



The European Breast Examination Board Meeting

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Updated Board of the Breast Exam

Name	Role	Nationality	Working Group Role	Division role	Demits or extended
Christos Markopoulos	President	Greece	2010	2016	2020
Fiona MacNeill	Vice president	UK	2010	2016	2020
Marjut Leidenius	Past President	Finland	2010	2016	2020
Lynda Wyld	Secretary	UK and ESSO	2014	2016	2020
Janesz Zgaznar	Treasurer	Slovenia	2010	2016	2020
Bahadir Gulluoglu	Web Master	Turkey	2012	2016	2020
Kerstin Sandelin	Ordinary member	Sweden	2013	2016	2020
Isabel Rubio	Ordinary member	Spain and EUSOMA	2015	2016	2020
Frederik Warnberg	Ordinary member	Sweden		2019	2023
Roberto Agresti	Ordinary member	Italy		2019	2023
Marjolein Smidt	Ordinary member	Netherlands		2019	2023

No	Surname	Name	Country
1	Agresti	Roberto	Italy
2	Ahmed	Rosina	India
3	Bahadir	Gulluoglu	Turkey
4	Baildman	Andrew	UK
5	Charalampoudis	Petros	Greece
6	Chatterjee	Sumohan	India/UK
7	Cardoso	Maria Joao	Portugal
8	El-Shinawi	Mohammed	Egypt
9	Falck	Anna	NL
10	Jansen	Liesbeth	NL
11	Karatsanis	Andreas	Sweden
12	Khotari	Ash	India/UK
13	Kolacinska	Agnieszka	Poland
14	Kovacs	Tibor	Hungary/UK
15	Leidenius	Marjut	Finland
16	MacNeill	Fiona	UK
17	Markopoulos	Christos	Greece
18	Matrai	Zoltan	Hungary
19	Omar	Omar	Egypt
20	Rayter	Zenon	UK
21	Rubio	Isabel	Spain
22	Sandelin	Kerstin	Sweden
23	Smidt	Marjolein	NL
24	Warnberg	Fredrik	Sweden
25	Wylid	Lynda	UK
26	Youssef	Omar	Egypt
27	Zgajnar	Janez	Slovenia
28	Audisio	Riccardo	Sweden/Italy/UK
29	Horgan	Kieran	UK
30	Holcombe	Christopher	UK
31	Pereira	Jerome	UK
32	Chan	Charlie	UK

Examiners

New examiners for 2019/20:

Viviana Galimberti, Italy
Walter Weber, Swiss
Giuseppe Catanuto, Italy
Michael Knauer, Swiss
Andrea Faridi, German
Stefan Voiculescu, Romania

Usually need 20-22 examiners plus 1 spare and 1 for quality control

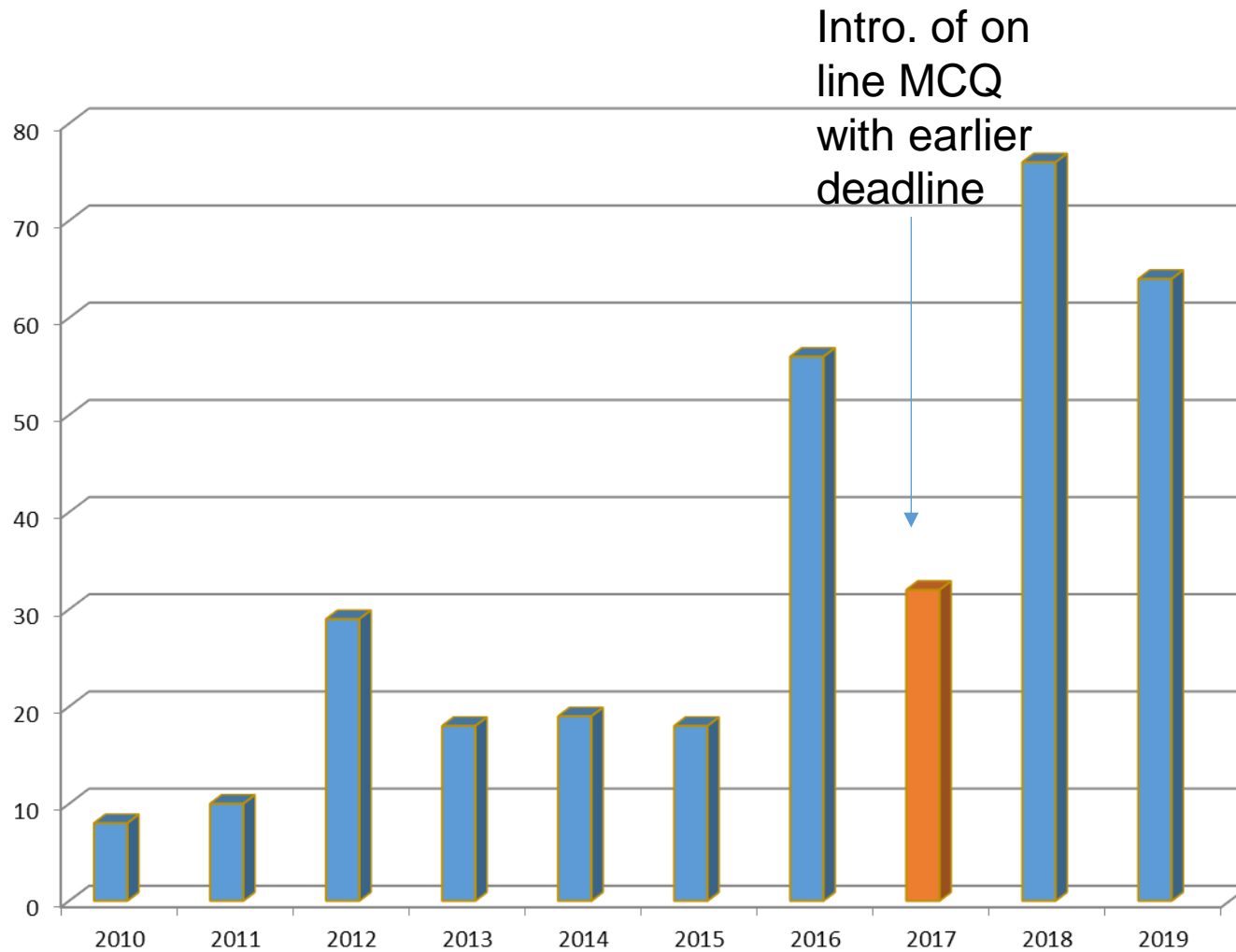
Issues for 2019:
4 examiners withdrew at very short notice due to health or family issues so had to rely on observers

