Chairman’s Report
Zeev Goldik
The Council for European Specialists Medical Assessment

The CESMA is an advisory body of the UEMS created in 2007 with an aim to provide recommendation and advice on the organisation of European examinations for medical specialists at the European level.

It was called in the beginning the "Glasgow group" referring to the first meeting held in Glasgow. It was then decided to adopt the name CESME (Council of European Specialist Medical Examinations). This name was finally changed to CESMA (Council of European Specialist Medical Assessment).

Its main role is to:

- To promote harmonisation of European Board assessments
- To provide guidelines to the Boards on the conduct of assessments
- To encourage take up of Board assessments as a quality mark
- To offer an alternative to National assessments, where appropriate

The CESMA adopted in Glasgow a declaration setting the basic rules governing European Examinations. The "Glasgow Declaration" was signed by the following UEMS Specialist Sections: Neurosurgery; Nuclear Medicine; Orthopaedics and Traumatology; Paediatric Surgery; Pathology; Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery; Pneumology; Urology and Vascular Surgery.
Representatives of the following UEMS Sections/Boards met in Glasgow on the 9th February 2007 and unanimously agreed the following:

1. The role of European Board Examinations is complementary to National Examinations where they exist.

2. Countries which do not have their own examination are encouraged to consider using the appropriate European Board Examinations.

3. European Board Examinations are regarded as a quality mark for safe independent practice at the end of specialist training.

4. All European Board Examinations shall publish both a syllabus and minimum requirements for examination.

5. Candidates for examination should be certified specialist or have been trained according to the relevant syllabus.

6. A trainee may sit the final part of a European Board Examinations provided they have fulfilled the requirements of their national training body where one exists or when approaching the end of the training.

7. Candidates of any nationality shall be eligible to sit the European Board Examinations.

8. Candidates who pass a European Board Examination and who are certified specialists in an EU/UEMS member state may call themselves “Fellow of the European Board”. Other successful candidates will be “European Board Certified”.

9. Trade sponsorship should not be used to subsidise the examination.

10. It is proposed to establish a Council for European Specialist Medical Examinations (CESME) as an advisory body to the UEMS and its sections.
Background information on CESMA and European Examinations:

European assessment - Dr Zeev Goldik - October 2010

UEMS-CESMA Terms of Reference

UEMS-CESMA GUIDELINES

- UEMS-CESMA - Guideline on Quality Control of European postgraduate medical
- UEMS 2015.15 - UEMS CESMA - Guide to successfully writing MCQs
- UEMS 2015.16 - UEMS CESMA - Guideline for Organisation of European Postgraduate Medical Assessments
- UEMS 2015.17 - UEMS CESMA - Guideline for Examiner Selection for European Postgraduate Medical Assessments
- UEMS 2015.36 - UEMS CESMA - Guideline on Appeal Procedure

CESMA Meetings

Documents & presentations from CESMA meetings are available here
- Guidelines of organisation of European Specialist Medical Assessments

- Guidelines on selection of Examiners

- Guidelines on MCQ writing

- Guidelines for appraisal of European Specialist Medical Assessments

- Terms of Reference for CESMA

- Appeals

- Successfully Writing MCQ’s
Survey on European postgraduate medical assessments by the Council for European Medical Specialty Assessments (UEMS-CESMA)

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On quality control and the importance of European postgraduate medical specialty assessments

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UEMS-CESMA European Examiner Training

Why do we need standardised and common examiner training?

