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Objectives:

During this session, attendees will 1) get an update on the most recent changes in policies and regulations for international CME accreditation of live events and distance learning. 2) understand the respective roles/domains of international accrediting bodies. 3) identify the pathways to determine best-suited organizations for collaboration 4) hear about several recent successful international collaborations. This session was developed in response to needs assessment identified via a formal survey tool as well as constituent interviews conducted at the 2007 ACME meeting.

Key Points:

With many countries now adopting CME requirements and setting up formalized systems, opportunities for collaborative educational initiatives between US and international CME professionals are now very timely. However, despite the movement towards harmonization, it is critical to know the individual country requirements/restrictions and which organizations would be the best partners for particular collaboration.