



REPORT ON THE SECOND EUROPEAN APPRAISAL IN OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

After many years of hard work UEMS OM Section passed the second European Appraisal on 30th August 2021 at Domus Medica Europea in Brussels. With strong dedication and hard work in creating MCQs of colleagues from UEMS and EASOM a bank of questions was consequently organized.

The info on the exam was put to UEMS OM website, promoted through section's member national activities and many travels of the UEMS OM president to the National OM meetings throughout Europe and also through strong promotion by webinar, organized by the strong supporter of UEMS Dr. Jorge Barroso Dias from SPMT - Sociedade Portuguesa de Medicina do Trabalho. Due to the epidemiological situation concerning COVID-19 we expected 3 applicants at the most. At the end 5 applied, one cancelled in last day because his flight was postponed so finally there were 4 applicants at the second appraisal. The Brussels Office gave full support and equipment.

After the procedure all four applicants passed the exam. Being asked some questions we found out that all of the applicants were trainees in OM. The average age of the applicants was 31,5 years. Most of them got info about the Appraisal by their national representatives. Their strongest motivation was in this COVID year their personal value to pass the exam.

All of the applicants gave the highest mark (5) to the technical information and venue, the lowest mark was 3 (neutral) for information on useful training materials, expressing the differences in their national requirements. Having enough time for MCQs, the estimation of the weight of MCQs and covering the ETRs was estimated 4. This evaluation and responses give our Section power and decision to continue the direction we started without making any stop in current organization of the next Appraisal in Occupational Medicine.

Although COVID-19 changed our training processes, the exam was another milestone for the specialty of OM to promote its practise among other medical specialties and to raise our self-esteem so we are going to continue to achieve the stable and high level OM education all over Europe.

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