and educational associations, whose purpose is to improve care of the critically ill patient, hereby create a strategic partnership which will further the mission of both the ESICM and the COMMEC (collectively the “organizations”).

As the organizations are focused on quality and safety in intensive care, through the implementation of scientific and educational programs for their members, collaboration is imperative to enrich members' experiences. Through this partnership, the organizations will exchange the best practices and cooperate actively in order to create synergies that can create added value to both organizations and especially to members and their patients.

The organizations by signing this agreement agree to the following:

1. Improving Communication Channels between the Two Organizations

1. ESICM will set up a National Societies area within its website where the COMMEC can provide content that describes their activities and promotes events.
2. ESICM will provide direct links from the ESICM website to the COMMEC website.
3. COMMEC will provide a direct link from the COLEGIO MEXICANO DE MEDICINA CRITICA (COMMEC) homepage to the ESICM website.
4. COMMEC will facilitate the delivery of the ESICM electronic communications (eBlasts), at a minimum of six times per year, to all COMMEC members.
5. ESICM will provide a link in related eBlasts to the National Societies area on the ESICM website and will promote forthcoming events of COMMEC provided that there is no competing event run by ESICM within the same country and within a time period of six weeks before or six weeks after the event.

2. Benefits for the National Society

1. COMMEC will be entitled to representation by a duly nominated official delegate to the ESICM National Societies Committee.
2. COMMEC will be entitled to offer its own members a discounted rate for ESICM membership, known as the dual member scheme (see 3. Dual membership scheme).
3. COMMEC will be entitled to bid to co-host regional meetings with ESICM.
4. COMMEC will be entitled to bid to co-organize ESICM educational courses in its own meetings.
5. COMMEC will be entitled to input data into the European Registry of Intensive Care (ERIC) and access its own country level data reports.

3. Dual Membership Scheme

1. In order to enhance cooperation between the organizations, ESICM offers dual membership to all members of COMMEC (whether or not currently an ESICM member) so that its members can join ESICM at a significantly reduced fee, including benefits.
2. For the membership year 2015 the dual membership rate to join ESICM will be €110.
3. This rate will be reviewed on a yearly basis by ESICM who will announce the forthcoming rates three months before the beginning of the new membership year.
4. This rate will provide the COMMEC member with full membership rights for ESICM, as described in section number 5. ESICM Membership rights.
5. This offer is valid from 25st November 2015 to 31st December 2015 and will be automatically renewed on the anniversary date. Collaboration can be ended with a written statement to the other party three months before the anniversary date.

Contractual details of dual membership program:

6. To be eligible for this offer, individuals will need to be in good standing with their National Society for the preceding year.
7. Information about membership status will be exchanged between ESICM and COMMEC. COMMEC commit to confirm the membership status of individuals who apply through the dual member scheme.
8. There will be no direct money exchanged between the organizations.
9. Billing will be done to individual persons. National societies will not be held responsible if individuals do not pay.

4. ESICM Membership Benefits

This reduced membership fee will contain all of the major advantages of regular ESICM membership. This will allow members from European countries to be described as ordinary members and all others as International members. These rights will include:

1. 1 Discounts on registration fees at ESICM congresses and other meetings endorsed by ESICM
2. 2 Free access to e-Lives Webcasts (lectures from the scientific sessions held during ESICM congresses & meetings)
3. Annual subscription to Intensive Care Medicine journal
4. Get PAPERS 3 for FREE, the ideal tool for the efficient search and organization of medical articles, presentations and much more!
5. 500 € discount on article processing charges for our open-access journal ICM-Experimental (ICMx)
6. Apply for research grants
7. Free access to the web-based PACT Program.
8. Reduced fees for participation in ESICM training courses & workshops
9. Reduced fees when you apply for EDIC (European Diploma in Intensive Care) and EDEC (European Diploma in Echo Cardiography)
10. Participation in ESICM's scientific activities, including positions in Sections and Working groups, annual congress, joint international meetings, CoBaTrice, etc...
11. Access to all information about the development of intensive care medicine in Europe through our interactive website, eNewsletters and position statements
12. Possibility of dual membership with many national societies & with ESPNIC (Joint Membership)
13. Exclusive access to webinars led by top experts on key clinical practice topics



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