



## European Board Examination in Neurology

The European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) – European Board of Neurology will arrange the first European Board Examination in Neurology during the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Neurological Society on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Milan.

European Board Examinations are provided by many other specialties organised in the UEMS and aim to harmonise the level of European specialists. At the time being the examination is voluntary and does not substitute the national qualification. The European Board Examination in Neurology is an additional sign of excellence with no legal consequences attached and does not affect the right to practice as neurologist in a European country or elsewhere in any way.

To be eligible to sit at the examination applicants have to have either their national board certification or national board certification eligibility confirmed by the respective national body.

Taking into consideration the national approval of the candidates' training, the examination is a three step procedure:

- 1) national approval
- 2) written examination
- 3) oral examination

The European Board Examination in Neurology, both the candidate's written and oral examination, will be held on one day. The written examination is a multiple choice question test consisting of 120 questions of which 75 % must be answered correctly to pass the test and the candidates then may proceed to the oral examination. In the oral examination the candidates' task is case discussion of 4 written case stories that are handed out to the candidates half an hour before the oral examination. The candidate has to evaluate the following aspects: diagnosis and differential diagnosis, additional diagnostics and therapy.

Additionally the candidate may also present an own case history or own scientific work or other own neurological achievements and thus obtain extra 3 points. The time limit for this presentation is 5 minutes. A maximum of 48 points can be obtained for the obligatory structured cases and additional 3 points can be acquired by the facultative presentation. The passing limit is 75% of 48 points.

The examination board will be constituted by representatives of UEMS - EBN and ENS and EFNS. The result of the examination is either passed or failed; there will be no grading of results.

The European Board of Neurology issues diplomas and the title "Fellow of the European Board of Neurology" is granted to successful candidates.

The development of the question and case story pool is a joint effort of the UEMS European Board of Neurology, the EFNS scientist panels and the ENS subcommittees which have put in their knowledge and generously contributed to this important project. Internal and external quality assessment of the question and case story pool will be established before the examination. Both the European Federation of Neurological Societies and the European Neurological Society generously contributed financially to the development of the database (EFNS) and the external quality control (ENS).



For the first European Board Examination in Neurology UEMS – EBN will admit a maximum of 50 candidates. Due to organisational reasons only candidates that are board certified or board certification eligible in a member country of the European Union or the European Economic Area can be accepted, as the procedure of national recognition is a straightforward process.

On [www.uems-neuroboard.org](http://www.uems-neuroboard.org) more detailed information on the examination and the eligibility criteria can be found. Application for the examination will be open from March 5<sup>th</sup> until April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 via [www.uems-neuroboard.org](http://www.uems-neuroboard.org). Applicants will be able and are encouraged to also upload the required additional documents, i.e. certificate of national board certification or board certification eligibility by the respective national institution and proof of identity, but in exceptional cases may send it per post or fax. Applications are processed on a first come first serve policy according to their reception. Applications exceeding the maximum number of candidates will be put on a waiting list. In case of cancellations or rejection of applicants not fulfilling the eligibility criteria, candidates on the waiting list will advance.

The price of the examination has been lowered due to the contributions of both societies and is € 600.- This sum has to be paid at the acceptance of the application. Acceptance of the application will be noticed to the candidate by the UEMS European Board of Neurology secretariat upon compliance with the eligibility criteria and necessary admission restrictions.

A failure of the oral examination does not waive the fee. Cancellations of accepted applications must be made in writing, by registered letter or fax to the UEMS European Board of Neurology secretariat. For cancellations received by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 latest € 350.- will be refunded. In case of later cancellation no refund is possible.

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Venue: Fiera Milano Congress Centre  
via Gattamelata, Porta Gattamelata 2  
Milano  
ITALY

Application: [www.uems-neuroboard.org](http://www.uems-neuroboard.org)  
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