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»»» NEW LOGO - SAME VALUES

In our debut Newsletter, we are excited to unveil the new logo for the European Board of Urology.

While our previous logo has become a recognisable symbol in the postgraduate urology training niche, the rapidly evolving landscape of the contemporary world calls for a fresh identity.

The new design reflects our commitment to innovation and responsiveness to change, and will be placed and displayed on all related documents and platforms.

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We believe that this update allows us to connect more effectively with our audience while embracing modern communication channels.

Though our visual identity may be changing, our core values remain steadfast. We continue to uphold our dedication to excellence, collaboration, and the advancement of urological education and practice across Europe.

Join us as we embark on this new chapter, proudly carrying forward the legacy of our founding principles with a forward-looking design.

The year 2024 has become a pivotal one for the European Board of Urology, bringing significant changes in both the format and delivery of the *Part 1 Written* and *Part 2 Oral* exams. On June 8, the *Part 1 FEBU Oral Exam* was conducted for the 30th time, awarding 400 young urologists across Europe the title of *Fellow of the European Board of Urology*.

We are extremely proud of the progress we have achieved, made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Examination Committee and our new partner, Televic, whose e-platform assessmentQ has elevated our exam delivery to a new level.

• PART 1 WRITTEN EXAM

November 14, 2024 marked a memorable date for both exam participants and the EBU team, as the *Part 1 Written Exam* was launched for the first time on the assessmentQ e-platform in partnership with ProctorExam.

This new format allows candidates to take the exam online under the supervision of a proctor. While this option eliminates the need to take the exam at a testing center, it ensures reliability and transparency, provided candidates meet the established requirements. The results are now out demonstrating the pass rate of 84% and granting about 500 participants participation in *Part 2 Oral Exam*.



• FEBU INTERNATIONAL EXAMS

For a few years, the European Board of Urology has offered urologists certified outside of EBU member countries the opportunity to evaluate their knowledge of urology against European standards through the *EBU International Certificate Exams*.

On November 14, 2024, the *Part 1 Written Exam* was conducted in India for the very first time. This landmark event not only represents a significant achievement for the Indian urological community and the EBU but also introduces the updated format of the exam - *International Fellow of the EBU* exams.



On 12 January, 2025, *Part 2 Oral Exam* will take place in the Indian Chennai granting successful participants the title of *FEBU International*.

• FEBU REVALIDATION

Starting in 2025, the title of *FEBU* will be valid for five years, introducing a system of revalidation designed to promote ongoing professional development. This revalidation will utilise a credit system, allowing FEBUs to earn credits through various educational activities and contributions to the field. By implementing this concept of lifelong learning, the European Board of Urology aims to ensure that FEBUs continue to uphold the highest standards of urological practice and expertise. This initiative not only reinforces our commitment to excellence but also fosters a culture of continuous improvement within the urological community.

NB! FEBU diplomas obtained before 2025 do not require revalidation.



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The EBU proudly represents 29 countries, with our members actively contributing to the ongoing mission of elevating urology training standards every day. Twice a year, the EBU members get together to shape the future of European urology. The autumn edition of the Board meeting in Düsseldorf, Germany demonstrated effective teamwork leading to important decisions and ambitious plans. It was filled with warm smiles, welcoming the new members, engaging conversations, and cherished time spent with colleagues and friends. We had to share some moments of sadness, too, saying farewell to longstanding members whose energy and expertise have greatly benefited the EBU.

»»» “NEW BLOOD” EXECUTIVE BOARD

We are pleased to announce the appointment of new members to our Executive Committee, effective October 2024.



Dr. Michael Rauchenwald has taken over the role of President from Prof. Jeroen van Moorselaar, whose term has now concluded. Dr. Rauchenwald is a decorated urologist, university lecturer in urology, and the head of the Urologe Rauchenwald practice. His research focuses on urological cancer, oncology, urological buttonhole surgery, laparoscopy, erectile dysfunction, urological stone disease, and pediatric urology.

Dr. José Dominguez Escrig is assuming the role of Secretary, taking over from Prof. Archil Chkhotua, who has also completed his term. Dr. Dominguez Escrig is a Consultant Urology Surgeon at the Fundación Instituto Valenciano de Oncología (I.V.O.) in Valencia, an expert in uro-oncology and endourology, and the author of more than 130 publications. He is a longstanding member of the EBU Examination Committee.



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»»» WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming the new members of the European Board of Urology!



»»» GOOD BYE AND THANK YOU

We would like to take a moment to recognise and honour the exceptional contributions of our esteemed EBU member representing Czech Republic. With over 15 years of dedicated service on the Certification Committee, his commitment to advancing urology standards and supporting fellow professionals has been invaluable. Thank you, Milan Hora!



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»»» EBU CERTIFICATION 2024: BACK ON TRACK

Members of the Certification Committee held a productive meeting to review the achievements of 2024, a successful year in which 15 medical institutions earned EBU certification.

Meet the EBU-certified centres whose RTPUs have been successfully evaluated for the first time:

- 1-ST TERM**
- Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark
 - Koç University Hospital, Türkiye

And the more experienced teams who keep the bar high:

- 2-ND TERM**
- AZ Maria Middelaes, Belgium
 - University of Helsinki, Finland
 - Sykehuset i Vestfold, Norway
 - Gdansk Medical University, Poland
 - Bagcilar Research and Training Hospital, Türkiye

- 3-RD TERM**
- Landeskrankenhaus Salzburg-Universitätsklinikum der PMU, Austria
 - LKH Wiener Neustadt, Austria
 - Mater Dei Hospital Malta, Malta
 - Kantonsspital Winterthur, Switzerland

- 4-TH TERM**
- The University Clinical Centre of the Medical University of Warsaw, Poland
 - Fundació Puigvert, Spain

- 5-TH TERM**
- Klinikum der Stadt Ludwigshafen, Germany
 - Central Hospital of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

»»» EBU ACCREDITATION: FROM VISION TO STANDARD



It was a moment of pride for the Accreditation Committee as its members reported a significant achievement in their long-term project: the finalisation of the European Training Requirements in Urology (ETR). Initiated by Dr. Karl German, the former Accreditation Committee Chairman, and further developed under the leadership of the current Chairman, Archil Chkhotua, the document has been amended and approved by the Board. It is now awaiting submission to UEMS to officially become the first document to define the foundational standards of the urology specialty in Europe.



Dr. K. German



Prof. A. Chkhotua

>>> DATES TO REMEMBER

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue building on this year's achievements. Below, you'll find a list of important dates to mark on your calendar.

- **BOARD MEETINGS**

9-10 May - Cork, Ireland

10-11 October - Athens, Greece

- **EXAMS**

12 January *Part 2 FEBU Int. Oral Exam*
Chennai, India

10-14 March - *In-Service Assessment*
online

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

*FEBU exams are subject to eligibility criteria.



2025

REGISTRATION

CLOSED

OPEN

Deadline: 15 February

TBA

OPEN

Deadline: 1 March

TBA

We look forward to your active participation in the events and initiatives that will shape the future of urology. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for your ongoing support!

