



- **European Board Examination in Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery by the UEMS ORL Section and Board**

GOALS OF THE EBE ORL-HNS EXAM

- The European Board exam has been created to help harmonize the knowledge base amongst Otorhinolaryngologists throughout Europe.
- Assessment of the European training level.
- Does not replace National exams.
- Does not give successful candidates the right to work everywhere in Europe.

PROCEDURE FOR THE WRITTEN EXAM

- The annual exam consists of 120 Multiple Choice Questions.
- Each question should have ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER.
- There are no negative markings.
- Candidates will use an electronic answer sheet to mark their answers.
- Formal process of standard setting according to the Angoff Technique will be performed after the exam and the pass mark will be set up according to this standard setting at the level of the “average/standard candidate”.

PROCEDURE FOR THE ORAL EXAM

- Four main areas to be covered: Rhinology, Otology, Head and Neck (including larynx, oesophagus, salivary glands, etc) and Other areas (facial plastics, paediatric specifics...)
- 2 examiners per table. Each candidate will sit four tables, that is eight examiners (eight Guided Questions).
- Each examiner will have one Guided question (GQ) and will go through it with the candidate for 12 minutes. All areas will be covered with each candidate.
- The examination coordinator will mark the start of the table and after 12 minutes to pass to the next examiner. The table should pass to the next GQ when advised by the coordinator without hesitation.
- Candidates will have 6 minutes rest between tables.

GOALS OF THE ORAL EXAM

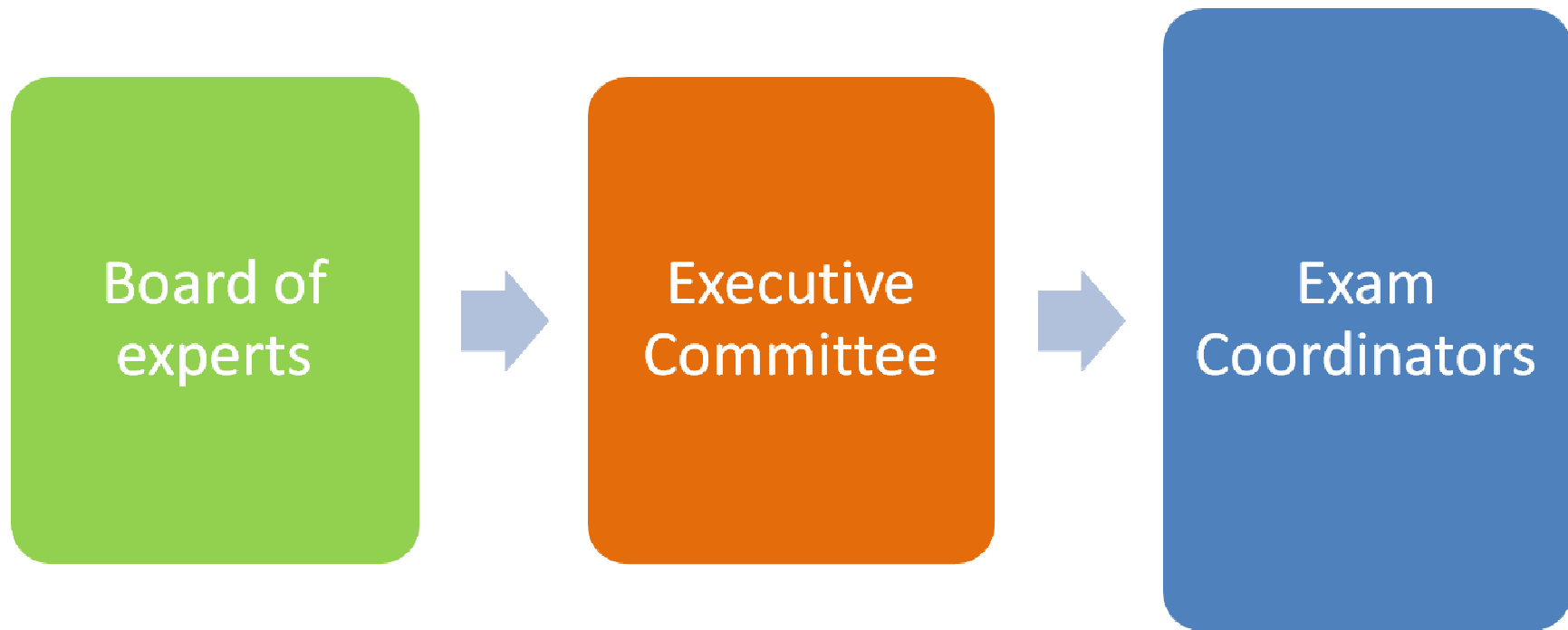
SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE:

