

REPORT EBO-EXAMINATION 2020

Ghent 1st August 2020

Thirty nine colleagues applied before the 31st December 2019 to sit the examination. Four candidates withdrew in the months before the examination meaning that 35 candidates could be examined. This year there were three groups of applicants: Sixteen applied for full membership, 15 for provisional membership part 1 and four for provisional membership part 2 also leading to a full membership.

Five candidates for full membership were deferred last year resulting in 11 **new** applicants for full membership. Three candidates for provisional membership part 1 were deferred last year resulting in 12 **new** applicants for provisional membership part 1. One candidate for provisional membership part 2 was deferred last year resulting in 3 **new** applicants for provisional membership part 2.

As we know the EOS congress that was to be held in Hamburg in June 2020 was cancelled at the beginning of April. The EBO examination was normally organised a few days before the official opening of the congress. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Europe and the different directives of the national governments, the decision was taken to postpone the EBO examination in 2020.

After the cancellation of the congress, two letters were sent:

1. To candidates who applied for the first time (n= 27) the examination was postponed. The fees already paid for the application were transferred to next year. They can do the exam the next years at the congress in Cyprus. Only three candidates requested a refund of the fee.
2. To candidates who applied for a second time (8 resits) could do the exam. They were invited to do the exam if they presented the cases digitally. Six candidates agreed to present the cases digitally: four for full membership and two for provisional membership.

The candidates who want to defend the cases in a conventional way (plaster models) can apply again for the next EBO examination in Cyprus without extra cost. The fees already paid for the application in 2020 were transferred to next year(s).

I want to emphasize that the digital application will be strongly promoted in future years. Due to the high number of candidates, we wish to switch from the presentation of the cases with plaster models to a digital defence.

The results of the examination:

The cases of four candidates for full membership were accepted.

The cases of two candidates for provisional membership were accepted.

The successful candidates and new full members of the European Board of Orthodontists are:

Daniela Garbo
Manuela Maltoni
Andrea Scarpa
Carlos Suarez Martinez

The new provisional members of the European Board of Orthodontists are:

Angela Manfredonia
Erfan Salloum

I would like to express my thanks to Martine Turrell at the EOS Office for help in the organisation of the examination.

Also my term of office came to an end this year and Hamburg would have been my last exam.

Ghent, 1.08.2020

Prof. Guy De Pauw, President EBO