

Report on the Division of General Surgery (April '19)

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Notable dates

- UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination in Malta on the 12th and 13th September 2018
- Next UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination to take place in Dublin at the RCSI on 19th and 20th September 2019
- Next Division of General Surgery Meeting to be held in Dublin on the 20th September 2019 following the Examination
- UEMS CESMA Workshop and Meeting on the 7th and 8th December 2018
- Involvement in CESMA Specialty EBSQ Appraisals in 2018:
 - i. Paediatric Urology in Leuven
 - ii. Transplantation Surgery in Rome
- Involvement in the ETR Review Committee

Main points

- The European Training Requirements Committee
- The UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination
- European exam on basic surgical sciences for the 2nd or 3rd year of training
- The new UEMS Division of General Surgery Executive

The European Training Requirements (ETR) Committee

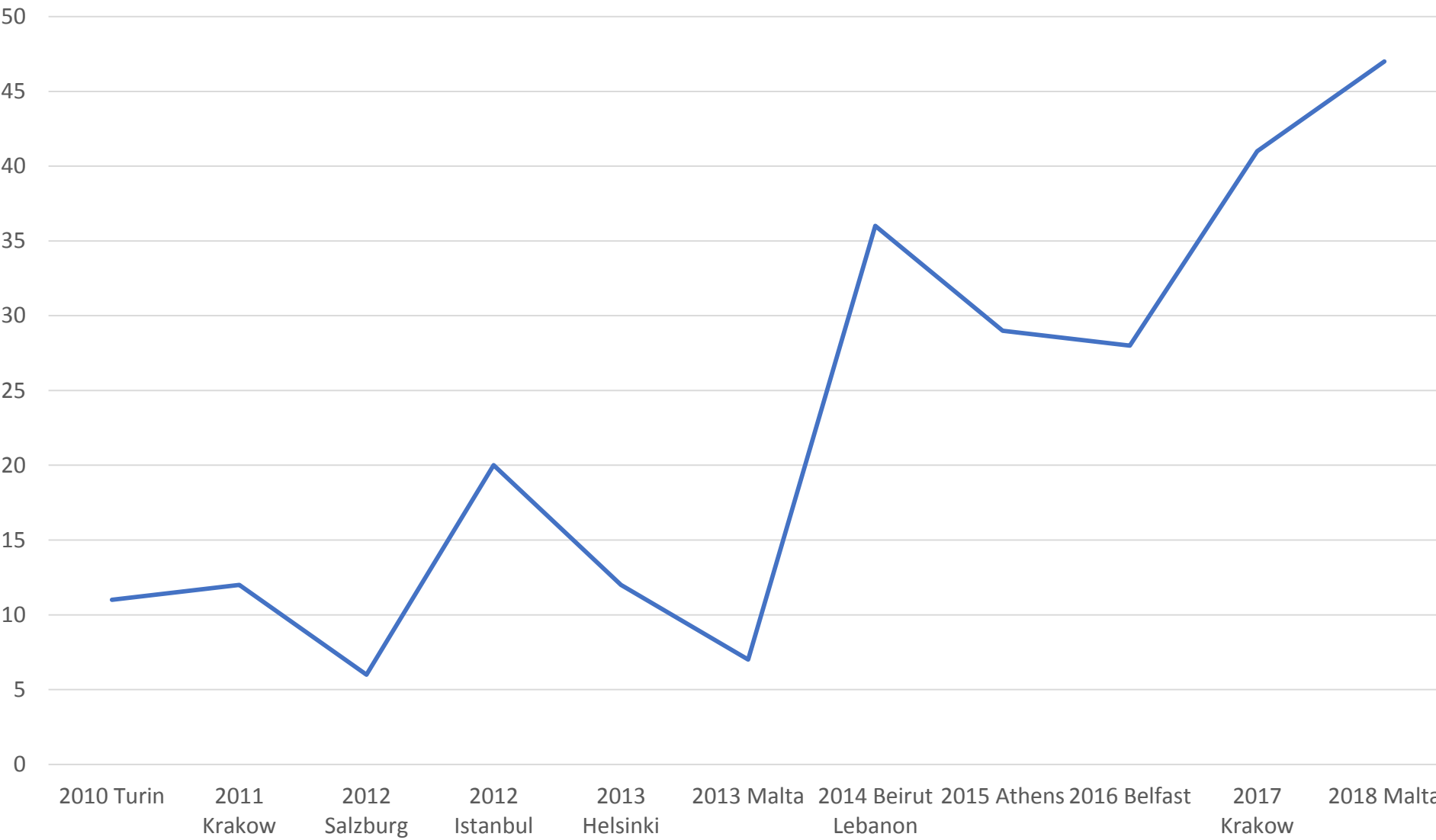
We reviewed the following ETR documents submitted by the respective Boards in 2019. The ball is now in the Boards' court:

