



European Board of Urology

MEETING EUROPEAN BOARD OF UROLOGY MINUTES

Date: Saturday 6 May 2023

Time: 08:00-10:00 hrs.

Venue: Courtyard Vilnius City Center, Lithuania

Attendees

Executive Committee

Jeroen van Moorselaar : President
Arnaldo Figueiredo : Immediate past president
Archil Chkhotua : Secretary
Jose Dominguez Escrig : Secretary Elect
Guy Bogaert : Treasurer
Karl German : Chairman Accreditation Committee
Magne Dimmen : Chairman Certification Committee
Serdar Tekgül : Chairman Examination Committee

National Delegates

Manuela Hiess : Austria
Igor Tomašković : Croatia
Michal Fedorko : Czechia
Teija Parpala : Finland
Alekszander Khelaia : Georgia
Thomas Quack : Germany
Joachim Steffens : Germany
Athanasios Zachariou : Greece
Ákos Pytel : Hungary
Francesco Esperto : Italy
Edgars Baumanis : Latvia
Mindaugas Jievaltas : Lithuania
Arunas Zelvys : Lithuania
Patrick Krombach : Luxembourg
Steve Mattocks : Malta
Han van der Zee : Netherlands
Stig Müller : Norway
Michal Skrzypczyk : Poland
Frederico Gonçalves : Slovakia
Lars Henningsohn : Sweden
Philipp Baumeister : Switzerland
Hansjörg Danuser : Switzerland
Yasar Ozgok : Turkey
Jan Nawrocki : United Kingdom

Office

Wilma Gietman : Executive Director (minutes)
Sigrid Beijert : Office Assistant

1. Welcome

J. van Moorselaar opens the meeting by welcoming the attendees. He thanks the Lithuanian members, M. Jievaltas and A. Zelvys, for hosting the meeting.

2. Board meeting 8 October 2022-Approve minutes

J. Nawrocki (UK) and H. van der Zee (Netherlands) were present but not listed. Including this correction, the minutes are approved as an accurate record.

Further to the minutes, H. van der Zee asks about the status of the ESRU survey on "Residency training in Urology across Europe".

According to G. Bogaert the survey is distributed amongst ESRU members in the next few weeks. A report is expected at the next board meeting.

3. Reports

3.1. President - Prof. Dr. Jeroen van Moorselaar

a. The statutes of the Foundation European Board of Urology, article 2.1., state "The objective of the foundation are to ensure that optimal urological care is rendered to the public in the countries of the Council of Europe by taking the following measures:"

The Council of Europe represents 46 countries. Countries that are currently not represented in our board will be invited to join considering:

- >100 urologists per country may nominate 2 delegates;
- Participation is subject to payment of the membership fee.

b. FEBU revalidation

The Executive's proposal to introduce FEBU revalidation every 5 years based on the CME system starting next year leads to a discussion; some objections shared by members:

- CME credits relate to activities attended (quantity) versus obtaining knowledge (quality).
- Specialist training is based on national legislation. Although EBU can recommend a urologist to collect CME credits, it is not in the position to demand this to anyone.
- It is illogical to revalidate a diploma that is not a license to practise.
- The principle is not applied internally when it concerns the nomination of board members or FEBU examiners.
- FEBU is license to practise in Hungary (and Poland); the Hungarian Urological Society will discontinue the FEBU exams if revalidation is introduced according to A. Pytel. Revalidation of the license to practice is already in place.
- FEBUs represent a small group of urologists of about 10%; the revalidation process will not reach the other 90%.
- Our focus should be on increasing the number of FEBUs, e.g. in France and United Kingdom.
- The majority of urologist in Germany do not collect CME.

Other members do not foresee any issue and claim that a process of revalidation based on CME is already in place in their country and should therefore not cause any issues for FEBUs.

- Being a FEBU is proof that one is above average; continuous education should already be common practise.
- In Poland the CME process is in place; accumulating 50 credits per year is not difficult.

Van Moorselaar adds that the aim is to stimulate active participation in continuous medical education. The FEBU title is granted after having passed the exams; it is not a licence to practice. Losing the FEBU title due to lack of the required number of CME credits, does not affect one's ability to practise urology.

The EU-ACME system is in place to support the members in this process.

According to Tekgöl FEBU revalidation is not a legal issue in any way; nor is it aimed at taking anyone's right to practise. The FEBU title is a mark of quality and has a certain value; the aim is to maintain the value by participating in continuous medical education and keeping record of the accrued credits. Also, many countries have a revalidation system based on CME in place; we take the initiative before we are obliged to do so by legislation. A decision about the FEBU revalidation is not taken and we will discuss the matter in next board meetings.

3.2. Secretary - Prof. Archil Chkhotua

- Concerning the FEBU revalidation he comments that it may affect the number of participants taking the examinations; it is a risk we take. On the other hand it is important for urologist to keep knowledge up to date and it makes sense to introduce a revalidation process.
 - The Executive Committee is proposing to nominate two of its members for upcoming positions:
 - President Elect: Serdar Tekgöl
 - Secretary Elect: Magne Dimmen
- The board accepts these nominations.

3.3. Accreditation Committee - Dr. Karl German

The current draft of the 'European Training Requirements in Urology' as prepared by the committee has been accepted by the UEMS at its last meeting in May. Further revision of the document is ongoing.

3.4. Certification Committee - Mr. Magne Dimmen

The number of centres applying for certification of the Residency Training Programme RTPU has decreased from 86 to 75 certified centres.

The committee will look into the question why less centres apply for recertification: is it considered too expensive or not relevant?

3.5. Examination Committee - Prof. Dr. Serdar Tekgöl

There are no comments or questions based on the presentation.

3.6. Treasurer - Prof. Dr. Guy Bogaert

A detailed presentation on the financial situation will be prepared for the next board meeting.

4. Vacancy/Nomination

Chkhotua reports that two members have been appointed as EBU representatives in the European Board of Paediatric Urology (EBPU).

- Yazan Rawashdeh (Denmark); and
- Manuela Hiess (Austria)

5. Honouring parting members

Three members are honoured for their contributions:

- Arnaldo Figueiredo (Portugal)
- Jan Nawrocki (United Kingdom)
- Edgars Baumanis (Latvia)

6. Board meeting 6-7 October 2023 in The Hague

Van der Zee gives a short presentation.

7. Closing

Van Moorselaar thanks the attendees and closes the meeting at 10:15.