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Dear Examiner

Firstly on behalf of the Board, allow us to offer our sincere thanks for agreeing to participate as examiner at the EBOD 2011 Examination. As you are aware this will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 at the Palais des Congrès, Paris, prior to the SFO meeting. This year the number of candidates registered for the exam is currently 360, which means an increase once again on last year's record attendance. In order to assist you with your participation in the EBOD exam, please find below details on the examination procedure and social activities.

The EBO is glad to announce that we will be able to reimburse €200 towards one night's accommodation to **those examiners who are not supported by their national societies**. However, we urge you to please first investigate this funding internally before applying for this reimbursement. Although we are aware that your expenses may be greater, EBO is not in position to offer you reimbursement of your travel expenses without a major increase to the registration fee, which is not desired. EBO wishes to thank you sincerely for your support to this important European event and will be glad to include your name in the list of examiners on the EBO website.

### 1. Examination venue

Similar to last year, all examination activities will take place in the Palais des Congrès ([www.palaisdescongres-paris.com](http://www.palaisdescongres-paris.com)) in Paris, primarily on level 2 (**côté Neuilly: rooms 251-252AB-253; côté Paris: room 241-242AB-243**). The secretariat office will be located on the mezzanine of level 2.

### 2. Accommodation

Once again all examiners should make their own arrangements with regard to accommodation. Le Meridien Etoile and The Concorde Lafayette are in the immediate vicinity of the Palais des Congres, while there are also many budget hotels in the area. The reimbursement fee of €200 will apply irrespective of the actual price of your hotel. EBO will not require your hotel invoice.

### 3. EXAMINATION PRACTICAL GUIDELINES:

#### **Friday 6th May, 2011 (MCQ & Viva-Voce Examination)**

The EBO examination consists of a **written part** (MCQ exam), which will take place on Friday May 6th, 2011 (level 2 – côté Neuilly: rooms 251-252AB-253; côté Paris: rooms 241-242AB-243) starting at **09.00 and finishing at 11.30**.

The **oral examination** (Viva-Voce) will then follow in the afternoon with rotations taking place between **13.30 and 18.30**. **It is only in this Viva-Voce examination that your participation as examiner is required** and for which you will receive the exact guidelines and procedures.

#### **3.1 Registration of Examiners (11.30 – 12.30)**

- **You are kindly required to contact the registration desk from 11.30 to 12.30**, to receive your ID Badge, a copy of your personal programme and your certificate of attendance. **Please pay attention to any changes in your personal programme as this is the most up to date copy**
- Light lunch and coffee will be provided prior to the Viva-Voce Examination
- An Examiners' Briefing will follow (see point 3.2 below)
- **You must be present in your allocated exam room (as listed on personal programme in registration pack) at 13.15 sharp!**

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### 3.2 Examiners' Briefing (12.30-13.00)

This will take place in **Room 252AB** from 12.30-13.00. PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS **MANDATORY THAT ALL EXAMINERS DO ATTEND.**

#### Examination topics

All candidates will be co-examined by two examiners for 15 minutes in each of the four sections (only one of which you will have been selected to examine in, as per your selected choice at point of application). **Please have your slides prepared (see samples attached to this email) in the topic required:**

- Topic A: Optics, Refraction, Strabismus and Neuro-ophthalmology
- Topic B: Cornea, External diseases, Orbit and Ocular adnexa
- Topic C: Glaucoma, Cataract and Refractive surgery
- Topic D: Posterior segment, Ocular inflammation and Uveitis

### 3.3 Viva-Voce examination (13.30 - 18.30)

The oral Viva-Voce sessions will begin at **13.30 sharp (in rooms 242AB, 243 & 252AB).**

- During each hour-long round you will examine four candidates. This will be followed by a 15 minute break.
- A timetable will be displayed for your attention to check your assignments.
- **All examiners are needed for all four rounds.**
  - Round 1 13.30 – 14.30
  - Round 2 14.45 – 15.45
  - Round 3 16.00 – 17.00
  - Round 4 17.15 – 18.15

### 3.4 Scoring of the candidates

A score of between 4 and 10 can be given to candidates. The passing rate is 6. There is no absolute eliminatory mark. Each pair of examiners will give just one score to each candidate for the examination topic concerned, which they should have agreed on together. **Please note that scores of 4 and 5 will need to be explained in short in writing on the back of your score sheet!**

### 3.5 EBO Exam Dinner

On Friday 6th May 2011 the Exam Dinner will be organised with thanks to Thea. This is scheduled for 20.00 and information emails will be circulated shortly from Thea with more details on location.

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

### 3.6 Display of Results

The final results of candidates who have passed will be displayed at **13.00 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at the entrance of room 342AB Level 3, the auditorium where the EBO symposium will take place. If a candidate's name does not appear on the list, this equates to a fail.

### 3.7 SFO-EBO joint session "The Importance of Analysis to Make the Diagnosis"

An SFO-EBO joint session will be organised for candidates of the EBO examination.

**This will take place in Room 342AB on Level 3 from 14.00 – 15.00** and the topics covered are:

- **Retinophotography** - P.Ringens
- **Angiography** - C. Creuzot-Garcher
- **Electrophysiology** - C.Arndt
- **Microperimetry** - E.Midena

### 3.8 Award Ceremony

- The awards ceremony will take place **from 16.00 – 18.00 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3.**
- **A champagne reception** will take place immediately afterwards, organised by Théa. This takes place from **18.00-19.00**, details for which will follow.
- EBO Diplomas will be awarded at the awards ceremony to all successful candidates who were registered specialists (at the time of their application to the exam) within the EU and Associated countries and as confirmed by their respective National Delegates.
- All candidates who were residents at the time of application or are not yet certified specialists in the EU or Associated countries will receive a certificate. These residents will at a later date have their certificates replaced by the EBO Diploma - as soon as they provide evidence to their National Delegate that they have been certified as specialist by their national body within the relevant European countries.
- As Examiner, your presence at the Award Ceremony is kindly requested.

### 3.9 Access to the Congress of the SFO

Once again SFO has kindly offered to all candidates and examiners, complimentary 2-day registration to the SFO congress on Saturday and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 on presentation of their ID badges.

### 4. Further information

Should you require any further information, please contact this office before Thursday May 5th, 2011 (preferably by e-mail). Any later the following persons can be reached for urgent messages by mobile phone in Paris:

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On 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 the secretariat office will be located on **Level 2 (Mezzanine) Côté Neuilly in Rooms 271-272 & 273.**

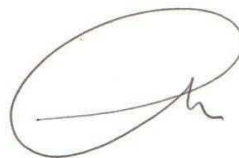
**Finally please note that examiners who will complete their third year of EBO examining in 2011 and will be, therefore, entitled to “Ad Eundem” FEBO diploma, will receive their diploma by post AFTER the examination. Please send these written requests, postal address and note declaring the specific 3 years in which you have examined, by email to: [lorraine.ohagan@agenda-comm.ie](mailto:lorraine.ohagan@agenda-comm.ie). No examiner diplomas will be given out on-site.**

On behalf of the Board and Education Committee of EBO, we look forward to seeing you in Paris!

Yours sincerely,

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Prof. Wagih Aclimandos (FRCS FRCOphth FEBO)  
*President of the EBO*

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Prof. dr. C. Creuzot-Garcher (MD, PhD, FEBO)  
*Chairman Education Committee of the EBO*