The European Breast Examination Board Meeting

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Updated Board of the Breast Exam

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### Examiners

New examiners for 2019/20:

- Viviana Galimberti, Italy
- Walter Weber, Swiss
- Guiseppe Catanuto, Italy
- Michael Knauer, Swiss
- Andrea Faridi, German
- Stefan Voiculescu, Romania

Usually need 20-22 examiners plus 1 spare and 1 for quality control

Issues for 2019:
4 examiners withdrew at very short notice due to health or family issues so had to rely on observers

In future we will have 2 spares and 2 for quality control
The Exam: Format

• Phase 1: Eligibility assessment: on line submission

• Phase 2: MCQ examination~usually June

• Phase 3: Oral examination with clinical scenarios and academic stations~usually September/October
Applicant Numbers

Intro. of online MCQ with earlier deadline
Eligibility Assessment

• On line process. **Current web system is clunky and un responsive**

• Review of CV, log book, certificates (Medical degree, CCT or equivalent (in UK, final year of training with letter from deanery of ARCP 1 at ST7 or letter of support from clinical supervisor)

• Eligibility assessment approval on line usually within 1 week

• Deadline usually end of April

• 63 new applications in 2019: some in eligible so 55 approved new applications for the MCQ
MCQ Exam Sites

- Jointly held with surgical oncology
- 55 breast candidates and 29 surgical oncology candidates examined across 17 international sites in June 2019
- IT functionality from ORZONE superb
MCQ

• 50 questions. Rigorous 2 stage review: quality and validity followed by anghoff scoring by the executive board

• Anghoff pass mark 65% for 2019 (with allowance of 10%), so ~60%

• Submitted to Orzone for upload and checking within the system by LW and CM

• Test run with 3 test questions the week before the exam to all exam centres.

• Reporting instructions sent to candidates several weeks before the exam

• List of unique log in codes sent to each site lead to give out on the day
MCQ Outcome 2019

• In total, 55 eligible new applications and 5 in eligible applications in 2019
• 55 sat for the MCQ exam across 17 sites
• 44/55 passed (80%). Pass mark set to 60. Top score 90%, lowest score 37, median score 68.
• 44 new candidates offered oral exam, plus 11 retakers and deferred from previous years.
• Total for the oral exam 2019: 55 (2 late withdrawn due to visa issues so will be 53)
Oral Exam

• In Bucharest, Romania at end of September, following on from the ESSO Advanced Breast Course.

• 3 stations with 2 examiners, 30 minutes for academic oral, 30 for two clinical oral stations

• Exam over 2 days as numbers too great to do on a single day experienced examiners to score all examiners from 1-5 on personal behaviours, content, question delivery and management.

• Feedback will be given
Prizes for top 3 candidates

• Glass statue for first prize, engraved with candidates name and year.

• Medals for second and third prize.

• All awarded with photographs after exam
Cost

• Just increased to 700 Euros.
The Syllabus

• Available on the website to download

• Reading list on the website

• Textbook to accompany the exam (discount for exam candidates)
Text book performance

• Downloads: 71,224 as of May 2019 which is over 1,100 downloads per chapter on average

• Individual book sales: 236 printed books and 24 e-books as of May 2019


• Each chapter download costs £23! On the springer website so this should have made springer £1,633,000 for chapter downloads, £35,164 for print book and £2,856 for the e books.

• However as most downloads are via institutional packages, sold in bundles, this is not the actual way most are sold and we have just had a royalty statement saying we get nothing!!!!
New book proposal

Pocket sized book, easy reference for exam revision

Optimised for on line use for revision ‘on the go’

MCQ section will have questions section and then a detailed answers section to explain the correct answer and give more details to help to deepen understanding (as per the Gupta and Patel 2013 model).

No references as these are all contained in the main textbook but detailed lists of further reading and key references at the end of each chapter
CESMA: plan to do for 2021

Gap analysis at recent board meeting:

- Security of exam materials and venue:
  - Need to use quaranteens (arranged for 2019 oral exam), Worked well
  - Encryption of materials, (to be adopted in 2020)
  - Passwords in use in 2019

- Secure archiving for 5 years: arrangements for 2019

- Detailed description of the pass-fail decision criteria; Just drafted and board approved

- Detailed description of the appeal procedure. Just drafted and board approved

- We are now a medium sized exam with 51-150 candidates
CESMA: Gap Analysis continued....

• After the assessment;
• Primary statistical validity analysis of the assessment questions, would need to contract with Orzone so easy to do;
• secondary clinical validity analysis of the assessment questions, do Anghoff scoring already at start but may need to take advice about this.
• performing SWOT-analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) of the assessment for continuous quality improvement. Need to do

• Assessment process requires submission of documentation in advance plus observers to attend exams. Fee of ~430 Euros plus costs of the observers to attend the exams, so probably 2000 Euros.

• Need a working party to work up and deliver this for next year
**Finances 2018**

- Cost of MCQ host centres is zero as done through collaborator institutions

- Orzone costs: **1680 Euros** (2018)

- Costs for the oral exam minimised by running alongside an ESSO course so some examiners are course faculty: **18997 Euros**

- Income for 55 candidates at 600 each: **33000 Euros**.

- UEMS takes 100 per candidate: **5500 Euros**

- Net profit: **6823 Euros**.

- Current float **13 000 Euros** as of September 2019
New developments: BRESO

• Currently training in Breast Surgery is heterogeneous with certification after 4-6 years of residency, often with little breast surgery.

• Modern breast surgery is now highly complex and residency training programmes across Europe need to adapt.

• BRESO proposes that all surgeons practicing breast surgery in Europe should be certified in breast surgery.

• Certification will be based on the following:
  • An approved examination,
  • Acquisition of practical skills at recognised training centres
  • Post CCT continuous professional development
New developments: MOUs with ESSO and EUSOMA

• Currently a draft MOU has been developed with our co-founding organisations, EUSOMA and ESSO

• Sets out practical responsibilities of all parties

• Financial costs agreements for the running of the exam

• Face to face meeting to approve in December.
Stand Alone Board Meeting

• At Domus Medica in May.

• Fee charged for use of the room so future meetings will be held in airport hotels

• Very useful and will be annual from now on

• Cost for travel just 3000 Euros so is within our budget
Thank You

• Any Questions??