

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: FEBU ORAL EXAM 2026



Thirty-two editions on, the FEBU Oral Exam continues to represent the highest standard of postgraduate assessment in European urology. While the venues, format and procedures have evolved over the years, one principle has never changed: maintaining a rigorous, fair and independent assessment of the knowledge, clinical competence and diagnostic reasoning expected of every future FEBU.

The Final Stop: Europe

The 2026 FEBU Oral Exam cycle reached its culmination on 20 June, when the European Board of Urology held its flagship examination simultaneously across five countries—Türkiye, Greece, Poland, Hungary and Belgium. Following the successful FEBU International Oral Examinations in January in Indore, India, and in April in Cairo, Egypt, the June session brought together the largest cohort of candidates.

By the Numbers

Results, released on 13 July, reflect a strong overall performance across all five locations.

LOCATION	CANDIDATES	PASS	FAIL	PASS RATE
Athens	23	23	0	100%
Budapest	24	24	0	100%
Warsaw	66	65	1	99%
Ankara	63	54	9	86%
Leuven	240	227	13	95%
TOTAL	416	393	23	94%



Oral Exam 2026 - Athens

With the FEBU diplomas now issued, the 2026 FEBU Oral Exam has come to a close. The latest successful candidates join a growing community of **8.361** FEBU and **179** FEBU International diploma holders worldwide.

Follow Us in Leuven

For the fourth consecutive year, the Belgian city of Leuven served as the hub of the European edition of the exam, welcoming 240 candidates and 42 examiners from 21 countries at UZ Leuven, alongside the EBU team on site. The exam was delivered using their online platform assessmentQ.

Unlike other FEBU Oral Exam locations, Leuven and Budapest adopted a unique format: the exam was pre-recorded and taken on an e-platform in the presence of a live examiner. All responses were recorded and subsequently assessed remotely by a second examiner, ensuring a highly structured and objective evaluation process.



The FEBU Oral Exam in Leuven followed a demanding schedule, with candidates completing seven sessions of 60 minutes each—four in the morning and three in the afternoon. Given the format, candidates were not permitted to leave after their individual session. Instead, they were taken to a supervised sequestering area and remained there until the final session of the morning or afternoon schedule had concluded.



While this made for a long examination day, it also created a unique environment for interaction. Candidates from different countries had the opportunity to meet, exchange experiences, and engage in informal discussions, turning the waiting period into a valuable opportunity for professional networking and international peer exchange.



Traditionally, the FEBU Oral Exam concluded with the EBU afterparty, bringing together everyone involved. Candidates, examiners and members of the EBU team came together

as colleagues to unwind after an intensive day. Good food, lively conversations and shared experiences created the perfect setting to relax, socialise and celebrate another successful FEBU Oral Exam.



Leuven: EBU Afterparty



From the Outset to Many Years Ahead



Prof. Tekgül (left) and Prof. Nijman (right)

One of the highlights of the exam day was honouring Prof. Dr. **Rien Nijman** for his long-term commitment and invaluable contribution to the FEBU Exams. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. **Serdar Tekgül** spoke highly of Prof. Nijman's dedication and lasting contribution to the EBU.

Prof. Dr. Nijman has been part of the EBU journey from its very beginning. Not only was he there when the first FEBU Exam took place in 1992 in Genoa, Italy, but he was also among those who helped shape the concept of the exam.

As Prof. Dr. Nijman retires from his duties, his involvement with the EBU will not end. As Prof. Tekgül aptly put it, "No one actually retires from EBU." He will continue to share his experience and advice with the Board when needed.

Special Guests

The FEBU Oral Exam in Leuven also welcomed two special visitors. Assoc. Prof. **Mikolaj Przydacz** attended on behalf of the Polish Urological Association. While FEBU Written and Oral Exams are already integrated into Poland's national urology assessment pathway, the oral exam is currently conducted in a traditional format. His visit provided an opportunity to evaluate the pre-recorded online format and its assessment methodology as a potential model for future implementation. After observing the process from start to finish, he praised both the organisation and the format.

Dr. **Marcos Machado** of Brazil, who visited while in the area on business, was equally impressed. Having not encountered a similar format before, he highlighted its structure and objectivity, describing it as an excellent way to assess the knowledge and competences of future urologists.

IN A NUTSHELL: EBU KEY UPDATES

Armenia and Ukraine join EBU

We are pleased to welcome four new members as Armenia and Ukraine join the list of EBU member countries. Prof. **Armen Avoyan** and Dr. **Arman Tsaturyan** represent the Armenian Association of Urology, while Prof. **Volodymyr Lisovoy** and Prof. **Oleksandr Shulyak** represent the Ukrainian Urological Association.

New Chair of the Certification Committee

Ioannis Varkarakis, Associate Professor of Urology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, has taken over as Chair of the EBU Certification Committee. We thank his predecessor, Mr **Magne Dimmen**, for his fruitful term and are pleased that he will continue his involvement as an EBU Board member.

Registration for FEBU Written Exam Is Now Open

Registration for the upcoming FEBU Part 1 Written Exam is now open and will remain available until 1 October 2026. The exam, conducted with online supervision, will take place on 12 November, 14:30-16:30 CET. Visit our [website](#) for more details.

Shannon Castillo joins the EBU team permanently

After two short-term contracts, we are delighted that **Shannon Castillo** has accepted our offer to join the EBU team as a permanent colleague. Together with Wilma, Sigrid and Nataliia, who has now returned to work following her leave, Shannon will contribute to strengthening the team and supporting the EBU's new goals and endeavours.

Welcome to Oslo - EBU Board Meeting in November

The next EBU Board meeting will take place on 9-10 October in Norway. The meeting will be hosted by Assoc. Prof. **Stig Müller** in his hometown of Oslo. The programme includes committee meetings on Friday and the Board meeting on Saturday, where ongoing and future initiatives will be discussed. Fortunately, there will also be ample time for socialising.



Events Calendar

9-10 OCT

EBU Board Meeting

Oslo, Norway

12 NOV

FEBU Part 1 Written Exam

Online via assessmentQ

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