

Newsletter - May 2019

The ESBGH is the Gastroenterology Section of UEMS (Union Européenne de Médecins Spécialistes), representing all the gastroenterologists of the Member Countries of UEMS, as well as providing a forum for discussion with gastroenterologists from Observer and Associate Countries (a list of these countries can be found in the UEMS web site – www.uems.eu). The aim of the ESBGH is to achieve the delivery of high quality patient care by promoting and harmonizing high standards for medical practice and postgraduate education, and thus clinical excellence. This is undertaken in several steps:

- **Training Requirements – the Blue Book**

The European Curriculum for training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology has recently been reviewed and approved by the UEMS Council in April 2017. It will be reviewed every 5 years, in collaboration with UEG, EASL and the European Junior Doctors Association.

- **Training Centre Accreditation**

The ESBGH reviews training centres according to the criteria described in the Blue Book. Following application to the ESBGH, two National delegates carry out an intensive review including direct interviews with trainers and trainees. The report of the inspection must be approved by the Training and Recognition Committee (TRC) of the ESBGH and presented and approved in the plenary meeting of the Board.

- **Fellowships**

The ESBGH issues Fellowships for gastroenterologists who fulfil the following criteria:

Have received a national accreditation/diploma as a certified specialist in Gastroenterology within a UEMS Country or associated country; are actively working as a gastroenterologist; have published a minimum of 2 papers in peer reviewed journals.

The application for Fellowship must be approved by the national delegates from the country of the applicant and by the TRC members.

- **Knowledge evaluation**

The ESBGH has been running a knowledge Examination, which is nowadays named the European Specialty Examination of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (ESEGH), delivered in partnership with the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK (Federation) and the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG). The ESEGH is a high quality, reliable examination, based on a proven format, now UK (General Medical Council) Regulator approved, which is currently mandatory in the Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK from 2018. About 500 candidates from Europe and other parts of the world sat the ESEGH on April 10th.

- **CME/CPD**

Evaluation of Meetings/Congresses/Courses/e-learning modules in order to provide information about the educational events in the area of Gastroenterology/Hepatology/Digestive Endoscopy

The ESBGH also aims to collect and analyze demographic data concerning gastroenterologists, such as gender and age, type of practice (public/private or both, academic/non-academic), number of practitioners/population, financial issues, gastroenterology trainees, their training program and duration, access to training, evaluation at the end of training, job finding issues, etc. These data have been incorporated in the UEG White Book.

We invite you to check this and other information in our website – www.eubogh.org