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CESMA Autumn Meeting 2023 Draft AGENDA

*Domus Medica Europaea,
Brussels*

Friday - Saturday, 8-9 December 2023

Day 1. 14:30 – 18:00 CET

Welcome	14:30
1. MCQ exam Part 1	14:35
SBA Vs others Format Weighting questions Aligning to blueprint and curriculum Building your Q bank	
2. MCQ	15:20
Clinical stem Relevance Short What are you testing - facts / deductive thinking Minimum number Qs for a paper	
3. Question-writing in setting up an exam	15:50
Meetings 4-5 Logistics of 200 Q Reviewing Qs Culling Qs Reciting Qs 250-300 to allow for loss Timetable to exam	

Coffee Break 16:15 – 16:30 CET



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4. Standard setting

16:30

Practical aspects/ Meetings

Have you updated your standard setting?

Easy Vs difficult

Calculating that

Arriving at a pass mark

Post exam - culling Q - revisiting the Q bank

5. Proposed marking of MCQs – weighting

17:00

+1, +1/2, 0, -1

Debate

6. Exam appraisals

17:30

Discussion and updates

Going forward

On site appraisal only vs 'off site / on line'

*Dinner Friday night 19 :30 CET**

Day 2. 09:00 – 16:30 CET

CLOSED MEETING*

Business / 09:00

Introduction and welcome

Updates

Treasurer report

Uems council updated

Innovations

Concerns / disagreements

Conflict on two exam appraisal requests

Cost structure

**Business Meeting is restricted to CESMA Executive, UEMS Bodies and UEMS Office.*



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Coffee Break: 10:30 – 10:45 CET

OPEN MEETING

1. CESMA Diploma Awards – 6 European examinations **10:45**

2. Picking an exam: **11:00**

what exam suits you / What are you testing? Knowledge / competency

1 part / 2 part / 3 parts

1 part - MCQ

2 part - OSCE ?

3 Part - clinical skills ?

Open Book exam

3. Eligibility **11:45**

Who sits the exam

Formative / Summative

At what level of training?

Exit exam? Graduation

High stakes exam

Fellow? Diplomat

Utility of exam for you / candidate

4. Languages and language barriers in exam setting **12:30**

5. European Vs non-European training **12:45**

European / outside Europe

Realities UK / Ireland Vs continental Europe

Demographic of candidates taking exam

Geopolitical changes - non-European trainees filling the gaps

Validated training program?

'Skewing data' and overcoming it

Lunch 13:30 – 14:15 CET

6. General exam before specialized exam **14:15**

Such as Membership in Medicine before specializing in Cardiology

General surgery exam before Transplant Surgery



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Exam structure around that

7. EU affairs September 2023

14:45

*requested by UEMS council**

Recognizing qualifications

Recognizing third country qualifications

8. Exam alliances with UEMS

15:15

9. Exam appraisal

15:35

On site

ONE DAY / TWO DAY/ THREE DAY

Pre-requisites

10. Over run time – AOB

16:00

*Next CESMA Spring meeting – Antwerp May 3-4 May, 2024 (Provisional date)

*Proposals for CESMA

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