



EAACI/UEMS Knowledge Exam 2016

The 9th EAACI/UEMS Knowledge Exam for Allergology and Clinical Immunology took place on 11 June during the EAACI Congress 2016 in Vienna. A total of 51 candidates from all over the world took the exam, representing 21 countries and with some participants from as far away as Japan, South Africa and Mexico. In total 41 participants passed and received a valued EAACI/UEMS certificate as well as a detailed summary of their tests.

In this year's exam, each candidate had to answer 120 multiple choice questions covering a wide range of allergology (about two-thirds of the questions), as well as basic and clinical immunology, within three hours. Candidates are allowed to use a dictionary during the exam but to facilitate things further a small glossary of difficult or unusual terms was included in the European languages that were represented.

The EAACI/UEMS Knowledge Examination in Allergology and Clinical Immunology



takes place every year during the EAACI Congress. It does not replace or provide a substitute for existing national examinations held regularly by national bodies, although we expect it to help raise the standard of allergology and clinical immunology in Europe. The exam is formatted according to latest knowledge in test methods and recent UEMS standards, and is analysed by the Institute for Medical Education (IML), Switzerland. Anyone wishing to contribute to the examination in any way is welcome to contact the Exam Committee (education@eaaci.org).

In 2016 and for the second time, UEMS kindly supported 15 participants financially. The UEMS support is linked to a set of criteria to be fulfilled and subject to UEMS' decision, and is highly appreciated.

This year, for the first time, responsibility for the exam lay in the hands of Professor Carsten Schmidt-Weber from Germany. He and his team, with excellent support from EAACI HQ, managed the whole exam in a perfect manner.

A primer based on the EAACI Allergy Atlas is planned to facilitate preparations for future exams.

The next exam is scheduled to take place during the Annual Congress EAACI 2017 in Helsinki on Saturday, 11 June 2017. ●

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