

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

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Notable dates

- UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination at the RCSI in Dublin, on the 19th and 20th September 2019
- Next UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination to take place in Dublin September 10th and 11th 2020
- Next Division of General Surgery Meeting to be held in Dublin on the 11th September 2020 following the Examination
- UEMS CESMA Workshop and Meeting on the 31st May and 1st June 2019 in Sophia Antipolis near Nice, France
- Involvement in the ETR Review Committee - Ongoing

Main points

- The European Training Requirements Committee
- The UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination
- Clarity and transparency of the Financial report and feedback from the Section to the Divisions

The European Training Requirements (ETR) Committee

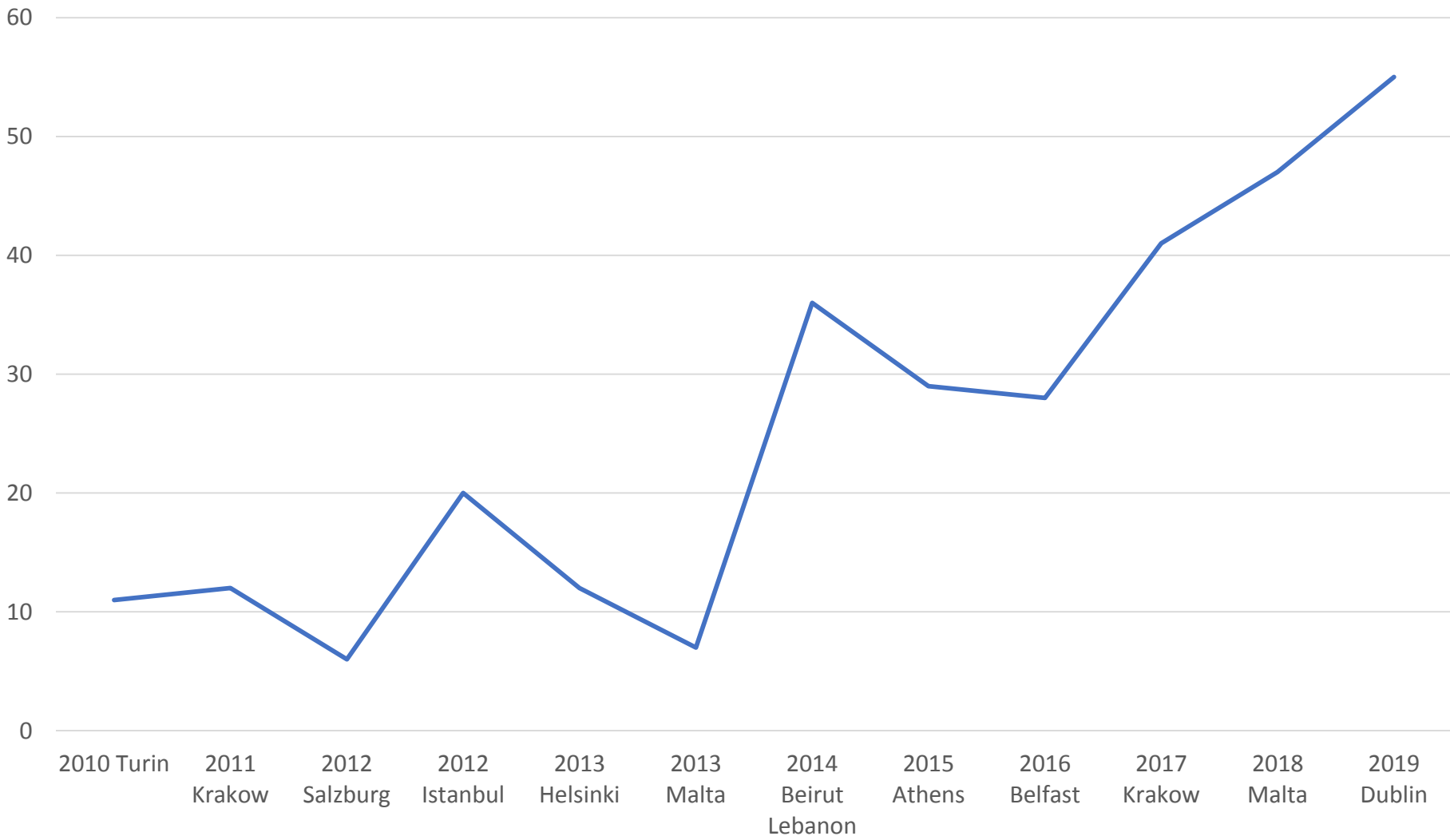
We reviewed the following ETR documents submitted by the respective Boards **in 2019**. A report with remarks and detailed suggestions was sent to each of the respective Boards, for their serious consideration

