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EUROPEAN BOARD FELLOWSHIP "Upper GI SURGERY"

The European Board of Surgery, the European Board of Thoracic Surgery and the Division of Upper GI Surgery of the UEMS conduct in cooperation with the European Society for Diseases of the Esophagus an

UEMS Board Examination in Upper GI Surgery

in Milano (18th November 2020)

prior to the 2020 Congress of ESDE IGCA 19th – 21th November (<http://www.esdeesophagus.org>).

Candidates successfully passing the examination will be qualified as

"Fellow of the European Board of Surgery/ Thoracic Surgery/Upper GI - F.E.B.S. or F.E.B.T.S./UGI"

The Fellowship of the UEMS is a significant high-level indication of professional competence and excellence. It basically reflects the ongoing important European standardization, harmonization and quality assurance process in medicine. The Fellowship also considers the concept of providing qualifications for "transferable competencies" and enhance professional development and migration. The 2020 ESDE meeting in Milano is the sixth occasion to apply for the UEMS OG Fellowship.

The qualification process for the Fellowship consists in a 2-step process: **Eligibility** and **Examination**. All details about the **Eligibility** process, application forms and precise information about the **Examination** are published on the homepage of the Section of Surgery of the UEMS, and the Section of Thoracic Surgery www.uemsthorax.eu

In addition **Honorary Fellowship Diploma** may be awarded to academic and/or senior surgeons in advanced position on invitation, on personal recommendation and on request at the discretion of the Board of Upper GI Surgery

The **EBS/EBTS Upper GI Surgery Examination** in Milano will be conducted in English. It consists of MCQ (multiple choice question) test with 100 items and an OSCE (objective structured clinical examination) circuit with 6 stations, each 20 minutes (one or two day session dependent on applicants). The thematical weighting of the MCQ questions is according to the "Blueprint OG Surgery".

The OSCE circuit consists in clinical pathways and typical cases that may include photographs and radiologic pictures. The focus is on structured short questions and answers on diagnosis, treatment and decision paths following everyday clinical surgical practice.

MCQ and OSCE are weighted 50% each for the overall result, passing threshold is 75% from total.

The European Fellowship does not implicate automatic allowance to work at own responsibility and does not automatically enhance participation in national social security systems of the E.U.

Take the opportunity to achieve a high-level European qualification!

Looking forward to seeing you in Milano,

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