REPORT – EBS President
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Division & Working Groups

- ECS Surgery (full operative)
- Minimal Invasive Surgery (operative)
  - next steps: Examination, Division
- Emergency Surgery (operative)
  - next steps: Examination, Division
- Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery
  - next steps: Syllabus consensus, Examination
- Endoscopy & Upper GI Functional Diagnostics
  - next steps: Syllabus consensus, Examination
- Basic Sciences (projected)
  - committee of proponents
EBSQ Examinations

- Breast Surgery
  - 10th & 11th October 2015, Lisbon

- Surgical Oncology
  - 12th September 2015, Naples

- HPB Surgery
  - 4th December 2015, Dublin

- Trauma
  - 23th October 2015, Berlin

- Transplantation Surgery
  - 12th September 2015, Brussels

- Endocrine Surgery
  - 19th May 2016, Istanbul

- Coloproctology
  - 25th & 26th September 2015, Dublin (G, E, F, Sp, Turkish)
EBSQ Examinations

- **GenSurg Exam**
  - 16th & 17th September 2015, Athens
  - 10th & 11th May 2016, Belfast (ASGBI)
  - negotiations for 2016: Naples (ESS), Athens

- **1st ECS Exam**
  - 4th November 2015, Stockholm

- **1st MIS Exam**
  - EAES Congress, Amsterdam, June 2016

- **1st EmSurg Exam**
  - ESTES Congress, Vienna, 22nd April 2016

- projected: MBS, Endo & GI-FD, Basic
Implementation of EBS Documents

- European Training Requirements (General Surgery)
- Assessment Quality Requirements (Version 3.0)
European Training Requirements for all "Transferable Competencies"

- Definition & Rationale of the "Transferable Competency (=TC)"
- Criteria for Training Institutions, Centres and Trainers
- Syllabus (catalogue of competencies within TC)
  - Theoretical Knowledge
  - Knowledge & Skills
- Curriculum (=LogBook)
  - Intervention, Procedures, Operations (numbers!)
- Eligibility Criteria for the "TC Board Fellowship"
  - incl. CME, Mini-CEX, DOPS, courses, hospitations, publications
- Board Examination
Assessment Quality Requirements

- Eligibility Criteria (Exam & HD)
- Examination
  - MCQ & OSCE
  - detailed process descriptions
  - numerous templates
- Quality Structures
  - Eligibility Committee
  - Examination Committee
  - Credentials Committee
  - Preparatory Course Committee
Assessment Quality Requirements

- not to reinvent the wheel or patronise the Divisions
- result of 15 yrs experience in GenSurg
- open for adjustments & continuous development
- input from the Divisions
- shift from paper to online
  - ePortfolio for Eligibility
  - automatic evaluation (MCQ)
  - online Examination (MCQ) within structure of ePortfolio
  - maintain personal contact (OSCE)
Board Examination Quality

- Eligibility Committee (Divisions)
- Examination Committee (Divisions)
- Credentials Committee (EBS/EBSQ)
- Preparatory Course Committee (EBS & Divisions)

all report to the European Board of Surgery in the Section of Surgery
European Board Examination

- Successful candidates are rewarded the title: "Fellow of the European Board of Surgery"

- **Honorary Diploma** for recognised experts
  - Eligibility Criteria for HD
  - applications scrutinised by Eligibility Committee
Quality Adjustments in the Divisions

- **structural quality**
  - establish independent committees

- **process quality**
  - overwork process description
  - overwork process conductance

- **validation & controlling**
  - monitoring & interpretation of Examination results
  - cooperation with CESMA
Cooperation with UEMS-CESMA

The Council for European Specialists Medical Assessment

CESMA meeting - Ljubljana - Slovenian Medical Chamber 4 May 2012

The CESMA is an advisory body of the UEMS created in 2007 with an aim to provide recommendation and advice on the organisation of European examinations for medical specialists at the European level.

It was called in the beginning the "Glasgow group" referring to the first meeting held in Glasgow. It was then decided to adopt the name CESME (Council of European Specialist Medical Examinations). This name was finally changed to CESMA (Council of European Specialist Medical Assessment).

Its main role is to:
Pending CESMA documents

- Guide to successfully **writing MCQs**
- Guideline for **quality control** of European postgraduate medical assessments
- Guidelines for the **organisation** of European postgraduate medical assessments
- Guideline on **appeal procedures** for European postgraduate medical assessments
- Guideline on **examiner selection** for European postgraduate medical assessments
European Training Requirements

- Document:
  "EUROPEAN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS WORKING DOCUMENT FOR RELEVANT GUIDELINES"

- UEMS approval pending

- Implementation of the document into regulations
To-do-List EBS/EBSQ

- support the Divisions and Working Groups in their development
- support launch new Working Groups for "transferable competencies"
- support update from new Working Groups into Divisions
- launch new Board Examinations following EBS criteria
- publish updated guidelines for quality management of Board Fellowship
- enhance contacts and cooperation with national and international scientific societies
- coordinate pooling of pending CESMA guidelines and EBS documents ("Assessment Quality Requirements")
- propose Board Examinations for CESMA validation
- support all efforts for full legalisation and mutual recognition of the UEMS Board Fellowship F.E.B.S.
- demand written reports from the Divisions about "Assessment Quality" and monitor quality adjustment measures
To-do-List
Divisions/Working Groups

- answer to demands for written report about actual status of "Assessment Quality" and show willingness to make adjustments in structure and process quality
- nominate national delegates for active cooperation and work
- update/adjust all documents according to EBS standards (Statutes)
- update Syllabus and Curriculum with "Theoretical Knowledge" and "Practical & Clinical Skills" (numbers of interventions, procedures & operations)
- implement quality criteria and process descriptions in the Board qualification following EBS standards and ETR
- define Eligibility Criteria (Exam & HD)
- cooperation with scientific societies (for Board Exam)
- cooperate with office in Brussels
- update website
Surgical Residency Program
European Training Requirements

- automatic mutual recognition of diploma (GenSurg)
- Transferable Competencies (general system)
- Board Examinations
- "The constant development of specialist training and practice dictates the need for a periodical review of the ETRs (every 2-3 years) to ensure that they are up to speed and fit for purpose."
- update and adjust all curricula
- project: "Surgical Residency Program"
EBSQ structures

Application submitted

- **ETR Committee**
  - monitor updating of Syllabus & Curricula
  - "Surgical Residency Program" (WG Basic Surgical Training)

- **Assessment Committee**
  - monitoring Eligibility Criteria
  - monitoring Board Examination
  - propose CESMA validation

- **Credentials Committee**
  - dealing with appeals

- **Preparatory Course Committee**
  - monitor and accredit courses

- **Accreditation Committee**
  - for centers, trainers
coordinate service of the website
monitor update of documents
standardisation of website layout (CMS problem)
standardisation of document layout (templates)
demand contributions from the Divisions/Working Groups and insist
service ePortfolio and implement new features
continuous process monitoring
Update Homepage