european board of urology

MEETING EUROPEAN BOARD OF UROLOGY
MINUTES

Date : Friday 8 May 2026
Time : 15:45-17:00 CEST
Format : Online via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Country	Name	Role
Austria	Michael Rauchenwald	President
Spain	José Domínguez Escrig	Secretary
Belgium	Guy Bogaert	Treasurer
Türkiye	Serdar Tekgül	President Elect
Georgia	Archil Chkhotua	Chair Accreditation Cie
Norway	Magne Dimmen	Chair Certification Cie & Secretary Elect
Norway	Stig Müller	Chair Examination Cie
Office	Wilma Gietman	Executive Director
Office	Sigrid Beijert	Office Assistant
Office	Nataliia Khalabuda	Office Assistant
Office	Shannon Castillo	Examination Assistant

Country	Name	Role
Armenia	Armen Avoyan	Member
Armenia	Arman Tsaturyan	Member
Austria	Manuela Hiess	Member
Austria	Marianne Leitsmann	Member
Croatia	Igor Tomašković	Member
Czech Republic	Michal Fedorko	Member
Estonia	Mihhail Kovtun	Member
Finland	Senja Jousmaki	Member
Finland	Timo Nykopp	Member
France	Julien Branchereau	Member
Georgia	Alekzander Khelaia	Member
Germany	Thomas Quack	Member
Germany	Joachim Steffens	Member
Greece	Evangelos Fragkiadis	Member
Greece	Ioannis Varkarakis	Member
Hungary	Miklós Damásdi	Member
Hungary	Miklós Romics	Member
Ireland	Derek Hennessey	Member
Italy	Carlo Bettocchi	Member
Italy	Nicola Longo	Member
Latvia	Juris Jansons	Member
Lithuania	Arunas Zelvys	Member
Luxembourg	Patrick Krombach	Member
Malta	Steve Mattocks	Member
Malta	John Sciberras	Member
Netherlands	Benjamin Doornweerd	Member
Netherlands	Jeroen Van Moorselaar	Member
Poland	Michał Skrzypczyk	Member
Poland	Michał Soczawa	Member
Portugal	Isaac Campos Braga	Member
Portugal	Catarina Diogo Gameiro	Member
Romania	Cristian Mirvald	Member
Slovakia	Lenka Barreto	Member
Slovakia	Ján Švihra	Member
Slovenia	Jure Bizjak	Member
Slovenia	Uroš Kacjan	Member
Sweden	Bianca Scholtz	Member
Switzerland	Philipp Baumeister	Member
Switzerland	Alexander Müller	Member
Türkiye	Haluk Erol	Member
Türkiye	Saban Sarikaya	Member

1. **Welcome**
The President, Michael Rauchenwald, opens the meeting by welcoming the attendees.

2. Board Meeting 11 October 2025-Approval minutes
The minutes are approved. There are no issues arising from the minutes.

3. Reports by the Executive Board
For a copy of the presentations please follow the link below
https://www.ebu.com/home/our-board/board-meeting-information/

3.1. President
Michael Rauchenwald confirms the nominations of two Executive Board members:
-Guy Bogaert: Treasurer 2nd term
-John Varkarakis: Chair Certification Committee 1st term

He invites all members to actively engage in, promote, and support the work of the board and its committees. Open communication is valued, and members are encouraged to share the perspectives and needs of their societies to help build a strong and successful partnership.

3.2. Accreditation Committee – report by Archil Chkhotua
The presentation deals with two topics.
- European Training Requirements (ETR) document: In conjunction with UEMS ETR Review Committee the ETR version 2025 has been updated significantly.
In terms of the ETR version 2026, further information will be shared concerning the endorsement by the national societies and how it can be implemented on a national level.

-Sub-specialty certification**:** The concept of subspecialty certification has been under discussion for some time. Archil Chkhotua and Carlo Bettochi (Chair of the EAU Section of Andrological Urology) have further developed the concept by establishing criteria for subspecialisation in Andrology. The proposal will require thorough consideration by the committee, the Executive Boards of the EBU and EAU.

3.3. Certification Committee – report by Magne Dimmen
He presents an overview of certified training programmes:
-Residency Training Programme in Urology (RTPU): 68 programmes in 21 countries
-European Urology Scholarship Programme (EUSP): 58 programmes/35 centres in 12 countries.

The committee significantly revised and simplified the RTPU application form, which is expected to make the application process more accessible.

Guy Bogaert notes that, although France has multiple EUSP host centres, it does not currently have any certified RTPUs. Julien Branchereau adds that he and his co-delegate, Véronique Phé, are developing a strategy to introduce RTPU certification in France.

3.4. Examination Committee – report by Stig Müller

-The FEBU International oral exams have become increasingly popular for urologists from outside Europe. Candidates in the 2026 exams presented themselves as highly-motivated and well-prepared. Pass rates:
-India: 100%
-Egypt: 73%.
-The committee is working on cleaning up the MCQ database and considers means to further develop the FEBU revalidation/Lifelong Learning project.

3.5. Treasurer – report by Guy Bogaert

Looking back on his first term, he highlights the significant work that went into achieving a positive financial balance. Key words are defined as simplification, cost discipline and direct operational management. In collaboration with the Executive Board, he will work on strategies to enhance and sustain a strong financial position.

4. Next meeting 9-10 October 2026 in Oslo, Norway

The host of this meeting, Stig Müller, shares a short presentation about the programme.

5. Any other business

Michael Rauchenwald informs the attendees about the board meetings 2027.
-May: To be announced if it is held onsite or online;
-October 2027: Further to the invitation from the French Association of Urology, the meeting will be held in Nantes.

6. Closing

Michael Rauhenwald thanks the members for their participation and closes the meeting.