Experiences obtained through the UEMS-CESMA appraisal procedures

Prof. dr. Danny G.P. Mathysen (MSc, PhD)
UEMS-CESMA GUIDELINE FOR THE QUALITY CONTROL ON BEHALF OF UEMS-CESMA OF EUROPEAN POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS

Version: 2.0

Authors: Vassilios Papalois, Zeev Goldik, Danny G.P. Mathysen, Jean-Baptiste Rouffet, Alfred Tenore, Owen Sparrow
UEMS-CESMA Guidelines

- Quality control on behalf of UEMS-CESMA of European postgraduate medical assessments (adopted by the Granada UEMS Council meeting in October, 2014)


1. European Diploma in Transplant Surgery (EDTS) examination
   (September 7th, 2013) (Vienna, Austria) (Zeev Goldik – Danny Mathysen)

2. European Board of Ophthalmology Diploma (EBOD) examination
   (May 9th-10th, 2014) (Paris, France) (Zeev Goldik – John Boorman)

3. European Board of Hand Surgery (EBHS) examination
   (June 16th-17th, 2014) (Paris, France) (Owen Sparrow – Danny Mathysen)

4. European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) examination
   (September 5th-6th, 2014) (Brussels, Belgium) (Zeev Goldik – Danny Mathysen)

5. European Board of Radiology (EDiR) examination
   (March 5th-6th, 2015) (Vienna, Austria) (Klaus Albegger – Danny Mathysen)

6. European Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (EBOPRAS) examination
   (April 24th-25th, 2015) (Brussels, Belgium) (Artur Felice – Danny Mathysen)

7. European Society of Anaesthesiology (EDAIC) examination
   (October 30th-31st, 2015) (Athens, Greece) (Owen Sparrow – Danny Mathysen)

8. European Diploma in General Surgery (EBSQ) examination
   (May 11th-12th, 2016) (Belfast, Northern Ireland) (Marco Maggiorini – Danny Mathysen)

9. European Board of Neurology (EBN) examination
   (May 27th, 2016) (Copenhagen, Denmark) (Arthur Felice – Danny Mathysen)

10. European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine (EDIC) examination
    (October 3rd, 2016) (Milan, Italy) (Part 1: written) (November 23rd-24th, 2016) (Zurich, Switzerland) (Part 2: oral)
    (Gian Battista Parigi – Julie-Lyn Noel – Danny Mathysen)

11. European Board of Interventional Radiology (EBIR) examination
    (March 1st-2nd, 2017) (Vienna, Austria) (Arthur Felice – Klaus Albegger)
UEMS-CESMA Appraisalal procedures (Interested)

1. European Diploma in General Paediatrics examination
   (Mercier Jean-Christophe)

2. European Board of Paediatric Surgery examination
   (Parrigi Gian Battista)

3. European Board of Surgery (EBSQ) examination in endocrine surgery
   (Durkan Maeve)

4. European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG)
   examination
   (Kirschner Rolf)
in consideration of the European Directive to ensure High Standards of Medical Professional Qualifications and Practice across Europe

Awards this Certificate of Merit to the

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine

in Recognising its Specialty Examination as having Fulfilled the Appropriate Quality Control Criteria
A GUIDE TO SUCCESSFULLY WRITING MCQS: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Version: Final
UEMS-CESMA Guideline
UEMS-CESMA

Authors: Alfred Tenore, Danny G.P. Mathysen, Peter Mills, Mark Westwood, Jean-Baptiste Rouffet, Vassilios Papalois, Owen Sparrow, Zeev Goldik
UEMS-CESMA Guidelines

- A guide to successfully writing MCQs

- Organisation of European postgraduate medical assessments
UEMS-CESMA GUIDELINE FOR THE ORGANISATION OF EUROPEAN POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS

Authors: Danny G.P. Mathysen, Jean-Baptiste Rouffet, Alfred Tenore, Vassilios Papalois, Owen Sparrow, Zeev Goldik

UEMS 2015/16
UEMS-CESMA Guidelines

- Examiner selection for European postgraduate medical assessments
GUIDELINE ON EXAMINER SELECTION FOR EUROPEAN POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS

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Current role

- Forum of discussion between UEMS Sections & Boards organising European Specialty exams
- Facilitation of exchange of experience and sharing the best practices
- Networking
- Auditing of the various European Board Examinations in Europe

