

# The EBSQ Gen. Surg. Examination

Held in Turin

25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Data: Prof. Wolfgang Feil

Comments: Arthur Felice

# The debate and long gestation

- Inconclusive UEMS Surgery Section and Board Meetings for many years
- Positive resolutions from 2009 – 2010 in:
  - Bath
  - Izmir
  - Naples

# The exam became a reality because of:

**Curriculum revision and organization by Prof. Wolfgang Feil**

**Help on location and equipment by**

- Prof. Luigi Gasparri





.....and the:

Patience ,persistence and goodwill of the executive and delegates of the UEMS Surgery Section and Board

# UEMS Board of General Surgery

## Executive Meeting – Torino, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 2010

- The following documents were sent out before the meeting:
  - [General Surgery Definition](#)
  - [General Surgery Rationale](#)
  - [General Surgery Syllabus](#)
  - [General Knowledges and Skills](#)
  - [General Surgery LogBook](#)
  - [General Surgery Flowchart](#)
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- The following amended documents which were sent out before the meeting and passed during the Division meeting in Naples 2010 were accepted unanimously:
  - [Statutes of the Division of General Surgery](#)
  - [Statutes of the European Board of General Surgery](#)
  - [EBSQ General Surgery Eligibility](#)
  - [EBSQ General Surgery Examination](#)

# UEMS Board of General Surgery

## Executive Meeting – Torino, Nov. 25th 2010

The following posts in the Division and Board were elected unanimously:

- Vice-President Division GenSurg: Luc Michel (Belgium)
- GenSurg Board Chairman: Frantisek Antos (Czech Republic)
- GenSurgBoard Vice-Chairman: Harald Rosen (Austria)
- GenSurg Division and Board Secretary: Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy)
- Assoc. GenSurg Division & Board Treasurer: Wojciech Nowak (Poland)
- ESS Executive Representative: Jan Kulig (Poland)
- Chairman of the Examination Board of the Division of GenSurg: Wolfgang Feil (Austria)
- Secretary of the Examination Board of the Division of GenSurg: Jan Kulig (Poland)

# UEMS Board of General Surgery

## Executive Meeting – Torino, Nov. 25th 2010

- The next ESS congresses and the GenSurg examination will be held in Krakau (Poland) on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 and
- The examination 2012 will be arranged in June 2012 in Salzburg together with the Annual Meeting of the Austrian Society of Surgery and the CECS meeting
- Prof. Feil received a mandate to start negotiations with "European Surgery" as official organ of the ESS and the Board.

# EBSQ GenSurg Examination

25<sup>th</sup> November 2010, Torino: Board of Examiners





# Also present were:

- One lay Quality Assurance expert
- One Surgeon observer

( Both provided by PMTC – Malta)

# Torino 2010 EBSQ GenSurg

- Honorary diploma for the faculty of the examination board
- The GenSurg Examination was performed in an OSCE-Circuit with 6 stations to each 10 minutes.
- The candidates were briefed and anonymized by the chairman. They drew numbers for the starting grid and received 6 stickers for the evaluation forms.
- All documents were prepared and printed out. The evaluation forms with the candidates' stickers and the actual scoring were collected online after being signed by the 2 examiners from each station. The scoring was entered online by the chairman and the result calculated.
- 75 points could be reached in every station, the maximum being 450 points. The threshold for passing was defined with 75%.
- The 11 candidates came from/had their education in the following 7 countries: Australia, Austria (2), Emirates/Dubai, Dubai/Germany, Pakistan/Ireland, Poland, Syria, Turkey, Egypt/UK, Malta/UK were eligible for the exam.
- 9 candidates passed the examination. Candidates #7 and #9 failed.

# Torino 2010 EBSQ GenSurg

Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 6	total	%
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Candidate	1	68	52	50	73	66	45	354	78,67
Candidate	2	75	75	70	75	75	55	425	94,44
Candidate	3	70	75	60	47	63	35	350	77,78
Candidate	4	73	64	65	72	72	69	415	92,22
Candidate	5	68	75	60	54	74	75	406	90,22
Candidate	6	75	75	60	47	66	68	391	86,89
Candidate	7	70	72	50	40	69	19	320	71,11
Candidate	8	75	73	60	47	75	30	360	80,00
Candidate	9	68	57	50	19	55	10	259	57,56
Candidate	10	65	72	55	59	69	38	358	79,56
Candidate	11	75	73	45	73	68	59	393	87,33

<b>total pts.</b>	782	763	625	606	752	503
<b>mean</b>	71,09	69,36	56,82	55,09	68,36	45,73
<b>%</b>	94,79	92,48	75,76	73,45	91,15	60,97

all	passed
81,43	85,23

Interview	3 cases	MC	2 cases	3 cases	20 pics
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# Torino 2010 EBSQ GenSurg

- After the examination the candidates were asked to fill out a feedback form (enclosed).
- The evaluation of the feedback questionnaires is laid down separately (enclosed).
- The certificates with the "Fellowship of the European Board of Surgery" were handed out in a short celebration immediately after the debriefing of the examination board

# Evaluation of candidates' responses – Essentially:

- More time generally for the examination
- More time specifically for Station 6
- A clinical station
- More privacy and less noise
- Exam setting near an air communication hub
- Location more easy to find

# What we learnt:

- Improve pre-exam instructions for candidates
- Stricter checks on identity documentation
- Formal acceptance by candidate of anonymisation code
- Pre-exam instruction video for examiners
- More formalized Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement procedures
- Less disturbance between stations
- Improvement of the exam format
- Unsuccessful candidates should not be confronted personally but by post or e-mail
- Formal Review and Appeals procedure with time constraints should be in place.

# The next EBSQ Gen. Surg. Exam

- Krakow (Poland) on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011
- Alteration in the stations to include simulation and critical appraisal of a research paper.
- Preparatory courses to be organized by the Faculty

# EBSQ Salzburg 2012

## TRIPARTITE MEETING

- Austrian Society of Surgery
- CECS (Central European Congress of Surgery)
- ESS (European Society of Surgery)
  
- EBSQ GenSurg examination
- other divisions/workgroups invited
- other modules planned

TRIPARTITE-MEETING

**53. Kongress**  
Österreichische Gesellschaft für Chirurgie (OGC)  
Präsident Prof. Dr. H. W. Wackiewicz

**Salzburg 6.-9. Juni 2012**



**Die Chirurgie im Wandel der Zeit**  
Tradition und Paradigmenwechsel

**5th Central European Congress of Surgery (CECS)**  
Congresspräsident  
Prof. Dr. D. Ötner-Voliano

**XVI. Congress**  
European Society of Surgery (ESS)  
Congresspräsident  
Prof. Dr. W. Fell

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# EBSQ GenSurg Salzburg 2012

- 100 MC questions & 6 OSCE circuit stations
- content is identical for the national Austrian and UEMS exam
- UEMS exam is officially accepted as Austrian final exam for specialization in GenSurg (=automatic mutual recognition in the EU)
- by that UEMS GenSurg exam is for the first time officially accepted in the EU
- steps to legalization of the EBSQ i.e:
- National recognition of EBSQ as an Exit Exam
- National Exit Exam to be dropped in favour of the EBSQ
- ? Convergence with the extended Bologna Process

# "To do list" for today & tomorrow

- decision on other modules
- negotiations with "European Surgery"
- amendment of Eligibility criteria & Examination (clarifications)
- update of website
- advertisement of exam
- enhance future cooperation with Australia & New Zealand
- ... get cases and MC questions !!!

Any

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