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*UEMS and EBSQ:  
what are they all  
about*

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- **official body in the EU concerned with specialist medical practice**
- **founded in 1958 to foster the interests of specialists in all medical disciplines**
- **representation from National Associations from the European Union (EU) member states and others, including Norway and Switzerland**
- **Armenia, Israel, Turkey are associated members and Georgia is an observer member**



# UEMS: AIMS

- **To study and promote the highest level of training of the medical specialists, practice and health care in the European Union**
- **To study and promote a free movement of specialist doctors within the EU**
- **To represent within this framework of a medical profession in the EU member states authorities with questions directly/indirectly concerning medical profession**



# UEMS

- **1962 the UEMS identified sections representing the principal specialties, e.g. Section of Surgery, representing General Surgery**
- **Section developed two main strategies:**
- **creation of accreditation and certification in General Surgery: formation of the European Board of Surgery (EBS),**
- **developed an accreditation and certification diploma in General Surgery: European Board of Surgery Qualification (EBSQ Gen).**



# UEMS

- **the differentiation of General Surgery into its constituent specialties: There are now several of these:  
Division within the Section**
  - 1996: Vascular Surgery: EBSQ (Vascular) Diploma**
  - 1998: Division Coloproctology**
- **today the UEMS consists of 42 Specialist Sections, 10 Multidisciplinary Joint Committees and over 20 Divisions**
- **the Division of Coloproctology commenced in 1998 and established accreditation and certification in Coloproctology in Europe**



# Founding members Division Coloproctology

	<b>C. Baeten, The Netherlands</b>		<b>J. Christiansen, Denmark</b>
	<b>J. Deasey, Ireland</b>		<b>F.M. Devesa, Spain</b>
	<b>H. Järvinen, Finland</b>		<b>J.-C. Givel, Switzerland</b>
	<b>T. Hager, Germany</b>		<b>J-C. Marti, Switzerland</b>
	<b>M. Martikainen, Finland</b>		<b>H. Myrvold, Norway</b>
	<b>J. Nicholls, U.K</b>		<b>H. Ortiz, Spain</b>
	<b>L. Pahlman, Sweden</b>		<b>R. Parc, France</b>
	<b>M. Pescatori, Italy</b>		<b>R. Schiessel, Austria</b>
	<b>R. Sjö Dahl, Sweden</b>		



# **Executives**

## **Division Coloproctology**

- 1998**    **Head:**            **John Christiansen (Denmark)**  
          **Secretary:**        **John Nicholls (UK)**
- 2004**    **Head:**            **Lars Pahlman (Sweden)**  
          **Secretary:**        **Klaus Matzel (Germany)**
- 2011**    **Head:**            **Klaus Matzel (Germany)**  
          **Secretary:**        **Dieter Hahnloser (Switzerland)**  
          **Treasurer:**      **Franc Hetzer (Switzerland)**
- 2014**    **Web:**              **Janindra Warusavitarne (UK)**



