

>>> FEBU EXAMS: EXPANDING INTERNATIONALLY



First FEBU International Diploma Holders at Historic Launch of FEBU Oral Exam in India

The year 2025 began for the European Board of Urology with the realization of our new project of introducing the FEBU exams in India. On January 12, 2025, the updated Part 2 FEBU International Oral Exam (formerly known as the EBU International Certificate Exam) was held on Indian soil for the first time. The event achieved an impressive 93% pass rate, reflecting the exceptional level of knowledge and diagnostic expertise demonstrated by the candidates.

Dr. Anil Kumar Shah from Nepal, traveling across borders to participate in the exam.

Dr. Mekhala Naik made history as the first Indian female urologist to obtain the FEBU International title.

Dr. Gurpremjot Singh demonstrated remarkable performance that earned him the highest score of the exam.



We congratulate all successful candidates on this achievement!

>>> ISA: A GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY FOR UROLOGY TRAINEES

This year's edition of our most popular exam, the In-Service Assessment (ISA), has come to a close with the release of results on March 18, 2025. The assessment, held on March 10-14, successfully reached 900 participants from 36 countries. Results are now available, offering valuable insights into the progress and knowledge gaps of participants.



More Than a Test

The In-Service Assessment (ISA) is a formative, remote online test consisting of 105 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) designed to assess knowledge in urology. It provides a unique opportunity for urology trainees and their supervisors to evaluate their current level of expertise and pinpoint areas for improvement. The test is designed with no pass or fail outcomes, instead offering participants a percentage score reflecting the number of correct answers, along with detailed validation comments on every answer. This makes the ISA not just a test, but a comprehensive learning tool. This approach allows trainees to gain constructive feedback without the pressure of traditional exam results.

Global Reach

Not only is the ISA ideal for urology trainees in terms of content, but also accessible at any stage of their career, offering a flexible, global opportunity for self-assessment. Available worldwide, it has no specific eligibility criteria, comes at an affordable fee, and allows participants to take the test within a 5-day period, at any time of the day.

Future Goals

- **Increase registrations:** Currently, the ISA receives around 1,000 registrations annually from 40 countries. We aim to grow this number further.
- **Broaden geographic reach:** While the ISA is taken by facilities in countries like Malaysia, Singapore, UAE, and Pakistan, participation from some European countries remains low. We plan to explore new promotional strategies to increase awareness in these regions.
- **Expand global visibility:** Our goal is to promote the ISA worldwide, ensuring more urology trainees are aware of this valuable educational tool.
- **Improve completion rates:** We have noticed that some registered participants do not take the test. Analyzing the reasons for this will help us enhance engagement and maximize participation.

By focusing on these goals, we aim to strengthen the ISA's impact and accessibility within the global urology community.

Feedback from the Field

Throughout the month, participants will have access to detailed feedback on their performance from the March In-Service Assessment. We, in turn, are always open to feedback from the candidates and highly value their perspectives on the assessment process itself. In this section, we share some of their thoughts on the assessment.



Carlos Toribio-Vazquez, Spain
Resident at Hospital Universitario La Paz (2024)
Participant ISA 2021-22
FEBU (2024)

“I would absolutely recommend participating in the In-Service Assessment, especially if FEBU title is your purpose. It's a perfect starting point. First, you take the In-Service Assessment and you're shocked that you don't know so much; you start to study. Then you do the exam and usually it goes OK. It's like a path you take step by step.”

Elisabeth Schothorst, Germany
Resident at St. Antonius-Hospital Gronau
Participant ISA 2019-24
FEBU (2024)

“ISA was hospital's requirement but I have no regrets taking it. Usually, urology residents focus on one main specialty, and In-Service Assessment really gives you an idea to see what else is there in Urology and reminds you that you have to learn other things as well. ISA can make you pretty depressed: you see some questions and you think “I've no idea”. And then you read it up and become better.”

Jasper Cornette, Belgium – Resident at Gent University Hospital (2024)
Participant ISA 2022-23
FEBU (2024)



“ISA was suggested by my mentor at the University Gent Hospital. I took it voluntarily. Next year I took it again to see my progress. The test highlights your knowledge gaps and shows what you have to focus on. You have to take it seriously, though, if you do want to see progress. Some residents stress out because of the results, but it is not the points you should worry about but work on the areas that need improvement.”

>>> ETR: GET YOUR COPY

We are pleased to announce that the updated European Training Requirements (ETR) in Urology has been submitted to the UEMS.

The final document is now available for download on our website. Simply scan the QR code to access the full ETR document and explore the updated requirements for urology training.



>>> RTPU CERTIFICATION: APPLY NOW

The members of our Certification Committee have never time to rest, evaluating Residency Training Programmes. Currently, eleven centres are awaiting the evaluation of their Residency Training Programmes in Urology, which, if successful, will grant them the EBU certification, recognizing their dedication to maintaining the highest standards in medical training.

If you are interested in adding the name of your training centre to the list of EBU-certified institutions, [submit your application](#) now!

>>> JOIN US IN CORK: OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Dear EBU members, we are looking forward to welcoming you at the upcoming Board Meeting in Cork, Ireland!



>>> DATES TO REMEMBER

BOARD MEETINGS

9-10 May - Cork, Ireland

10-11 October - Athens, Greece

EXAMS

3 May - *Part 2 FEBU Int. Oral Exam*
Cairo, Egypt

21 June - *Part 2 FEBU Oral Exam*
Leuven, Belgium

13 November - *Part 1 FEBU Written Exam*
online

2025

REGISTRATION

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JULY 2025