In future we will have 2 spares and 2 for quality control

The Exam: Format

- Phase 1: Eligibility assessment: on line submission
- Phase 2: MCQ examination~usually June
- Phase 3: Oral examination with clinical scenarios and academic stations~usually September/October

Applicant Numbers

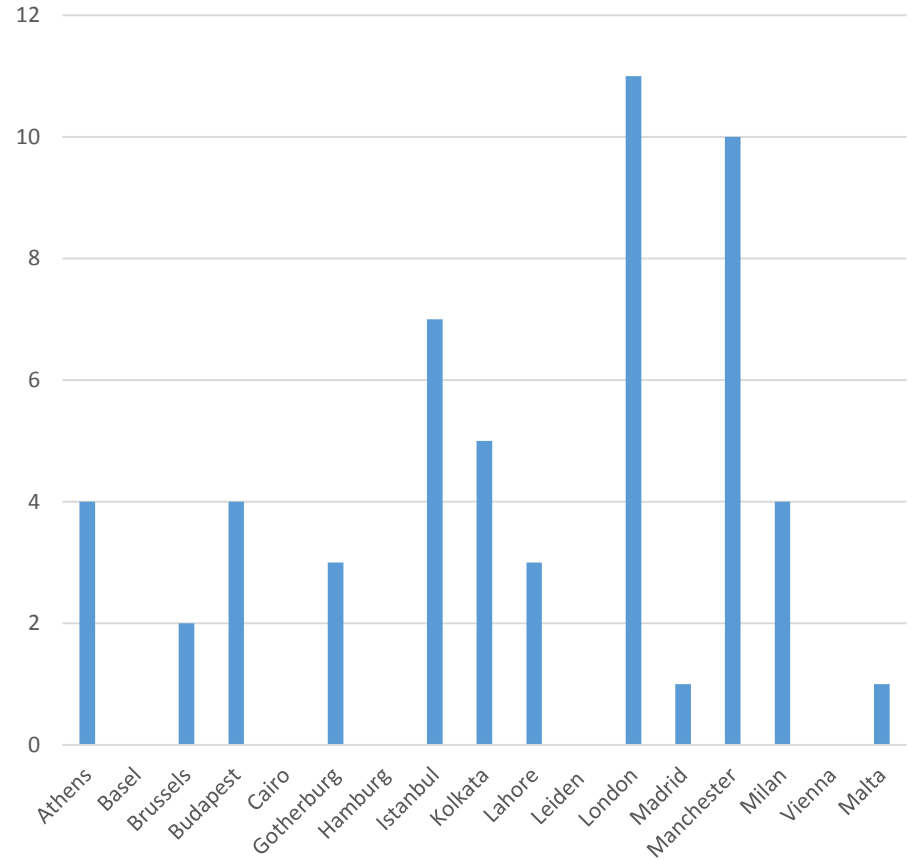


Eligibility Assessment

- On line process. [Current web system is clunky and un responsive](#)
- Review of CV, log book, certificates (Medical degree, CCT or equivalent (in UK, final year of training with letter from deanery of ARCP 1 at ST7 or letter of support from clinical supervisor)
- Eligibility assessment approval on line usually within 1 week
- Deadline usually end of April
- 63 new applications in 2019: some in eligible so 55 approved new applications for the MCQ

