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# UEMS - EBS - Section of Surgery Division of Breast Surgery

## Editorial



**Division of Breast Surgery of the Section of Surgery of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)**

Dear Colleagues

The Division of Breast Surgery is part of the UEMS Section of Surgery. The Division operates in close collaboration with European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists ([EUSOMA](#)) and the European Society of Surgical Oncology ([ESSO](#)) and advises on issues related to training and professional practice in breast surgery in Europe, for the benefit of training in breast surgery and patient care.

The main objective of the Division is to promote and support the highest standard of care in breast surgery in Europe through high quality education, training and accreditation.

For this, the Division has a Curriculum and a Syllabus.

The knowledge of the breast surgeons is evaluated and certified via the European Board of Surgery Qualifications (EBSQ) examinations in breast surgery, organised by the Division.

I invite you to join our body of National delegates, as well as our Advisory board members and examiners.

Kindest regards,

**C. Markopoulos, MD, PhD, FEBS**  
Professor of Surgery  
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens - Greece

## The European Breast Examination



**The European Breast Examination** is part of a large stable of exams run by the UEMS (Union of European Medical Specialists) across a wide range of disciplines. The purpose of the UEMS and the exams is to help raise and harmonize standards of medical and surgical practice across Europe.

The exam is designed to be taken by someone who has just completed their training in breast surgery, before or shortly after they take up post as a qualified breast surgeon. It tests a whole range of skills, including oncological and reconstructive surgery, trials and evidence based best prac-

tice, multidisciplinary skills (understanding medical and radiation oncology issues and how they impact on surgery), basic science, genetics and psychology issues.

There is an initial eligibility check to ensure candidates have had sufficient training and experience. This requires some training in a specialist breast unit and exposure to reconstructive surgery. The candidates CV and log books are checked against a set of criteria (available on the web site). If they are judged eligible they are invited to take the written exam. This is 50 MCQs, and it is delivered on line.

Only if a candidate passes the written exam will then be invited to the oral exam which involves a series of 3 viva examinations, each with 2 senior examiners, covering scenarios related to clinical practice.

The Committee of EBSQ has developed a **Breast Textbook** to support the exam and is being written by members of the exam board, examiners and other global experts. It covers all aspects of the exam curriculum and the latest research underpinning best practice. The exam board wanted the candidates to have a resource to guide their studies. Any proceeds from the sale of the book will be fed back into developing and delivering the Breast examination. Candidates who have applied and paid the fee for the exam are eligible for a 15% discount on the book.

Best wishes,

**Lynda Wyld, PhD, FRCS, FEBS**

Professor of Surgical Oncology  
University of Sheffield - UK

## Results of the EBSQ in Breast Surgery Exam

### Naples - Italy, 1st of October 2017

#### List of successful candidates



The best scored candidates:

**1<sup>st</sup> Aidan Manning**,  
University Hospital Waterford, IR  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Saed Ramzi**, Derriford Hos-  
pital, Plymouth, UK  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Walid Sasi**, Airedale General  
Hospital, West Yorkshire, UK



The best scored candidate Mr A. Manning receiving his EBSQ diploma from the DBS President Prof. Markopoulos

Aidan Manning	Ireland
Ali Mahdi Al-Haddar Al-Sakkaf	Egypt
Antonio Jesus Esgueva Colmenarejo	Spain
Bertha in 't Hout	UK
Carlos Alberto Dussan Luberth	Sweden
Eleftheria Ignatiadou	Greece
Emanuela Esposito	Italy
Guldeniz Karadeniz Cakmak	Turkey
Lida Pistoli	Sweden
Muneer Ahmed	UK
Nikhilesh Borkar	UK
Omaima Abu Ali	UAE
Roberto Rodriguez-Revuelto	Spain
Saed Ramzi	UK
Samreen Khan	Pakistan
Sofia Triantafyllidou	Greece
Tomasz Sachanbinski	Poland
Walid Sasi	UK



## EBSQ Examination in Breast Surgery 2018

### MCQ / Written Examination

The written exam will take place on the **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the written exam is the **30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

#### Venue for the written exam:

The written exam will be held at a number of locations globally to increase accessibility.