Future role

1. Adoption of guidelines on organisation of European Specialty Examinations (MCQ writing; proper examination procedures, appeal mechanisms)
2. Creation and maintenance of a central database of successful candidates that does not match with national databases
3. Propose for endorsement by the UEMS Council a policy document on European Specialty Diplomas/European Assessments (updated and more detailed version of Glasgow Declaration)

4. Contribution to the harmonisation of assessment of medical competence through definition of a European Assessment Model

5. Liaison with other relevant organisation to improve the existing assessment systems

6. Advocacy for recognition of UEMS European Diplomas at national level – adopt a strategy (take home message for attendees, awareness-raising campaigns, conferences on EU exams, briefing papers, ...)

7. Audit and accreditation of European Specialty Examinations

8. Contribution to shaping the UEMS e-portfolio for the assessment of medical competence in the framework of ECAMSQ

9. Acting as an advisory Board on Assessments for the EU

10. Endorsement and authentication of the European Diplomas and Certificates on behalf of the UEMS
Actions of CESMA to achieve its objectives

- Define the place of CESMA within the whole UEMS Structure: composition, role, links with other UEMS Structures, financing
- Adopt a Strategy in line with UEMS Strategy and agree on the steps to be taken within a reasonable timeline
- Revise/update/modernise the Glasgow Declaration
- Draft a “quick guide to organising European Specialty Exams” based on existing experience of CESMA members, including a quality management mechanism to make sure that European Specialty Examinations are organised in a professional fashion
- Draft an information leaflet on UEMS European Examinations (number of specialties, procedures, legal aspects of EU exams, national recognition (which country, which specialty, with evidence).
- Identify areas for improvements of European Specialty Exams:
  o How to improve recognition from National Authorities,
  o Increase involvement of EJD,
  o Work on harmonisation: similar template of diplomas, similar types of exams (part 1 and part 2), similar feedback questionnaires, similar registration procedures, ensure similar regulations apply
  o Involvement in UEMS e-portfolio, ...
  o Work on assessment methodologies
Membership of CESMA

The Members of CESMA are the delegates to UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards involved in the organization of European Specialty Examinations. The Executive of CESMA can appoint as Members representatives of European scientific societies.

Currently, 37 specialties are involved:

1. Allergology and Clinical Immunology
2. Anaesthesiology
3. Angiology
4. Cardiology
5. Cardiothoracic Surgery
6. Coloproctology
7. Dermatology & Venereology
8. Emergency Medicine
9. Endocrine Surgery
10. ENT+ORL
11. Gastroenterology
12. Hand Surgery
13. Intensive Care
14. Internal Medicine
15. Neurology
16. Neurosurgery
17. Nuclear Medicine
18. Ophthalmology
19. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
20. Orthopaedics and Traumatology
21. Paediatrics
22. Paediatric Intensive Care
23. Paediatric Surgery
24. Pathology
25. Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
26. Plastic Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery
27. Radiology
28. Respiratory Medicine
29. Rheumatology
30. Surgery (General Surgery)
31. Surgical Oncology
32. Thoracic Surgery
33. Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
34. Transplantation
35. Trauma Surgery
36. Urology
37. Vascular Surgery
Presentations made at the Innsbruck Meeting (24.05.2014)

Presentations made at the Brussels Meeting (13.12.14)

Presentations made at the Lisbon Meeting (23.05.2015)

Presentations made at the Brussels Meeting (12.12.2015)

Presentations made at Bucharest Meeting (07.05.2016) + Photos

Presentations made at Brussels Meeting (03.12.2016)
SHARING BEST PRACTICE

1) Learning Objective: Match is simple
   Focus on SISO + VoIP
   Independent or fixed

2) Valuable/Reliable:
   - Technical Document
   - UUTsounds
   - Dating善良
   - Could be improved
   
   - ( máximo)'s use of idea
   - Use technical dialogue
   - Use technical tools
   - Use technical storage
   - Use technical support
   - Use technical habitat

3) Knowledge
   - Interchange
   - Interchange
   - Interchange

Meeting

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