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European Resuscitation Council

Dear,

Please be informed that on 17 January 2012, at the meeting of the Working Body of the National Health Council for the Accreditation of the Continuous Medical Education (hereinafter: CE), we analyzed in detail all letters received, relating to the accredited programme "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation" accreditation No.: A-1-3485/11, organized by Dr. Sekula Vujovic, Emergency Medicine Specialist, the Health Center Arandjelovac.

The test accreditation documentation is complete and the quality of the accredited programme indisputable. The European Resuscitation Council Guidelines for Resuscitation 2010 and a video of the American Cardiology Association (web address is listed) are listed in references as data sources for solving the test. The Programme Council of the Health Centre Arandjelovac has conducted a review of the CE programme (test) and issued a positive opinion on the quality of CE, which is yet another condition for the accreditation of the Programme by the National Health Council. The accreditation application for the Programme does not state that the test has been carried out by another person.

On the basis of your letter, as well as the letter by Zlatko Fisher, MD (Serbian Resuscitation Council), we may offer our regrets that this issue has come up in the first place.

The National Health Council for Accreditation is solely responsible for accreditation (quality evaluation) of the applied CE programme and it cannot perform detailed background checks of professional data and the manner in which they have been collected. It is understood that the CE organizer has to comply with national and international legislation on the protection of intellectual property rights and copyrights; however, the National Health Council is not a body that provides legal protection. The National Health Council can only temporarily suspend the decision on accreditation until the finalization of the issue, i.e. to annul the accreditation in case of proven abuse.

According to the above, the National Health Council has suspended the decision on accreditation of the Programme No: A-1-3485/11, adopted on 15 November 2011, until the final resolution of the issue.

In addition, all your letters and our responses regarding this issue will be available to all health care professional and health care associates at the website of the National Health Council.

The National Health Council shall place the following notice as well:

"AS OF THE NEXT ACCREDITATION TERM EVERY ORGANIZER SHALL SUBMIT A CERTIFICATE STATING WHETHER THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR ACCREDITATION CONSTITUTES PERSONAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ORGANIZER AND THE BODY FOR REVIEW.

IN CASE THE ORGANIZER IS NOT THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR OF THE MATERIAL, IT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A CERTIFICATE CONFIRMING THE RIGHT TO USE SOMEONE ELSE'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (TESTS, VIDEOS, SLIDES ETC.) AND STATING THE FORM AND SCOPE OF THE AUTHORITY GIVEN."

Thank you for your understanding and we are looking forward to the final resolution of the issue.

Yours sincerely,

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