



European Board of Urology

## ANNOUNCEMENT 2009 EBU IN-SERVICE ASSESSMENT

The EBU Examination Committee organises the 14<sup>th</sup> annual In-Service Assessment on:

**Date : Friday, 13 February 2009**  
**Time : 14H00 – 16H00**

The 2009 In-Service Assessment can be done in either one of the following:

- a) Online assessment.**
- b) Written/paper assessment.**

The EBU In-Service Assessment is offered in the **English** language and consists of 100 multiple choice questions covering all fields of urology. Each question has four alternatives of which only one is the correct or best answer. During the assessment no books or other sources of information are allowed (closed book assessment).

### Introduction

Self assessment and regular testing of ability and knowledge are very powerful teaching modalities. The European Board of Urology offers the annual 'In-Service Assessment in Urology' to all trainees in urology.

Through this assessment programme directors (and residents) are able to identify deficiencies - also related to specific subtopics - allowing them to specifically target those areas in future studies. As each trainee is identified by experience (duration of training) a comparison with other trainees can be made. Qualified urologists can also participate and are allocated to a separate peer group.

### Local organisation

#### **a) Online Assessment**

The online assessment is available through the EBU website. The only requirement for candidates is to have (standard) internet access during the assessment period.

Candidates receive a login code and a password and have two (2) hours to complete the assessment. The results (number of correct answers) will be available directly after the session.

Since internet access is the only requirement to participate, there are no restrictions as to where the test is taken. All participants take the test between **14H00 – 16H00 local time**.

#### **b) Written Assessment**

The assessment will only be organised in training institutes that have applied for participation. All participants take the test between **14H00 – 16H00 local time**.

Sets of questions are mailed to the programme directors in advance as well as detailed guidelines. Programme directors are responsible for all procedures which include supervision and the collection of answer sheets and sets of questions after the assessment.

The answer sheets should be sent to the EBU Office in Arnhem within 2 days after the test.

Programme directors registering 10 or more candidates will receive one set of the MCQs and make the required number of copies for their participants.

### Statistical analysis

For the statistical analysis, the scores of all candidates are combined. Individual scores for each subtopic are generated alongside the group results and – if applicable – of the various peer groups, allowing comparison between different groups.

After the assessment all participants receive a report by regular postal mail. Individual results are only disclosed to the participant, and the members of the EBU Examination Committee.

**Results are not made public or disclosed to other parties.**

### Procedure

#### 1. Registration period:

Registration will begin on Monday, 3 November 2008 and ends on Wednesday, 7 January 2009 and is done through the EBU website: [www.ebu.com](http://www.ebu.com).

#### 2. Registration:

##### a) Online assessment:

- Registration is open for both the institute and individual participants.

##### b) Written assessment:

- All candidates should be registered **through the institute**; all assessment-related documents will be sent to the programme director.
- Registration is not open to individual participants.

#### 3. Payment:

- Institutes: All costs will be charged to the institute. Payment of the invoice is to be done by the institute, either by bank transfer or by credit card. Settlement of the invoice by the individual participants is **not accepted**.
- Individuals: Payment of the assessment fee can only be done through credit card.

### Registration fee per participant

EUR 50: written assessment

EUR 35: online assessment

EUR 25 : written and online assessment organised in EBU Certified Training Centres.

### MCQ booklets

The EBU has published MCQ booklets of previous assessments (2003-2008) including the correct answers. An order form is enclosed.

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