The tasks of Boards are to define the area of qualification, the curriculum of training and to help in European Harmonization, including in assessment.

Training must be done in accredited training centers; Dr Maillet suggests that FESSH provides for these centers a label of excellence, not the exclusivity.

EBHS: UEMS Board of Hand Surgery

**TASKS:**

a. European Examination (assessment)

b. Certification of Hand Surgery Centers in Europe
   - Teaching
   - Excellence

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Same tasks as FESSH:

- **Pros:** achievements are officialised and sustained by UEMS
- **Cons:** under control of the MJC sections

a. European Examination
   - organization (examiners, MCQ, procedures, observers)
   - economics

b. Certification of Hand Surgery Centers in Europe
   - Teaching
   - Excellence

List of eight questions sent by Z. Szabo to UEMS.

Answers by B. Maillet and J.B. Rouffet
1) how many members a Board shall have?

A European Board is a Working Group of a UEMS Section and MJC.
It is a Joint Venture between UEMS Sections and Scientific Societies aiming to address scientific and training interests (Statutes art. X.1).
The number of members depends on the number of Sections involved in the MJC.
Each Section can nominate 2 delegates to the MJC.
There should be fair representation (at least equal) of the UEMS Section and the Scientific Society.

2) members of the boards are nominated or elected?

Members of the European Board are nominated by UEMS Sections and by Scientific Societies involved in the MJC.
There are no clear rules about Boards, especially not in MJC’s as this has evolved in some MJC’s by learning by doing.
- The UEMS Section delegate is nominated by the different Sections, which are represented in the MJC.
- The delegates from the Scientific Society are nominated by the Scientific Society with normally some common sense on the distribution on country of origin and “basic specialty”.

3) what positions shall be hold within the Board (chair, secretary, treasurer etc.)

The Executive of the Board is composed of:
- a President,
- a Secretary
- a Treasurer

There should be also a fair distribution of the position over the UEMS Section delegates and the Scientific Society delegates trying to give the more prominent positions to the UEMS Section.

1) how many members a Board shall have?

There was no mention of the number of members in the Board’s statutes.

Proposal in Brussels, 2nd EBHS meeting, March 17th, 2012:
- 12 OFFICERS:
  - 6 from FESSH
  - 6 from UEMS (EBOT, EBOPRAS, EBS)
- EXECUTIVE:
  - President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - (Member at large)

Equal representation MJC sections and FESSH.
Board Structure

1. President (FESSH)
2. Secretary (EBS)
3. Treasurer (FESSH)
4. Member at large (EBOPRAS/EBOT)

12 members (4-6)

FESSH (Scientific Society)
- secretary general
- chairman of accreditation committee
- chairman of training committee
- chairman of examination committee
- 2 member at large
- past secretary general
- treasurer

MJC Sections:
- EBS: 2 members
- EBOT: 2 members
- EBOPRAS: 2 members

Executive of the Board:
1. President (FESSH)
2. Secretary (EBS)
3. Treasurer (FESSH)
4. Member at large (EBOPRAS/EBOT)

KEY POINTS:

MJC Section delegates:
- They should be nominated by their Sections (EBOT, EBOPRAS, EBS) not by FESSH
- Should they be part of the managing committee of the Section or can they just be specialists in the Section discipline?
- It could be fair the have HAND SURGEONS (FESSH persons) acting as Section (EBOT, EBOPRAS, EBS) nominated delegate (via National Medical Associations)

In the future: 
- Is it necessary to nominate EBHS National Delegates?
- Other Boards have NO
- They are 2 per nation.
- Who is appointed to elect them?
  - National Medical Associations
  - National Societies of OT, PMAS, IS
  - National Hand Surgery Societies

7) how is the Board funded (starting capital etc.)

The Board are financed by their own funds, European examinations, FACOME evaluations or contribution from Sections should they be willing to pay a fee to the Board.

Incomes generated by:
- the process of accreditation of CME-CPD activities,
- the European Examinations