- Knowledge of the main ENT conditions
- Clinical assessment
- Diagnostic procedures and differential diagnosis
- Choice of treatments. Alternative treatments
- Post-treatment follow-up (if surgery needed, postoperative care is included)
- Knowledge of possible complications and treatment of these

PANEL OF EXAMINERS

- ALL PROPOSALS FROM THE BOARD OF EXPERTS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.
- EXAMINERS SHOULD HAVE GOOD COMMAND OF SPOKEN ENGLISH
- FINAL DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE COORDINATORS OF THE EXAM
- THEY WILL RECEIVE TRAINING BEFOREHAND AND ASSESSMENT. SHOULD SIT ONE EXAM AS OBSERVERS.
- VOLUNTEERS. ONLY EXPENSES TO THE EXAM WILL BE COVERED.
- DURING THE EXAM A NOMINATED **EXAMINATION SUPERVISOR** WILL OBSERVE THE EXAMINERS TO PREVENT **IRREGULARITIES** AND ENSURE CONSISTENCY. ONE SUPERVISOR PER 4 TABLES.

EBE ORL-HNS ORGANIZATION



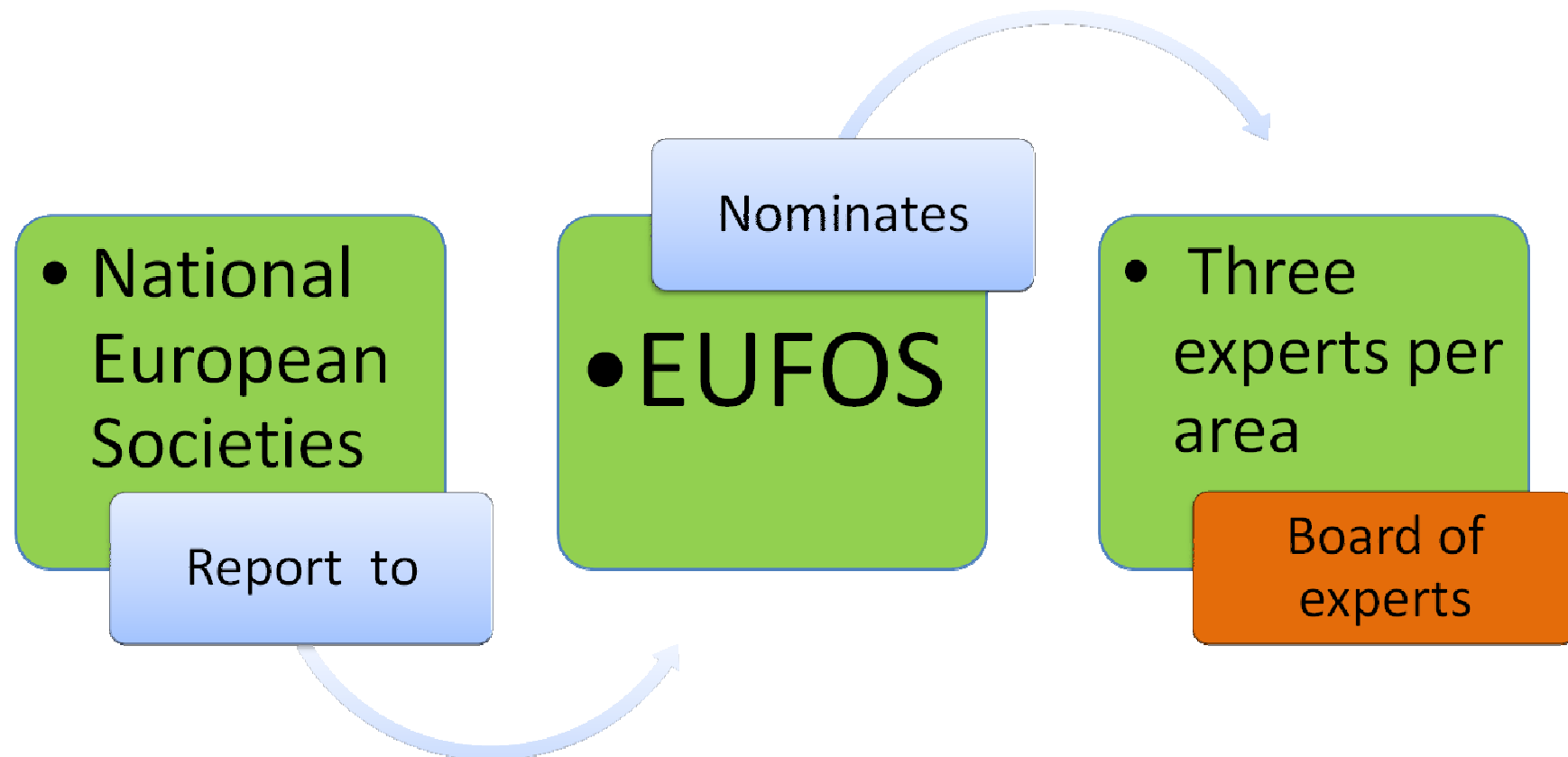
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EXPERTS