MCQ Exam Sites

- Jointly held with surgical oncology
- 55 breast candidates and 29 surgical oncology candidates examined across 17 international sites in June 2019
- IT functionality from ORZONE superb

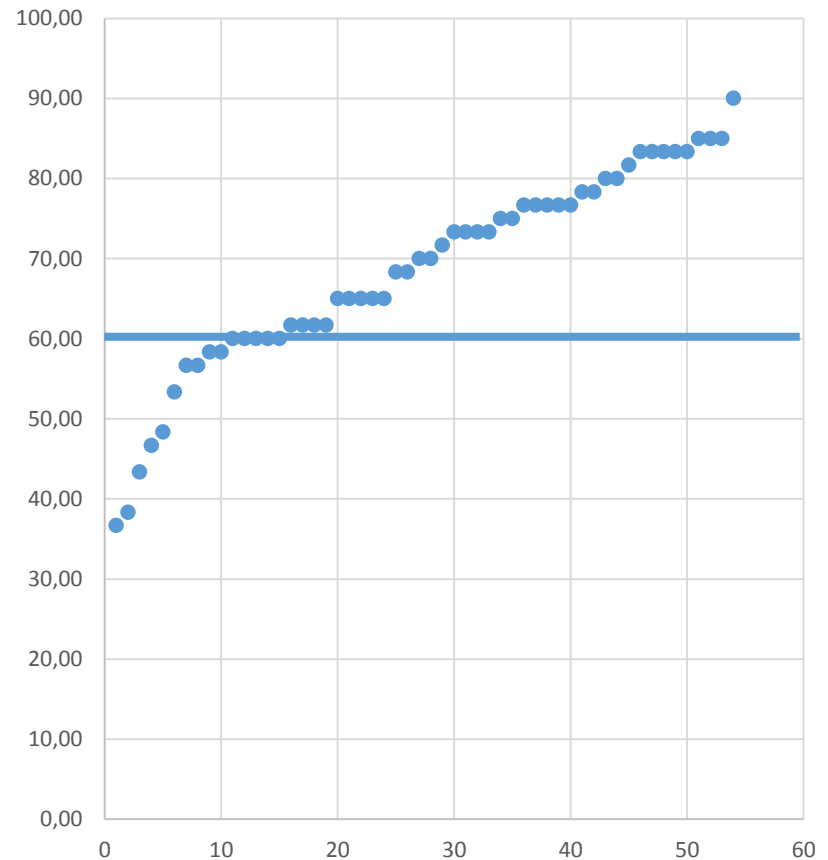


MCQ

- 50 questions. Rigorous 2 stage review: quality and validity followed by anghoff scoring by the executive board
- Anghoff pass mark 65% for 2019 (with allowance of 10%), so ~60%
- Submitted to Orzone for upload and checking within the system by LW and CM
- Test run with 3 test questions the week before the exam to all exam centres.
- Reporting instructions sent to candidates several weeks before the exam
- List of unique log in codes sent to each site lead to give out on the day

MCQ Outcome 2019

- In total, 55 eligible new applications and 5 in eligible applications in 2019
- 55 sat for the MCQ exam across 17 sites
- 44/55 passed (80%). Pass mark set to 60. Top score 90%, lowest score 37, median score 68.
- 44 new candidates offered oral exam, plus 11 retakers and deferred from previous years.
- Total for the oral exam 2019: 55 (2 late withdrawn due to visa issues so will be 53)



Oral Exam

- In Bucharest, Romania at end of September, following on from the ESSO Advanced Breast Course.
- 3 stations with 2 examiners, 30 minutes for academic oral, 30 for two clinical oral stations
- Exam over 2 days as numbers too great to do on a single day experienced examiners to score all examiners from 1-5 on personal behaviour, content, question delivery and management.
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- Feedback will be given