# Examinations

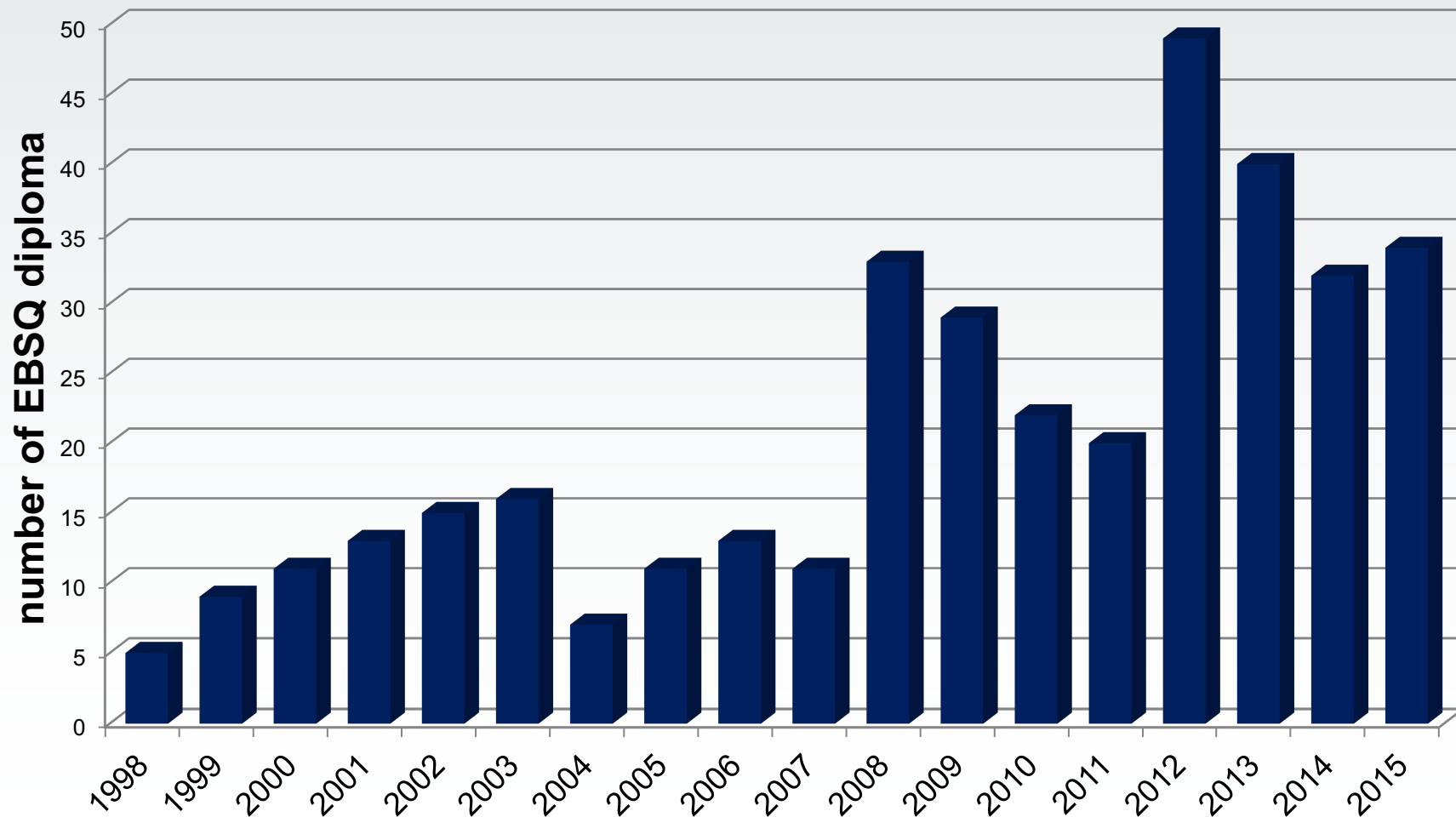
## EBSQ Coloproctology

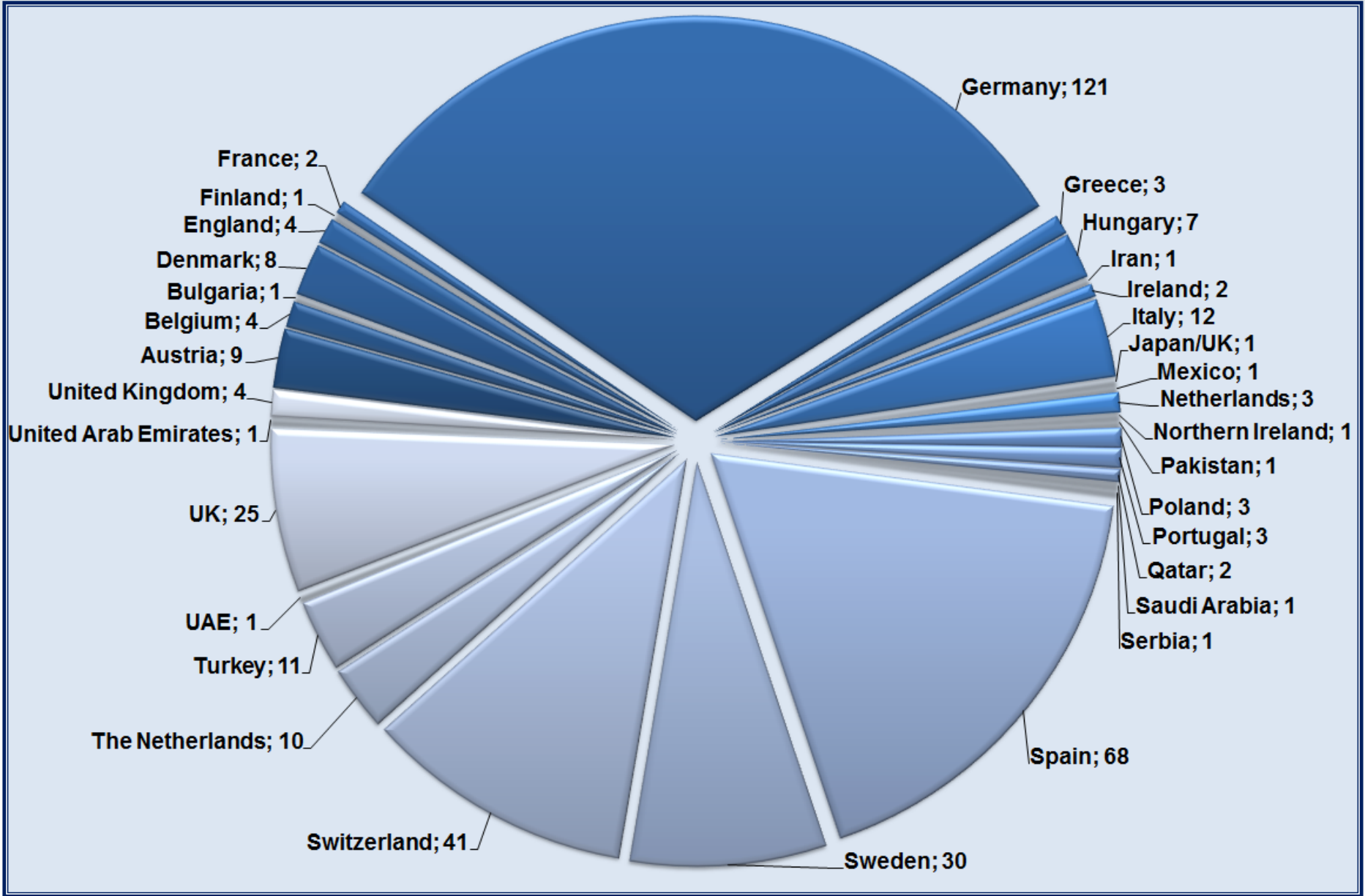
- **Annual**
- **International:**  
**@ ESCP**
- **National:**  
**@ National Societies Annual Meetings**





# Diploma per year EBSQ Coloproctology







# EBSQ

- diploma as such is not yet officially recognized on a national level as the specialist examination for Coloproctology
- in several countries the diploma has gained professional acceptance and value



Germany the Diploma is accepted as an equivalent to the German qualification as Visceral Surgeon as a prerequisite to be accepted as Centre of Competence/Excellence in Colorectal Surgery



Swedish accreditation of Coloproctology has been used the EBSQ Examination since 2006



exams run almost annually @ annual national meeting of the Spanish Society of Coloproctology



**ESCP: since 2015 holders of the Diploma will have the title “Fellow” of the ESCP in distinction to “Member“ (not holding the Diploma).**

**Holding the ESBQ is considered an advantage when applying for an ESCP fellowship**

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Czech Republic	yes	independant	yes	yes	Yes
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Egypt	yes	independant	no	no	No
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Germany	yes	independant	yes	yes	Yes
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Hungary	yes	bi-annual	no	no	No
Iceland	yes	part of general surgery	no	no	No
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Israel	yes	independant	yes	yes	Yes
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Latvia	yes	independant	no	no	No
Lithuania	yes	independant	no	no	No
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Norway	no	independant	no	no	No
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Romania	yes	independant	yes	no	No
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Serbia	yes	part of general surgery	no	no	No
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Switzerland	yes	both	no	no	No
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