

# EBU grants 234 new FEBU titles

## 93% passing rate in 2010 oral exam



European Board of Urology

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For this year a total of 234 out of the 249 candidates were granted the title "Fellow of the European Board of Urology" (FEBU) by the European Board of Urology (EBU) in Brussels (Belgium), Budapest (Hungary) and Warsaw (Poland) during the 18<sup>th</sup> FEBU Oral Examinations held last June 5, 2010.

"We are satisfied with this year's examination as the exams all went smoothly as we have planned. Our appreciation and thanks to all our examiners in Brussels, Budapest and Warsaw for their guidance and full cooperation," said Ass. Prof. Gerasimos Alivizatos, chairman of the EBU's Examination Committee.

This year's exam has a 93% passing rate with most of the examinees coming from Germany (40), Poland (28) and Hungary (19), the last two countries

implementing the annual exams as part of the training of urology residents.

The average exam score is 7.6 from the 18 participating European or UEMS-member countries, with examinees from Spain, Portugal and Hungary posting an average score higher than 8. Participants from outside Europe or non-UEMS member countries came from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Lebanon and Jordan. All participants are tested on three selected cases with one examiner and a trustee conducting the exam.

After the exam was held in Athens, Greece in the last four years it was decided to move to a more centrally located city and Brussels turned out to be an excellent location. Dates and venues of the next examinations will be announced on the EBU website.

On these pages you will find lists of all passing candidates sorted by exam location and surname. The photos were taken in Brussels.



I. Berger (left) receives her diploma from Prof. G. Alivizatos, chairman of the EBU Examination Committee

### Statistics

EBU's worldwide	2,860
Participants FEBU Oral Exam 2010	249
Pass rate	93%

Average score - overall 7.6

Average score - per country (UEMS/EBU):

• Austria	7.2
• Belgium	6.2
• Bulgaria	8
• Croatia	9
• Czech Republic	7.6
• Germany	7.7
• Greece	7.4
• Hungary	8.2
• Italy	7.7
• Malta	7.5
• Netherlands	7.8
• Poland	7.9
• Portugal	8.5
• Spain	8.9
• Sweden	8
• Switzerland	7.7
• Turkey	7.7
• United Kingdom	7.3

### Successful candidates Budapest, Hungary

Dániel Bányai  
Imre Bóde  
Balázs Bodrogi  
Gábor Bódy  
Csaba Bognár  
Iván Dombovári  
István Domján  
Zoltán Fekete  
Csaba Kerchner  
Szabolcs Krizsán  
Gábor Merth  
Dénes Nagy  
Marsel Nallbani  
Márton Ragán  
László Sebestyén  
Tamás Takács  
András Thóman  
Ákos Tordé  
Attila Veres

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### Successful candidates Warsaw, Poland

Przemysław Adamczyk  
Robert Bakula  
Andrzej Bogdanowicz  
Ewa Bres - Niewada  
Marcin Chlabicz  
Piotr Chwastek  
Piotr Cwenaar  
Piotr Dzigowski  
Magdalena Duda  
Dominik Godlewski  
Marek Kaczorowski  
Paweł Klonowski  
Andrzej Kupilas  
Piotr Kuzaka  
Artur Lemiński  
Roman Lowicki  
Witold Malendowicz  
Michał Malek  
Adam Marcheluk  
Marek Niekurzak  
Paweł Orłowski  
Emilia Pawłowska - Krajka  
Piotr Petrasz  
Rafał Purpurowicz  
Jerzy Sroczyński  
Krzysztof Wegrzyn  
Andrzej Wiczorek  
Piotr Wilk

## The EBU Exams: A Dutch perspective

### EBU exams contribute to achieving standardised urology training in Europe



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At the end of each year all Dutch urological residents participate in a national written examination on various urological topics. Nevertheless, during my final year as a urology resident, I decided to put myself to the test by taking the European Board of Urology's (EBU) written and oral examinations to complete my training.

To prepare for the EBU examinations, and based on the many positive recommendations from colleagues, I first attended the European Residents Education Programme (EUREP) meeting in Prague from August 28 to September 2, 2009. Organised by the European School of Urology (ESU), the EUREP provides a wide range of lectures given by international urological experts.

The EUREP lectures were interesting and prompted good interaction between the faculty and the participants. It is therefore an almost ideal

preparation for the EBU written examination, which was to be the 'grand finale' of the week. Unfortunately, due to a bankruptcy of the airline company that was to take the Dutch delegation back to Amsterdam, we were unable to take the exam right away. The next examination was held on November 21, 2009 in Amsterdam. The exam consisted of 150 multiple-choice-questions on many urological subjects, ranging from molecular biology to transplantation issues and surgical anatomy. A tough challenge which fortunately I passed, along with many fellow participants!

For me to acquire the 'Fellow of the European Board of Urology' (FEBU) title, only the FEBU oral examination remained. This final test was scheduled in Brussels on June 5 this year. Unlike the written examination this oral test only involves clinical urological subjects, which are tested in three to four case discussions before a panel of two urological experts.

The cases were discussed based on medical history, additional investigations and the various treatment options. During the discussions, the EAU Guidelines were primarily used as reference book. After the morning session, we slipped away from the examination venue to enjoy a well-deserved lunch with refreshing Belgian beer at the beautiful Grand Place of Brussels. In the afternoon the exam results were released and the FEBU Diplomas were presented. Thus, I had a very successful day in Brussels!

The issuance of my FEBU diploma came with a printed reminder clarifying that the FEBU title is a 'Mark of Excellence,' a professional qualification that does not confer a legal right to practise urology in Europe or elsewhere. To me this provides food for thought. The aims of the EBU are significant and that is '...to promote and harmonise the highest level of Urological training in Europe.' And with the initiatives from various urological groups to train young resident urologists, these goals are achievable. Moreover, with assessment programmes such as the FEBU exams these objectives can be validated.

Nowadays, there is a growing move for the certification and registration of medical specialists worldwide. Such demands can be met internationally by a standardised European Urological training programme, validated exams and a uniform certification.

In some European countries the FEBU written examination is already used as part of the national exit examinations for final year residents (e.g. Switzerland, The Netherlands and Austria). In other countries both the written and oral FEBU exams are an official part of the exit examinations (Hungary and Poland). Such moves to officially integrate the FEBU exams in the national programmes would stimulate uniformity amongst the European countries and provide an important step towards achieving the EBU's objectives.