Prizes for top 3 candidates

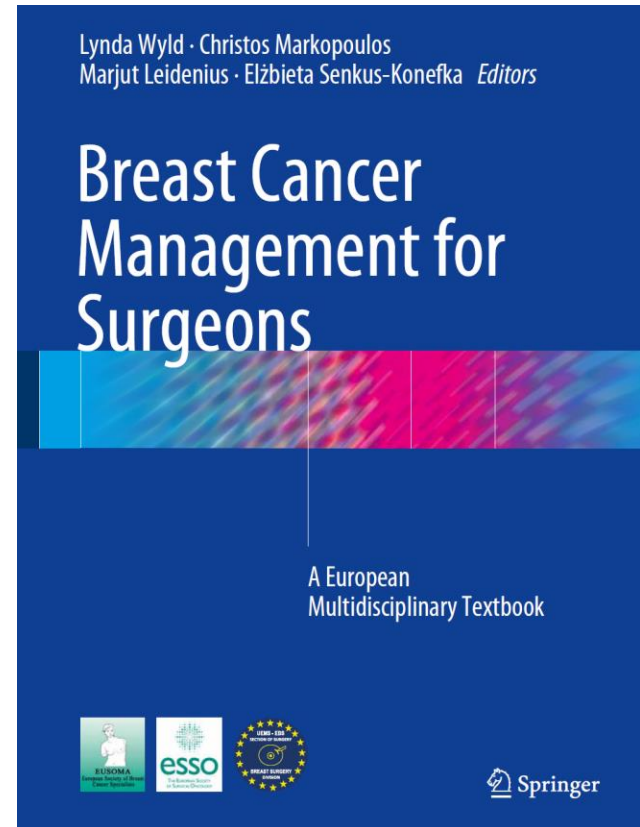
- Glass statue for first prize, engraved with candidates name and year.
- Medals for second and third prize.
- All awarded with photographs after exam

Cost

- Just increased to 700 Euros.

The Syllabus

- Available on the website to download
- Reading list on the website
- Textbook to accompany the exam (discount for exam candidates)



Text book performance

- Downloads: 71,224 as of May 2019 which is over 1,100 downloads per chapter on average
- Individual book sales: 236 printed books and 24 e-books as of May 2019
- Printed book costs £149 Euros. E book about £119 .
- Each chapter download costs £23! On the springer website so this should have made springer £1, 633, 000 for chapter downloads, £35,164 for print book and £2,856 for the e books.
- However as most downloads are via institutional packages, sold in bundles, this is not the actual way most are sold and we have just had a royalty statement saying we get nothing!!!!

New book proposal

Pocket sized book, easy reference for exam revision

Optimised for on line use for revision 'on the go'

MCQ section will have questions section and then a detailed answers section to explain the correct answer and give more details to help to deepen understanding (as per the Gupta and Patel 2013 model).

No references as these are all contained in the main textbook but detailed lists of further reading and key references at the end of each chapter

CESMA: plan to do for 2021

Gap analysis at recent board meeting:

- Security of exam materials and venue:
 - Need to use quaranteens (arranged for 2019 oral exam), Worked well
 - Encryption of materials, (to be adopted in 2020)
 - Passwords in use in 2019
- Secure archiving for 5 years: arrangements for 2019
- Detailed description of the pass-fail decision criteria; Just drafted and board approved
- Detailed description of the appeal procedure. Just drafted and board approved
- We are now a medium sized exam with 51-150 candidates

CESMA: Gap Analysis continued....

- **After the assessment;**
- Primary statistical validity analysis of the assessment questions, *would need to contract with Orzone so easy to do;*
- secondary clinical validity analysis of the assessment questions, *do Anghoff scoring already at start but may need to take advice about this.*
- performing SWOT-analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) of the assessment for continuous quality improvement. *Need to do*
- Assessment process requires submission of documentation in advance plus observers to attend exams. Fee of ~430 Euros plus costs of the observers to attend the exams, so probably 2000 Euros.
- **Need a working party to work up and deliver this for next year**

Finances 2018

- Cost of MCQ host centres is zero as done through collaborator institutions
- Orzone costs: **1680** Euros (2018)
- Costs for the oral exam minimised by running alongside an ESSO course so some examiners are course faculty. **18997** Euros
- Income for 55 candidates at 600 each: **33000** Euros.
- UEMS takes 100 per candidate: **5500** Euros
- Net profit: **6823** Euros.
- Current float **13 000** Euros as of September 2019

New developments: BRESO



- Currently training in Breast Surgery is heterogeneous with certification after 4-6 years of residency, often with little breast surgery.
- Modern breast surgery is now highly complex and residency training programmes across Europe need to adapt.
- BRESO proposes that all surgeons practicing breast surgery in Europe should be certified in breast surgery.
- Certification will be based on the following:
 - An approved examination,
 - Acquisition of practical skills at recognised training centres
 - Post CCT continuous professional development

New developments: MOUs with ESSO and EUSOMA

- Currently a draft MOU has been developed with our co-founding organisations, EUSOMA and ESSO
- Sets out practical responsibilities of all parties
- Financial costs agreements for the running of the exam
- Face to face meeting to approve in December.



Stand Alone Board Meeting

- At Domus Medica in May.
- Fee charged for use of the room so future meetings will be held in airport hotels
- Very useful and will be annual from now on
- Cost for travel just 3000 Euros so is within our budget

Thank You

- Any Questions??