

## Newsletter - August 2022

The European Section and Board of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (ESBGH) is alive and kicking!

### ESBGH – Spring meeting 2022

The Section & Board meets twice a year, in the Spring meeting usually as guests of one of our member/associate countries and in the Autumn, before the UEGW. After our Spring meeting in 2019, in Solihull, we weren't able to meet in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year we meet in Zagreb, thanks to the wonderful hospitality of our colleague Zeljko Krznaric and of the Croatian Medical Association. This was a special occasion, as we had the chance to meet face-to-face again and get to know our new delegates. The setting was lovely and the organization perfect. Our Committees could move forward in their various tasks:

### Training and Recognition Committee (TRC)

The TRC Committee evaluated Fellowships requests and reviewed Reaccreditation process from several Training Centers. A Hospital in Germany is being considered for Training Center, pending the visit from our inspectors, who were nominated in this meeting.

### Continuous Medical Education Committee (CME)

The CME Committee reviewed 50 CME applications, with an increasing number of on-line training events, including webinars. There was a debate around 3 questions:

- Is CME mandatory?
- Who validates CME in Medical practice?
- Recertification in your country?

### Manpower and Public Affairs Committee (M&PA)

The M&PA Committee reviewed the data from the previous query about access and structure of training in Gastroenterology and decided to implement a further query in order to have a better overview and to write a short paper.

### Exam Committee

The Exam Committee discussed the results of the ESEGH 2022 which took place on 6 April.

A total of 480 candidates completed both sessions, 113 of those sitting in European centers other than the UK.

Performance of candidates:

The group of 480 candidates had a mean score of 62.9%.

146 candidates declared that they were trained in the UK and their scores have a mean of 63.7%. Trainees self-declared as OTH (Other) were excluded from this group.

113 candidates sat in European centers other than the UK, their mean score was 65%.

There were 18 OTH trainees sitting this examination and their mean score was 62%.

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The equated pass mark was set at 432 (61.5% or 123/200). This resulted in a pass rate for all candidates of 61% (293/480) UK trainees pass rate was 65.1% (95/146). European centers (UK excluded) pass rate 69.9% (79/113)

### Blue Book revision

One of the main focuses of our spring meeting in Zagreb was the revision of the Blue Book.

This has been going on for a year, by e-mail and, in this meeting, we had the chance to have a thorough review of the Core Curriculum and four separate groups went over the Advanced Modules on Nutrition, Endoscopy, Hepatology and Digestive Oncology. The resulting draft was sent again to all the delegates and a final draft is expected to be accepted at our next autumn meeting, in October, to send it to the UEMS for voting in the plenary session in April 2023.