UEMS Occupational Medicine Section

CESMA Exam Development

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⇒ DECIDED TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF SPECIALIST EXAM WITH CESMA
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- Prevent work-related diseases and injuries
- Exam/treat occupational diseases
- Promote workability
Important actors:

• UEMS OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE SECTION
• EU Universities => EASOM (Eur Assoc Schools of OM)
• National OH&M Institutes
• EU OSHA (Bilbao) and EUROFOUND (Dublin)
• ICOH (Int Comm Occup Health)
UEMS OM Section

- ETR (Chapter 6) already exists (2014)
- Core competencies and EPAs
- Road map (draft) for the exam planning process
- Group (6 members) was elected (in June 2018) to start the preparation of the MCQs => 200 Qs should be ready in Jan 2019
ETR (2014) and 10 domains
1. Framework for practice
2. Clinical practice
3. Fitness for work, rehabilitation, disability assessment
4. Hazard recognition, evaluation and control risk
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7. Leadership, policy development, professionalism
8. Epidemiology and preventive health
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20 questions of each domain => total 200 in question bank
CHALLENGES (Bilbao Nov 2018):

- How to cover the curriculum => MCQs from all 10 domains
- Standardized questions
- How to cover the costs? Size of the section is small => Nr. of expected candidates limited?
- Average cost of the exam 600eu/ candidate?
- Paper vs. digital version? Venue (in Brussels)?
- Pilot testing before the real action?
- Complaints/appealing => CESMA/UEMS involved?
- Security => risk of MCQ spreading => how to prevent?
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THANK YOU!