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Examiners information letter

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March 20, 2009			Prof. dr. Marko Hawlina marko.hawlina@mf.uni-lj.si Tel. +386 1 522 1900
your message	attachments	copies	

Dear Examiner

Thank you very much for accepting to be examiner at the EBO examination which will take place in Paris, the 8th and 9th of May 2009 in the Palais des Congrès, prior to the SFO meeting. This year, the number of candidates is over 330, which means an increase of about 15 percent as compared to 2008. This year, candidates come from 24 states and, in the best interest of harmonisation of ophthalmology training in Europe, approximately 10% of candidates come from 9 states of new European countries.

The European Board of Ophthalmology would like to thank you for your support to the EBOD 2009 examination. Enclosed please find details on the examination procedure, accommodation and social activities.

1. Examination venue

All examination activities will take place in the Palais des Congrès (www.palaisdescongres-paris.com) in Paris at level 2 (**côté Neuilly: rooms 251-252AB-253; côté Paris: room 241-242AB-243**). The secretariat office will be located at level 2 côté Neuilly (**rooms 271-272-273**).

2. Accommodation facilities

The European Board of Ophthalmology has negotiated special rates at the Meridien Etoile hotel (81 Boulevard Gouvion Saint Cyr, 75017 Paris), which is located next to the Palais des Congrès. Please complete the **EBO hotel booking form** (in attachment) to benefit of this special offer (200 € for single/double room, breakfast excluded). However, many budget hotels are available in the vicinity of the Palais des Congrès. Please note that EBO will reimburse 200 € for one night

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accommodation to **those examiners that are not supported by their national societies** (Reimbursement form is added in attachment).

3. Examination practical guidelines

Friday May 8th, 2009

The EBO examination consists of a written part (MCQs), which will take place on Friday May 8th, 2009 (**level 2 – côté Neuilly: rooms 251-252AB-253; côté Paris: rooms 241-242AB-243**) between 9.00 am and 11.30 am, and an oral examination (Viva Voce), which will take place on Friday May 8th, 2009 between 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm. You have agreed to take part as examiner at the oral examination. You have received the guidelines concerning this part of the examination in attachment.

3.1 Registration of examiners (12.30 pm – 1.15 pm)

- At this stage the applicants will have completed their written examination (MCQs).
- **You are kindly invited to contact the registration desk from 11.30 pm till 12.15 pm.**
- You will receive your personal programme, badge and certificate of attendance.
- Sandwiches and coffee will be provided.
- You will be allocated a room and assigned a jury number.
- You have to be present in your allocated room at 1.15 pm!

3.2 Examination topics

The candidates will be co-examined by two examiners for 15 minutes in each of the four sections:

- section A Optics, Refraction, Strabismus and Neuro-ophthalmology
- section B Cornea, External diseases, Orbit and Ocular adnexa
- section C Glaucoma, Cataract and Refractive surgery
- section D Posterior segment, Ocular inflammation and Uveitis

3.3 Viva Voce examination (1.30 pm – 6.30 pm)

- The oral Viva Voce sessions will begin at **1.30 pm sharp (rooms 242 AB – 243 – 252AB)**.
- At each round you will examine four candidates.
- A timetable will be displayed for your attention to check your assignments.
- All examiners are needed for all four rounds.
 - round 1 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm
 - round 2 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm
 - round 3 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm
 - round 4 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm

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3.4 Scoring of the candidates

- A score between 4 and 10 can be given to candidates. The passing rate is 6. Each pair of examiners will give one score for the examination topic concerned. Please note that scores 4 and 5 will need to be explained in short in writing!

3.5 Examiner's / Resident's dinner

- On Friday May 8th, 2009 an examiner's / resident's dinner will be organised by Théa (8.00 pm). On behalf of Company Théa, we will provide you a letter of invitation with more information about the location.

Saturday May 9th, 2009

3.6 Display of Results

- The final results of pass or fail will be displayed at 12.30 pm on Saturday May 9th, 2009 at the entrance of the auditorium where the EBO symposium will take place (**room 252 AB**).

3.7 "Training the trainers" symposium

- On Saturday May 9th, 2009 a "Training the trainers" symposium will be organised (1.30 pm – 3.30 pm) (**room 241**).
 - EBO Curriculum (C. Creuzot-Garcher)
 - Statistics of EBO 2008 exam (D. Mathysen)
 - How to make MCQs according to the EBO format (T. Kivelä)
 - How to conduct oral exams (W. Aclimandos)
 - Surgical skills training centers (M. Hawlina)
 - European Network in Education for Trainees (ENET) (M.J. Tassignon)

3.8 SFO-EBO joint session "From clinical sign analysis to diagnosis"

- A SFO-EBO joint session "From clinical sign analysis to diagnosis" (2.00 pm – 3.30 pm) will be organised for candidates of the EBO examination (**room 252 AB**). The topics covered are:
 - Diabetic retinopathy (P. Massin)
 - ARMD (G. Soubrane)
 - Pigmented lesions in retina (P. De Potter)
 - Glaucoma (G. Suranic)

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3.9 Award Ceremony

- Saturday May 9th, 2009 from 4.00 pm until 5.30 pm (**room 252 AB**).
- The Diplomas will be delivered to successful candidates who are registered specialists within the European countries, as confirmed by their respective national delegates.
- The candidates who are residents or not yet certified specialists in European countries will receive a certificate.
- The residents will receive their diploma by the national delegate as soon as they have been certified specialist by their national body within the European countries.
- Your presence in the Award Ceremony is kindly requested.
- A reception will be organised by Théa Pharma at 6.00 pm (**SFO place**).

3.10 Access to the Congress of the SFO (NEW this year)

- This year, SFO has kindly offered complimentary 2-day registration to all candidates and examiners to the SFO congress on Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10th, 2009 with your badges.

4. Further information

Should you require any further information, please contact this office before Thursday May 7th, 2009 (preferably by e-mail). As from Thursday May 7th the following persons can be reached (mobile phone) in Paris:

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On May 8th-9th, 2009 the secretariat office will be located in the Palais des Congrès (**level 2, côté Neuilly, rooms 271-272-273**).


Examiners that have been examining for 3 times are entitled to "ad eundem" FEBO diploma. Please let us know if this has not been granted to you, if you have already examined for the 3 times. The FEBO diplomas to those examiners that their third EBO examination will be this year, will be sent after the exam.

We welcome you to Paris on behalf of the Board and in particular of the Education Committee.

Yours sincerely

Prof. dr. M. Hawlina (MD, PhD, FEBO)
President of the EBO

Prof. dr. C. Creuzot-Garcher (MD, PhD, FEBO)
Chairman Education Committee of the EBO

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