



# Committee Reports

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## QUALIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT



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### **Members:**

**Raul Barco** (Spain); **Harry Georgousis** (Greece); **Philippe Hardy** (France); **Jacinto Monteiro** (Portugal); **Rohit Kulkarni** (England); associated: **Mehmet Demirhan** (Turkey); SECEC as the leading scientific society for Shoulder and Elbow Surgery in Europe is challenged to set the standards in education and training as well. Since EFORT offers an examination in general Orthopaedics and Traumatology SECEC has now the chance to show up and set up and maintain comparable standards for shoulder and elbow specialists.

The **aims of the educational program** are:

- Improving knowledge and skills of shoulder and elbow surgeons in Europe;
- Improving patient safety;
- Giving the community a chance to prove their knowledge and skills;
- Attract young surgeons to the SECEC

They are supported by **4 columns**:

- Courses + clinical rotations;
- MC Tests ;
- Evaluation of the practical skills;
- Skills in evidence based medicine.

### **Build up a curriculum:**

Last year we started to build up a syllabus on the basis of the one of the German Shoulder and Elbow Association. Recently we were invited by EFORT to be part of the advisory board for the development of a European educational platform. They have developed a curriculum which was consented in a longer process by EFORT and the UEMS and is meant for a general education in Orthopedics and Trauma. The role of further education and specialization is beyond the scope of this curriculum and should be developed by the Specialty Societies. The curriculum is an alphanumeric system defining A, - Professional behaviors, B, - Knowledge, and C, - Skills. We therefor now use this consented curriculum and expand it to a specialized standard.

### **Defining European Standards**

To learn about and understand standards of care in different European Countries, especially in fields with less evidence, together with the Educational Committee a Survey with 3 clinical cases for proximal Humerus fractures and general questions about the training level and available equipment was developed. In the first step a survey monkey will be run in Germany by the DGOU. If the SECEC agrees the identical system of questions will be run via the National Societies via internet by the Survey system of the DGOU. The evaluation will be offered by the software of the DGOU.

**Courses and symposia:**

The curriculum shall be completed by visiting SECEC approved courses and symposia. For getting a certificate (i.e. for example "Fellow of the SECEC") it will be necessary to fulfill certain activities and acquire points. We introduce a web based tool which allows the members of the society to have an overview over the acknowledged and patronaged courses and to calculate the own performance by visiting these courses. You can see this tool on the web page of the DVSE ([www.dvse.info](http://www.dvse.info)) DVSE > Fortbildung > Zertifizierte Fortbildungen > Assistent Zertifizierungsantrag

We will propose to create that system for SECEC as well.

**Creating a pool of MC questions:**

We were negotiating with different organizations with the idea to share MC questions. Nevertheless this was not effective. We therefor asked the Chairmen of the ICL`s of SECEC in Milano to ask their speakers to develop 4 MC Questions per presentation. This will give us the chance to create our own pool. To create a sufficient design and quality of the questions J. Monteiro designed a PP instruction for creation of MC questions beforehand.

**Starting to test the knowledge in evidence based lectures:**

To test our first questions and to give the audience the chance to test herself for the first time this year the last 10 minutes of the ICLs will be spent for MC Tests about the ICL lectures – evidence based.

**Our tasks for the future :**

Finishing the curriculum  
Build up an accreditation system for the courses.  
Develop an on line test.  
Installing courses for evidence based evaluation.  
Run a survey about instability.

We plan over the next year to work further on the application process to avoid having a lot of incomplete or duplicate applications being uploaded. We encourage all members of our society to promote membership of SECEC/ESSSE to qualified colleagues, particularly young doctors being interested in the management of patients with shoulder and elbow disorders.