



EUROPEAN DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN HAND SURGERY



Extension of « MJC » to European Board

**UEMS Council, Prague , 8\9 October
2010**

UEMS MJC of Hand Surgery



Multidisciplinary Joint Committee (MJC) on Hand Surgery

It was **established in 1999** by the initiation of UEMS Surgical Section, and all Sections interested in Hand Surgery were invited to join in. The Federation of the European Societies for Surgery of the Hand reported its interest for collaboration. The disciplines in which hand surgery is closely linked, and which were interested in joining the Committee by their representatives were General Surgery, Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Pediatric surgery. The function of the committee was **activated not earlier as 2008**, when the first meeting with representatives of UEMS and FESSH took place on January 26, 2008 in Brussels, after which regular meetings have been organised.



European Board of Hand Surgery (EBHS)

The European Board of Hand Surgery (EBHS), formed by the MJC of Hand Surgery and the European Federation of the Societies of Surgery of the Hand (FESSH), was initiated in 2010 and endorsed by the UEMS Council in Prague, October 9, 2010.



WHITE BOOK ON
HAND SURGERY IN EUROPE
EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY



***White Book on Hand Surgery in Europe, UEMS
2010 -curriculum of european hand surgery***

HISTORY

First examination in 1996 Paris

**Since than: every year
during the 2 days preceding our annual
FESSH Congress**

Entry Criteria

1996-2007

**Only for surgeons from a country
member of FESSH (European federation)**

2008-

**For every hand surgeon from countries
member of IFSSH (International Federation)**

Entry Criteria

- a) where training in Hand Surgery is not subsequent to accreditation in a major surgical speciality:

the background training should incorporate **a minimum of three years** spent in General Surgery, Orthopaedics or Plastic Surgery and at least one year of this time must have been spent in either one or other of the latter two specialities.

Thereafter two years training in a centre accredited for training in Hand Surgery with 100 % exposure to Hand Surgery for that period will be required.

Entry Criteria

b) In countries where training in Hand Surgery follows accreditation in a major surgical speciality other than Orthopaedic or Plastic Surgery:

two years training in an accredited centre with 100% exposure will again be required.

Entry criteria

c) In countries where training in Hand Surgery follows accreditation in Orthopaedic or Plastic Surgery:

one year's training with 100 % exposure to Hand Surgery in an accredited centre will be sufficient to allow entry to the Diploma Examination.

Entry criteria:

- d) Candidates from countries in which Hand Surgery is already a separate speciality in its own right will be eligible for entry to the European Diploma Examination without further training provided that:
- a. Their general background training (minimum duration 2 years) has incorporated exposure to Orthopaedic and/or Plastic Surgery for at least one year.
 - b. Their speciality in Hand Surgery has been for a minimum of three years in an accredited centre with exposure to both orthopaedic and plastic surgery techniques, including microsurgery.
 - c. They have achieved accreditation in Hand Surgery in their own countries.


Format of Examination

1. **Written MCQ elimination paper**

2. **Provided candidates have given a satisfactory performance in (1), they will be allowed to go forward to two oral examinations each lasting forty-five minutes and each conducted by two examiners.**

**a. acute injuries, reconstruction,
microsurgery, brachial plexus**

**b. systemic diseases, congenital conditions,
tumors**



Each oral will comprise an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of

- basic sciences,**
- investigative procedures,**
- conservative management**
- operative surgery**

Languages for Examination

Candidates will be able to take the written paper and the orals **in English**

but the examination committee will make efforts to provide at least one examiner with the **same native language** as the candidate.

LOG BOOK

- 1. in chronological order all the training posts**
- 2. all hand operations assisted, or performed during of all the above posts**
- 3. consolidation sheets**
- 4. academic record**
- 5. computerised records of operative experience**

Last 3 years examination data

	2008 Lausanne	2009 Poznan	2010 Bucharest
Registered	45	53	86
Accepted	18	28	43
Presented	16	22	36
Failed	4	6	3



EXAMINERS	Total	12	16	20
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Italy		2	3	
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Swiss		2	2	
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France		2	2	
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Germany		1	2	
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Denmark		1	1	
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Spain		2	2	
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Sweden		1	1	
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UK		2	2	
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Hungary		1	2	
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Poland		1	1	
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Belgium		1	1	
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Romania		0	1	
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Best examination award:

Piotr CZERNIECZKI Poland

226 points MCQ mark 4

Oral 1 mark 5

Oral 2 mark 5



2010 Bucharest FIRST EXAMINATION :

- 1. On line registration**
- 2. Real „committee“ MCQ-s**
- 3. Board of Hand Surgery Diploma**
- 4. UEMS observers**

On line registration, information, selection...



The screenshot shows the website for the Federation of the European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH). The header features the text 'EUROPEAN DIPLOMA' in a stylized font. Below the header, the main title 'FESSH - European Diploma in Hand Surgery' is displayed. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with four items: 'Introduction', 'Next Examination', 'Login', and 'Register'. The 'Introduction' section is currently selected and expanded, showing a list of measures taken by the Federation. The 'Entry Criteria' section is partially visible at the bottom.

FESSH - European Diploma in Hand Surgery

- [Introduction](#)
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Introduction

The Federation of the European Societies for Surgery of the Hand rendered to the public in the countries of the Council of Europe a following measures:

1. Annual Scientific Meetings consisting of structured symposia and courses.
2. Defining educational standards for training centres and courses.
3. Establishing exchange facilities between or travelling fellowships.
4. Offering a Diploma Examination in Hand Surgery so as to be recognised across the European Continent as a whole.

Entry Criteria

Candidates must have gained the necessary qualifications for up



20 active examiners

Professional management Assisztencia

Helpful and generous local organizers

Unconditioned support from FESSH

Important support of UEMS

Improving our examination:

- 1. Learning from other board exams**
- 2. Feed back from candidates**
- 3. Feed back from examiners**
- 4. Feed back from UEMS observers**

WE AGREED THAT WE NEED A BETTER FESSH/UEMS EXAMINATION:

- selection/acceptance of candidates**
- better MCQ questions**
- standardized oral examination**
- involvement of observers**
- selection of examiners**



It is possible only by a

„REAL“ Committee work

NOT a single person chairmanship



In Poznan (2009) we have

„founded“ the Examination Committee

First meeting in
November 13-14 2009 in Budapest

Examination Committee meets two times a year

- 1. spring FESSH Congress&Examination**
- 2. oct/nov in a central European city**

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What we have to do:

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- involvement of observers
- selection of examiners



*Federation of the European Societies for Surgery of the Hand
and
European Board of Hand Surgery*

EXAMINER DIPLOMA IN HAND SURGERY

*This is to certify that
people standing here have survived
Budapest MCQ Marathon*

Chairman *Examination Committee* *General*



and we are working on that...



**Thank you for
your attention !**