Report on CESMA-UEMS Meeting at Domus Medica Europea in Brussels

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CESMA

• The Council for European Specialists Medical Assessment

• The CESMA is a **Thematic Federation** of the UEMS created in 2007 with an aim to provide recommendations and advice on the organisation of European examinations for medical specialists at the European level.
2 day meeting

- Dates: 11th and 12th December 2015

- Venue: Domus Medica Europea in Brussels
1st day

- 1st CESMA European Examiner Meeting

- Small group workshops: Groups of 5 – 6 sharing and discussing ideas and then presenting the collective results

- Short reports from the different specialty examinations: experiences.
Topics discussed at the workshops

• Need for formal examiner training
• Structuring examiner training
• Assessment of such training (by feedback of eventual effects)
• Pitfalls in oral and written exams
• Assessing the learning objectives (knowledge, skills and professionalism)
• How to achieve valid, reliable and reproducible assessment results
2\textsuperscript{nd} day

- First part - Two further workshops
- Second part – Presentations
- Third part - CESMA business meeting
Workshops

• **Successful writing of MCQs**: A series of MCQs had to be answered individually and then as a group. Each group then had to make a critical evaluation of the MCQs. Statistical analysis and discussion.

• **Open Book Exams**: Reflecting what actually happens in the working environment
Presentations

• Language translations in Exams (Zeev Goldik) possible for written but not for OSCE/oral
• CESMA Guidelines: MCQs; Organisation of assessments; Examiner selection; Appeals.
• Update on specialty exam assessments (Zeev Goldik, for Danny Mathysen)
• Insurance for Examiners and Boards (J. Boorman)
• Should we certify European Examiners (K. Albegger)
Business meeting

• Election of Gian-Battista Parigi as Treasurer

• Reports by members of the CESMA Executive
Meeting of CESMA – UEMS In Bucharest Romania

6\textsuperscript{th} and 7\textsuperscript{th} May 2016
2 day programme

• 1\textsuperscript{st} Day: Meeting with the Secretary of State, Dr Victor Strambu and officials From the Romanian Ministry of Health: Romanian authorities showed strong motivation to engage with all UEMS EBSQ Exams, especially General Surgery (Anaesthesia is already in place).

• This calls for a tangible positive response from our side

• 2\textsuperscript{nd} day: Presentations and Business Meeting
Participation Rules of Procedure

• These follow the standard ROP of UEMS
• Invitation to adhere to CESMA will be addressed to all Sections, Boards, MJC and TF of UEMS
• Participation to CESMA activities will be granted upon payment of the annual fee
• Members in arrears for up to two years will be allowed to attend CESMA meetings without right of vote
• Members in arrears for more than two years will not be allowed to take part to CESMA activities
Who pays CESMA annual fee?

- No conclusion:
  - ? Sections
  - ? Whoever organises any Exam
  - ? Proportionality to the number of candidates
The most interesting presentations:

• Computerised Exam using tablets for Diploma in Intensive Care by Marco Maggiorini: Interesting. Cuts down paperwork and was easily assimilated.

• Comparative study of European Exam fees – by Zeev Goldik: ? Higher basal fees. ? Higher fees for late registration. ? Lower fees for candidates from countries who recognise the FEBS

• Setting standards in European Exams – by Mark Westwood

• Setting the pass-mark: Anghoff; Hofstee; Cohen (60% of score of 95th percentile)

• Census by the Paediatric Surgery Board by Gian-Battista Parigi. Analysis of general data, workload, manpower and ancillary data. Should be an inspiration for other Specialties

• An attempt at quantifying the financial aspect of the EBSQ Exams by David Rosza (widely spaced variables and too many assumptions. ? Validity of conclusions)
Any Questions?