

## **Agreement between UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine and VAS-European Independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine**

Following deep relationship VAS UEMS and the relevance of roles of VAS in the Division and in the UEMS relationship, the Division decided to formalize it, through its Executive, with a formal agreement.

VAS has in the Division a unique and stable role being the Founder Organization of the UEMS Division. VAS made the first application to UEMS Council in 2000, following the discussion and process until it has obtained the creation of the UEMS Division of Angiology in 2007, activated in 2008.

As the Founding Member of the Division, VAS send two Representatives (following the UEMS rule, no voting members) inside the Division

The Educational European role of VAS and its relevance has been supporting all the European activities and the role of Angiology/VM in Europe, in UEMS and in CESMA s. The Division recognise to VAS also the role of Educational Body of the Division, responsible of the educational activities.

VAS is also part of the EBEAVM and it works to organize, support and disseminate the CESMA-UEMS European Exam for the UEMS European Diploma.

As reported in the UEMS ETR for Angiology/Vascular Medicine approved by the UEMS Council, VAS is responsible for the Validation Process for the UEMS Division Accreditation of the European Training Centres and it coordinate this activity through VAS ETC Validation Committee.

VAS has also a stable collaboration with UEMS in other areas and supports the general UEMS aims.

All the VAS activities in the educational area (VAS EACCME Accredited Platform, VAS European Book, VAS European Master and Postgraduate Courses etc.) and in the field of Angiology/Vascular Medicine recognition are linked to the UEMS lines and new proposals are coordinated with UEMS to guarantee no overlapping or different lines in the European development.

VAS-Vascular-Independent Research and Education-European Organization- transformed itself into VAS-European Independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine, a scientific no-profit foundation. All the previous agreements (as VAS Association) are automatically transfer to the Foundation.

Collaboration with and link to UEMS as well as the role of VAS in the UEMS Division are part of the VAS Foundation Statute.

Finally, VAS gives a relevant attention to the Ethical aspects (see VAS Ethical Commitments) and defends the freedom and independence of education and research form economic, political or other influences inside of its UEMS activities.

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VAS-European independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine

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