

Non-UEMS Applicants EBOPRAS experience

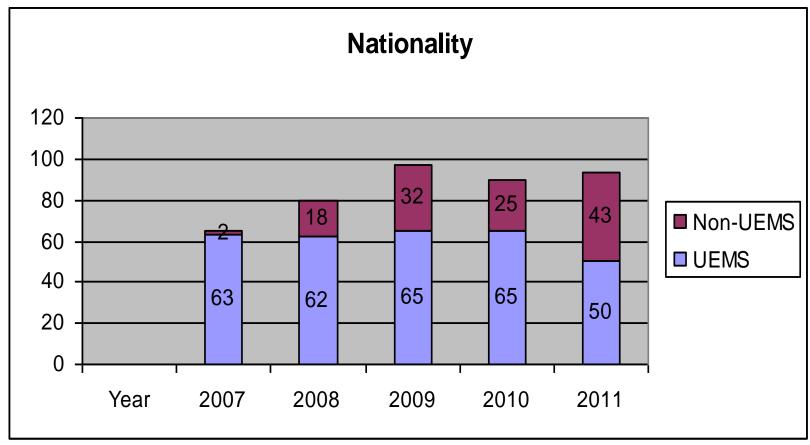
Nationality data not collected before 2005 CESMA & Glasgow declaration 2007

Non-UEMS Nationals train in EU & other UEMS States we have allowed them to sit since 2007

Non-UEMS Specialists we have allowed them to sit since 2008

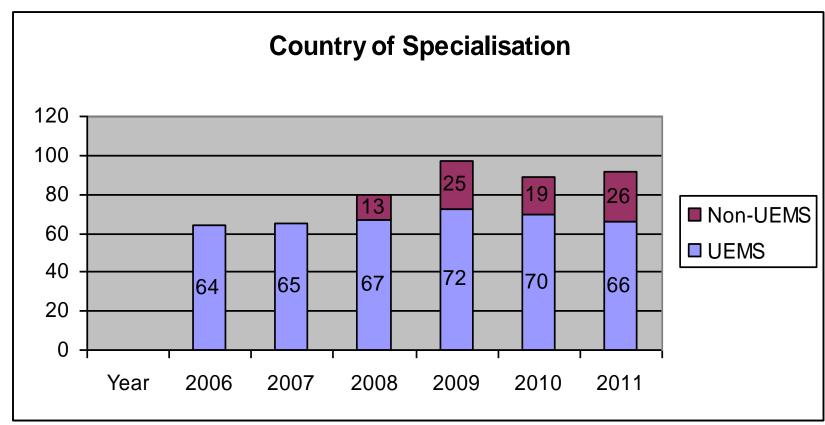


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Which countries? How many? How do they do?

Country of specialisation	Total	Pass%	First candidate
Brazil	1	0%	19-Mar-11
Egypt	32	63%	20-Sep-08
Germany	1	100%	20-Sep-08
India	4	50%	11-Sep-10
Iraq	8	75%	20-Sep-08
Kuwait	2	100%	20-Sep-08
Lebanon	1	100%	19-Mar-11
Pakistan	5	60%	20-Sep-08
Palestine	1	0%	12-Sep-09
Qatar	1	100%	20-Sep-08
Saudi Arabia	7	71%	20-Sep-08
Sri Lanka	1	100%	12-Sep-09
Sudan	2	50%	12-Sep-09
Syria	5	20%	12-Sep-09
Tunisia	2	50%	20-Sep-08
USA	2	50%	12-Sep-09



What are the issues?

Application form

Assuring specialist status

Communication

Visas

Bank charges

Exam fees

Stateless individuals

Syllabus

Certifying diplomas



Application form

Spelling of name varies

Date formats incompatible

First name / last name





How do we verify this?



Get an English translation?

This looks convincing - Ministry of Health





Is this the Official Authority?





Which is the Official Authority?

Who grants Specialist Status?

Ministry of Health?

National Medical Organisation?

National Society?

University?

College?

Hospital?

How do we find out?



Previous experience with the country e.g. Egypt
Colleagues familiar with the particular country who may
have contacts or previous knowledge

e.g. Portugal for Brazil

UK for India & Pakistan

International Specialist Association contacts

- not very helpful for us so far

Personal contacts in the country concerned

Beware of politics, bribery & nepotism



Visas

Are needed by most non-UEMS applicants
May need a supporting letter
Name on passport may not match application
Who to send letter to – candidate or embassy?
How to send – mail, fax, email?



Bank charges

Very high for some non-UEMS countries €50 not uncommon for a transaction of €250

Our solution – collect money in cash at end of exam day for the next stage or resit



Exam charges

UEMS countries subsidise our exam, as they are travelling anyway, for congress or committee
This keeps our fees low
More work involved with non-UEMS candidates

We charge an extra €100 for each Part



Communication

Confusion over names

Foreign characters not always accepted by software

Email address is most consistent

Postal delays lead to multiple emails



Confusing emails

Dear Madame Michele,

Thank you for your e-mail.

I am not staying in Saudia Arabia. I am staying in Abu Dhabi in United Arab of Emirates as I mentioned in all my previous e-mails which I included a copy of them down here.

Kindly send me the letter through the post as early as possible and I hope you do not mind to send another copy by e-mail because sometimes there is delay in the post.

Issuing the visa here takes about 4 weeks. I am afraid it has already been too late. I am again including my adress, e-mail and fax number. If you want to send that letter also to the embassy, please send it to the Embassy of the United Arab of Emirates. The embassy of the country of the United Arab of Emirates is present in Abu Dhabi city.

Thanking you very much and appreciating your help. Yours faithfully,



Stateless applicants

Kurds in Iraq will not get a certificate from National Authority



Syllabus

May not be to applicants liking

"Not enough Aesthetic Surgery"

"Too much reconstruction"

But our syllabus is designed for Europe



Certifying our diplomas



EUROPEAN BOARD OF PLASTIC RECONSTRUCTIVE AND AESTHETIC SURGERY

QUALITY RECOGNITION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

DR. ANDREJ BANIC

HAVING FULFILLED THE QUALITY RECOGNITION REQUIREMENTS,
IS NOW A FELLOW OF THE EUROPEAN BOARD OF
PLASTIC, RECONSTRUCTIVE AND AESTHETIC SURGERY

NOVEMBER 13TH 2005

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE



Certifying our diplomas

Many Middle East candidates want the diploma authenticated.

Who should do it and how?

Do we just add some pretty stamps?

UEMS?

Public Notary?

What is the address of the Board?

What country should it be done in?

Cost and charges



The next issue

We have had an approach for adopting our exam for trainees in non-UEMS countries.

Should we go down this route?