Place		Local Lead	Time (local)
Athens	Greece	Christos Markopoulos	13:00-15:00
Brussels	Belgium	Ana Galan	12:00-14:00
Budapest	Hungary	Zoltan Matrai	12:00-14:00
Cairo	Egypt	Omar Omar & M. El-Shinawi	12:00-14:00
Calcutta	India	Rosina Ahmed	15:30-17:30
Istanbul	Turkey	Bahadir Gulluoglu	13:00-15:00
Ljubjana	Slovenia	Janez Jgaznar	12:00-14:00
London	UK	Lynda Wyld & Tibor Kovacs	11:00-13:00
Vienna	Austria	Michael Gnant	12:00-14:00

### The Oral Examination

The oral exam will take place on the **30<sup>th</sup> of September in Lille, France**.

Candidates will be notified if they have passed the written exam and are eligible to take the oral exam within 2 weeks of sitting the written exam and **MUST** register and pay to sit the oral exam before **10<sup>th</sup> of July 2018**. There is a strict limit of 40 candidates for the oral exam so late applicants will be passed on to the exam the following year.

**Applications must be submitted via the online application tool on:**  
<http://www.uemssurg.org/divisions/breast-surgery/absq-examination>



## ESSO Advanced Course on Breast Cancer



27-29 September,  
2018, Lille - France

### Aim of the course

This highly interactive workshop is at the cutting edge of current concepts of surgical treatment of breast cancer.

It will focus on the evidence-based clinical practice and technical aspects of breast cancer surgery within a multidisciplinary approach.

### Main topics

- Familial gene carriers - Risk assessment and management of healthy carriers and initial cancer management
- Oncoplastic techniques in breast preservation - planning and marking
- MRM, SSM, SRM, NSM - Technical considerations and pre-operative marking
- New methods in breast im-

aging

- Management of sentinel nodes positive patients
- Neoadjuvant treatment in breast cancer (Symposium)
- Conventional breast pathology or gene profiles
- Young breast cancer patients - surgery, radiotherapy, systemic treatment
- Breast reconstruction (Symposium)
- Tailored treatment of high risk lesions (Symposium)
- Surgical treatment of local recurrences

### Educational methods

- Video-based discussion sessions
- Case-based workshops
- Case studies
- Mock MDT with cases
- Plenary lectures



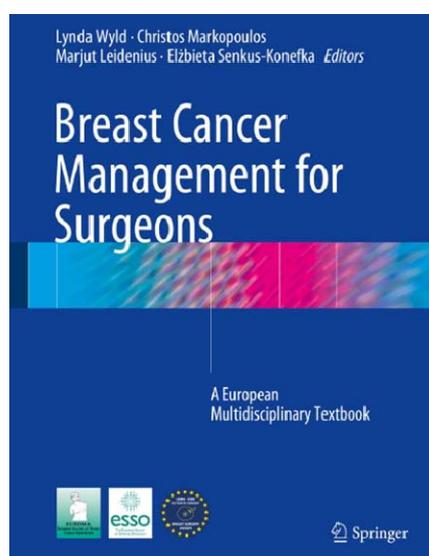
### Target audience

- Senior residents (last two years of specialization with clinical interest in breast cancer)
- Surgical oncologists
- Breast surgeons within 5 years after ending specialization residency
- Medical and radiation oncologists with 3-5 years of experience in the treatment of breast cancer patients

### More Information

[Download Programme Faculty](#)

[Practical information](#)



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## Breast Cancer Management for Surgeons A European Multidisciplinary Textbook

Editors:

**Wyld, L., Markopoulos, C., Leidenius, M., Senkus-Konefka, E. (Eds.)**

- Provides an evidence-based discussion, citing the most recent literature
- Closely linked to European practice guidelines (EUSOMA, St. Gallen, ESMO)
- Contains clinical algorithms for case management in each section
- Includes a selection of top European opinion leaders as section authors
- Published with the official approval of ESSO and EUSOMA
- Contains a selection of self-test MCQs
- Ideal reference book for the preparation of any European exam in Breast Surgery

\* Candidates who have applied and paid the fee for the exam are eligible for a 15% discount on the book and will be issued with a discount code which may be used to purchase the book from the publisher's (Springer) website

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