- Interventional Neuroradiology
- Manual Medicine
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Gastroenterology
- Paediatric Urology
- Pathology
- Radiation Oncology and Radiotherapy
- Sports Medicine

The importance of the European Training Requirements

- Harmonization
- Professional mobility with safeguards
- Maintenance of standards
- Introduction of new concepts and ideas
- Quality Assurance and Improvement
- Equity
- Patient safety

Number of candidates per Exam session



Eligible candidates for EBSQ General Surgery in 2019

	Nationality	Work
UK	10	17
Ireland	10	16
Pakistan	9	0
Sudan	6	1
Iraq	5	1
Syria	3	0
S. Arabia	0	6
Germany	1	3
India	3	1
Lebanon	2	1
Egypt	2	0
Libya	1	0
Sweden	1	1
Italy	1	0
Malta	1	0
Austria	1	1
Kuweit	1	1
Bahrein	0	1
UAE	0	1
Oman	0	2
USA	0	1
Unknown	0	1
Total	55	55
dual nationality	2	

The great majority work in Europe

The majority are European (including UK) passport holders:

Total:	55						
European passport holders :	25						
Working in Europe :	38						
Middle-East passport holders (Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait) :	11						
Working in the Middle-East (S. Arabia, Oman, UAE, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Lebanon) :	13						
Pakistani passport holders :	9						
Sudanese passport holders :	6						

Most pressing problem: The Electronic Platform

- The UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination is no longer served by a commercial electronic platform ever since there were problems between the UEMS and Orzone
- As a consequence a paper format which is electronically assessed for results at the RCSI has been temporarily adopted
- The UEMS should tackle this problem collectively as a priority
- In doing this, aspects of probity should be taken into account

Financial situation

- Healthy balance, but it will only take one or two exams with poor participation to render it precarious.
- The UEMS EBSQ General Surgery Examination 2019 proved to be distinctly more costly than in past years, mainly resulting from the location.

Concerns about Financial Report feedback

- Dr Krajewski, Prof. Papalois and Dr Maillet called for maximum accountability, transparency, legality and proper documentation of financial matters from bottom upwards.
- A parallel process should also occur *on a regular basis (e.g. every six months) from top to bottom*
- Financial accounting of Division funds is harboured within the Sections not within the visual range of the Divisions.
- Simple, clear and up to date financial information passed from Council to Sections, from Sections to Divisions about Section accounts, from Sections to Divisions and Divisions to Members about Division accounts
- To date the information about what is happening to the Division of General Surgery funds is not sufficiently clear and transparent (BNP Paribas Fortis Credit Card is not a practical solution)
- A skeletal Excel account delivered during a busy Biennial Meeting is clearly insufficient.

To sum up re: Financial reporting

Resources Currently Available

- Bank Electronic Card (BNP Paribas Fortis)
- No bank statement can be currently extracted due to lack of an ATM that supports the (BNP Paribas Fortis) Electronic Card.
- A draft profit and loss account cannot be drawn up since no information is available

Required

- Regular Profit and Loss Account / Income Statement – a statement outlining revenue and expenditure of the operations at hand.

Any questions?

Thank you