EUROPEAN DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN HAND SURGERY
Extension of « MJC » to European Board

UEMS Council, Prague, 8/9 October 2010

UEMS MJC of 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.
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, 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 commettee 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 all the above posts

3. consolidation sheets

4. academic record

5. computerised records of operative experience
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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. Online registration
2. Real "committee" MCQs
3. Board of Hand Surgery Diploma
4. UEMS observers
On line registration, information, selection...

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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 and the following measures:

1. Annual Scientific Meetings consisting of structured symposium courses.
2. Defining educational standards for training centres and educational programmes.
3. Establishing exchange facilities between or travelling fellows in the countries of the Council of Europe.
4. Offering a Diploma Examination in Hand Surgery so as to ensure equal standards across the European Continent as a whole.

### Entry Criteria

Candidates must have gained the necessary qualifications for ur...
20 active examiners

Professional management Asszisztencia

Helpful and generous local organizers

Unconditioned support from FESSH

Important support of UEMS
Improving our examination:

1. Learning from other board exams
2. Feedback from candidates
3. Feedback from examiners
4. Feedback 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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- standardized oral examination
- involvement of observers
- selection of examiners
and we are working on that...
Thank you for your attention!