- NATIONAL EUROPEAN ENT SOCIETIES: EUFOS
- EUROPEAN SUBSPECIALTY ACADEMIES / SOCIETIES: EAORL-HNS
- UEMS ORL SECTION AND BOARD DELEGATES
- PERMANENT WORKING GROUP OF JUNIOR DOCTORS (PWG) AS OBSERVERS

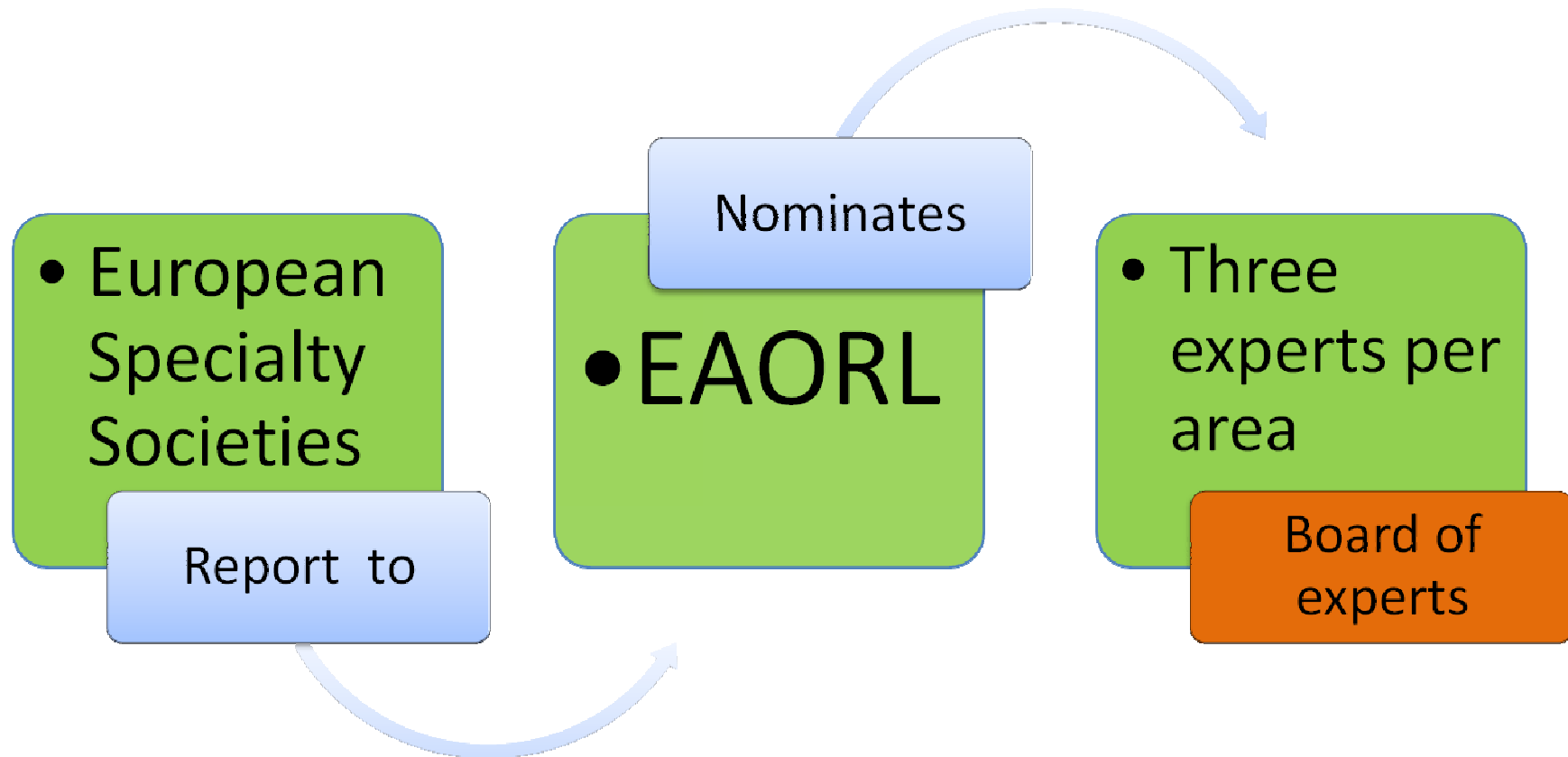
ROLE OF THE BOARD OF EXPERTS

- TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE POOL OF MCQ's AND GUIDED QUESTIONS FOR THE ORAL EXAM
- TO GO THROUGH THE POOL OF QUESTIONS IN THEIR FIELD OF EXPERTISE AND ADVICE ON GOOD QUESTIONS FOR EUROPEAN STANDARDS
- FIRST FILTER OF QUESTIONS IN THEIR SPECIALTY

