



EUROPEAN GENERAL SURGERY QUALIFICATION

The European Board of Surgery Qualifications (www.uemssurg.org) of the UEMS (www.uems.net) conducts in cooperation with the European Society of Surgery (www.essurg.org) and the local organization committee the

European Board Examination in General Surgery

in **Beirut, Lebanon (17th - 18th June 2014)** prior to the the **XVIII ESS Annual Conference** (www.essurg.org) in Beirut (19th - 21st June 2014). Candidates successfully passing the examination will be qualified as

"Fellow of the European Board of Surgery - F.E.B.S."

The Fellowship F.E.B.S. is a significant high-level indication of professional competence and excellence reflecting the ongoing important European standardization, harmonization and quality assurance process in medicine.

The Fellowship is open for E.U. and non-E.U. citizens with or without valid specialist diploma. It consists in a 2-step process: **Eligibility** and **Examination**.

All details about the **Eligibility** process, application forms and precise information about the **Examination** are published on the homepage of the Section of Surgery of the UEMS: www.uemssurg.org.

Candidates without specialist diploma are invited to take the Examination part alone without prior Eligibility, apply for recognition of equality of the Exam in their home country (if not automatically) to obtain the national specialist diploma, practice for up to 3 years consecutively, fulfill then the Eligibility criteria and be awarded the Board Fellowship without additional examination.

Honorary Fellowship Diploma may be awarded to academic and/or senior surgeons in advanced position on invitation, on personal recommendation and on request.

The **EBSQ General Surgery Examination** will be conducted in English. It consists of a MCQ (multiple choice question) test with 150 items (afternoon first day) and an OSCE (objective structured clinical examination) circuit with 6 stations, each 10 minutes (morning second day). The thematical weighting of the MCQ questions is according to the "Blueprint General Surgery".

The OSCE circuit consists in clinical pathways and typical cases that may include photographs and radiologic pictures. The focus is on structured short questions and answers on diagnosis, treatment and decision paths following everyday clinical surgical practice.

MCQ and OSCE are weighted 50% each for the overall result, passing threshold is 75% from total.

The European Fellowship does not implicate automatic allowance to work at own responsibility and does not automatically enhance participation in national social security systems of the E.U. Recognition of Fellowship by the national authorities is encouraged by the UEMS.

Individual recognition of Fellowship as equivalent to national diploma is supported by the EBSQ committee and the number of countries officially adopting the Board qualification with subsequent legal validation and automatic mutual recognition in the EU is continuously rising.

Take the opportunity to achieve the high-level European Board Qualification!

Looking forward to see you in Beirut,

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