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
EBOPRAS candidates

Nationality

Year 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
Non-UEMS 2 18 32 25 43
UEMS 63 62 65 65 50

CESMA April 2011 Malta
EBOPRAS candidates

Country of Specialisation

Year 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
Non-UEMS 64 65 67 72 70 66
UEMS 65 66 67 72 70 66
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<th>Total</th>
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Which countries? How many? How do they do?
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
Assuring specialist status

How do we verify this?
Assuring specialist status

Get an English translation?

This looks convincing - Ministry of Health
Assuring specialist status

Is this the Official Authority?
Assuring specialist status

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?
Assuring specialist status

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
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
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?