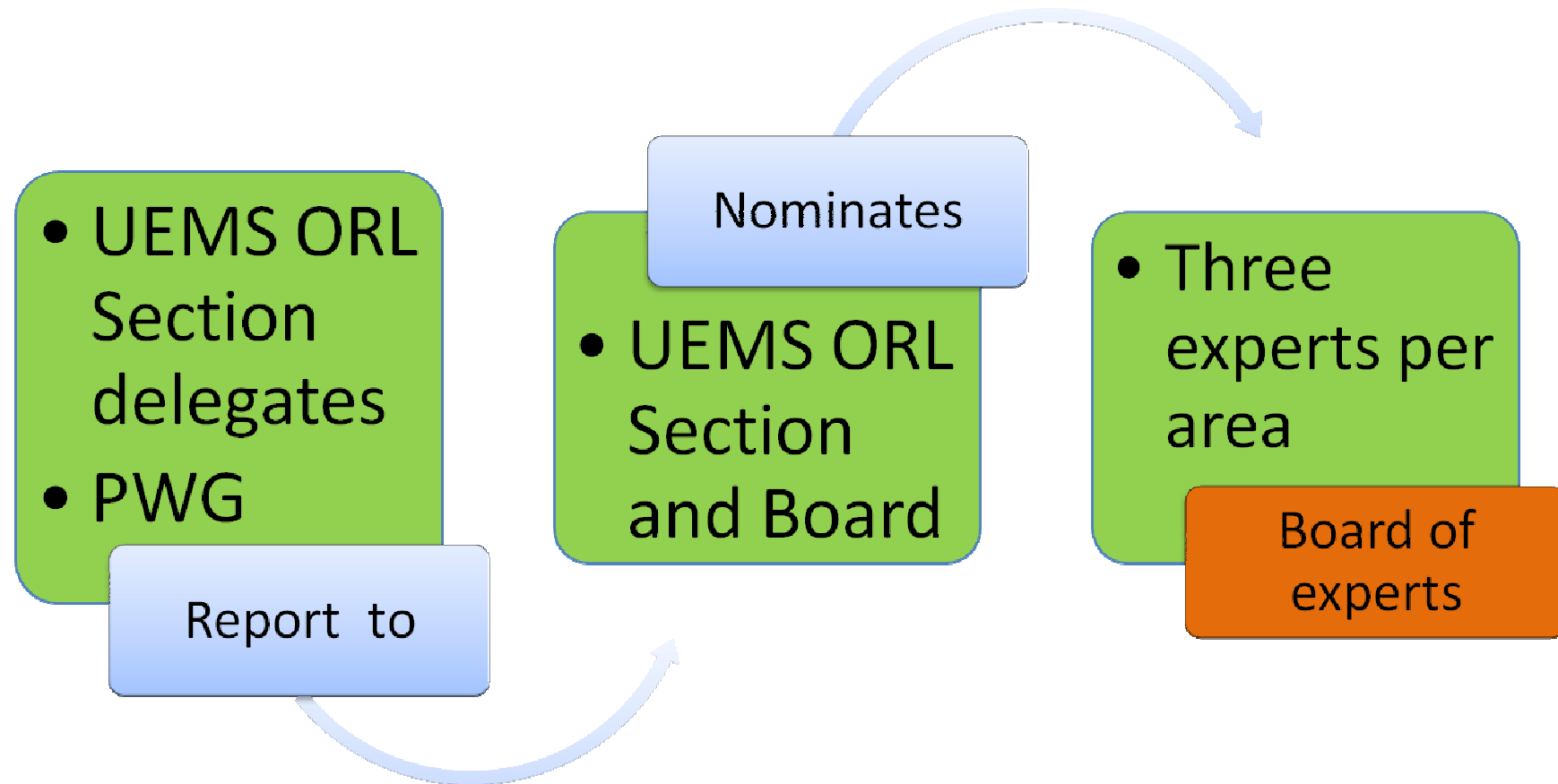
PROPOSAL BOARD OF EXPERTS EUFOS



PROPOSAL BOARD OF EXPERTS EAORL



PROPOSAL BOARD OF EXPERTS UEMS



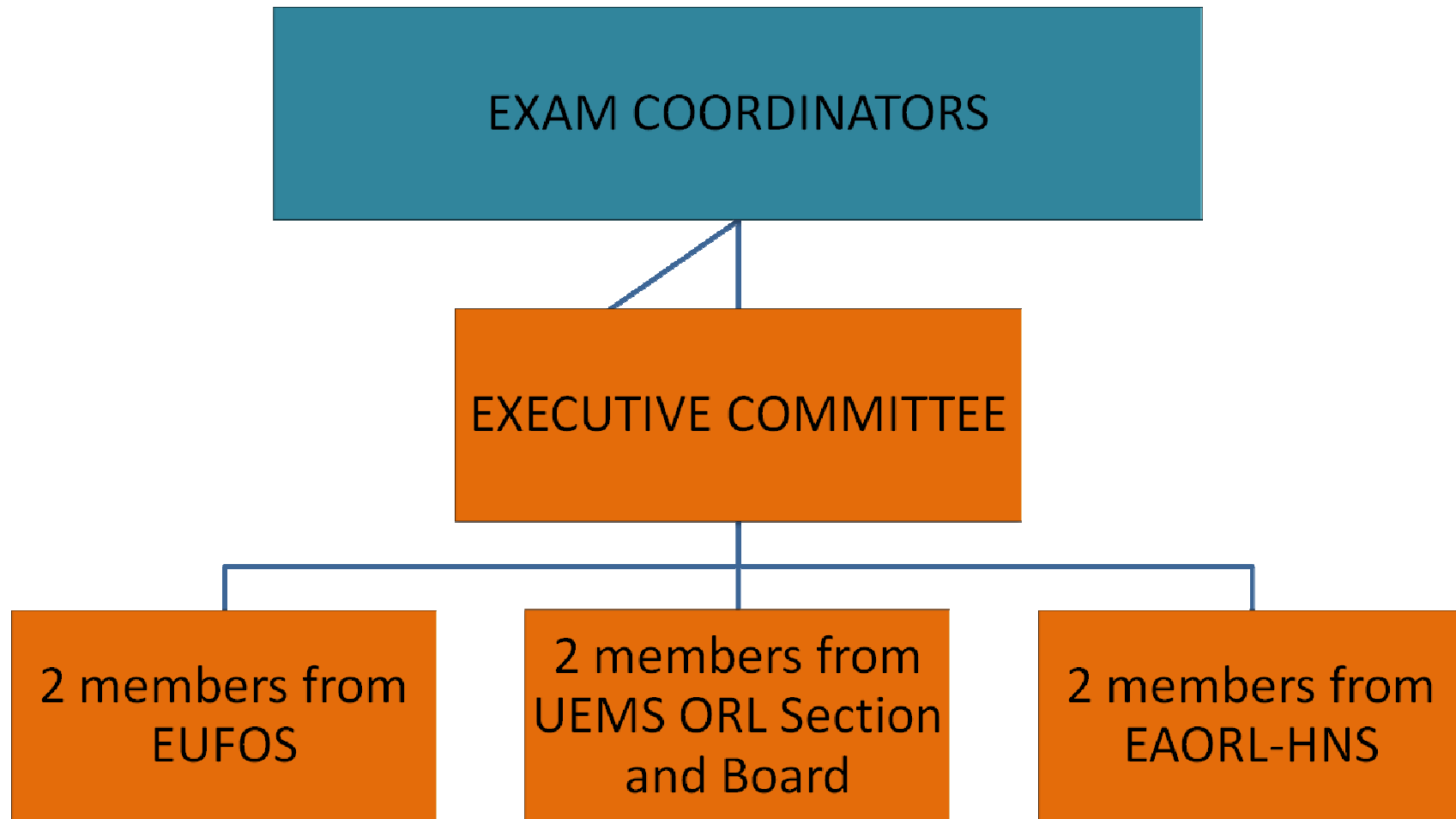
MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 2 MEMBERS NOMINATED BY EUFOS.
- 2 MEMBERS NOMINATED BY EAORL-HNS.
- 2 MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE UEMS ORL SECTION AND BOARD.

ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- SHOULD BRING TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS THE PROPOSALS FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS THEY REPRESENT.
- SECOND FILTER OF MCQ's AND GUIDED QUESTIONS FROM THE AVAILABLE POOL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EXPERTS.
- APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ORAL EXAMINERS: **PANEL OF EXAMINERS**
- ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE AND COLLABORATE WITH THE EBE-ORL-HNS

EBEORL-HNS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ROLE OF THE EXAM COORDINATORS

- FINAL DECISION MAKING REGARDING THE QUESTIONS FOR THE WRITTEN EXAM
- SELECTION OF THE GUIDED QUESTIONS FOR EACH ORAL EXAM
- FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED **PANEL OF EXAMINERS**
- NOMINATION OF THE **EXAMINATION SUPERVISORS** FOR EACH ORAL EXAM. ONE SUPERVISOR PER FOUR TABLES.

IMPORTANT: The final 100 MCQ's and the Guided Questions selected out of the pool must be known by a very small group of people to avoid disclosure.

EXAM
COORDINATORS

PRESIDENT OF
THE UEMS ORL
SECTION AND BOARD

GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE UEMS ORL
SECTION AND BOARD

KLAUS ALBEGGER
AND
MARIA DE LA MOTA

WHERE AND WHEN NEXT EXAM?

- Pamplona: Second part I (written exam). 5th June 2010
- Vienna: First part II (oral exam). 1st September 2010

EXAMINATION FEES

- **WRITTEN EXAM:** The fee for the written exam is 300 euro.
- **ORAL EXAM:** The total fee for the oral exam is 500 euro. It will be divided in two payments. One of 300 euro for doing the exam and a second payment of 200 euro once it has been passed for completion of the certificate and registry.