- Interventional Neuroradiology
- Manual Medicine
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Gastroenterology
- Paediatric Urology

The UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination

- The examination constitutes our contribution for the improvement of professional standards and consequently patient safety.
- The next session will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in September 2019.
- We favour collaboration with the Irish College and the UK Colleges (despite Brexit), which have considerable experience in running Exit Examinations and assuring standards .

Number of candidates per Exam session



Most pressing problem: The Electronic Platform

- The UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination is not covered by the present ORZONE contract.
- Pearson VUE have promised the UEMS Office to give a quote for their services by April 2019. This timing renders arrangements very tight for us.
- The matter is urgency and needs to be given priority.
- We could always fall back on a paper version of the Examination, but this would constitute a regress.

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- The problem with outsize pink banners with links leading to the MIS Exam registration on our Webpage is, thankfully, not so persistent and pervasive as in 2018.
- It is ***still happening*** intermittently and sporadically, but more rarely.
- We keep a watchful eye on this phenomenon

Intended alterations to the EBSQ General Surgery Examination

- The Eligibility Process to be recognised as an integral part of General Surgery Assessment and named as Part 1 of the Exam. The process will be formalised even more than it is at present.
- The terminology associated with the 3 parts of the Examination will be elaborated BY Prof. Paul Ridgway, the new Chairperson of the UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination

European exam on basic surgical sciences for the 2nd or 3rd year of training

- ‘Basic surgical training’ contents and limits must be clearly defined.
- The UEMS Division of General Surgery would consider such an Examination as an integral part of the UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination, ***and not a separate entity.***
- Candidates would be able to sit this Exam in the time-frame indicated.
- It could be the first step in the path towards the ‘Final Assessment’ Exit Examination.
- It could listed with the Eligibility Criteria for this ‘Final’ UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination, subject to approval at the Division of General Surgery Meeting .
- There would be a system which is parallel to the JCIE FRCS process in UK and Ireland, where the Basic Sciences Examination would be equivalent to the MRCS.

Financial situation

- Healthy balance, but it will only take one or two exams with poor participation to render it precarious.
- The indications are that the UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination 2019 is going to be distinctly more costly than in past years.

The new UEMS Division of General Surgery Executive

- President of the UEMS Division of General Surgery – Arthur Felice
- Vice-President - Luc Michel
- Chairperson of the Board of General Surgery – Paul Ridgway
- Vice Chairperson of the Board of General Surgery Faris Al Aswad
- Secretary of the Division of General Surgery - Joseph Weerts
- Treasurer – Paul Ridgway
- Chairperson of the Examination Committee: Paul Ridgway
- Webmaster – Veronique Laloe
- Chairperson of the Eligibility Committee – Veronique Laloe
- Chairperson of the Credentials Committee - (Alfonso Barbarisi as incumbent)
- European Society of Surgery Representative..... (Antoni Szczepanik as incumbent)

Any questions?

Thank you

Countries of origin of Candidates sitting the UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination

ccc	Total	
Australia	2	
→ Austria	9	
Bahrein	1	
Belgium	2	
Canada	1	
Egypt	2	
→ Germany	7	
→ Greece	6	
India	2	
Iraq	5	
Ireland	5	
Italy	1	
Jordan	4	
Kuweit	4	
Lebanon	8	
Libya	3	
→ Malta	11	
Oman	2	
Pakistan	1	
Poland	3	
→ Saudi Arabia	14	
Spain	3	
Sudan	1	
Sweden	4	
Switzerland	4	
Syria	4	
UAE	4	
→ UK	44	
USA	4	
Yemen	1	