

EuroTAB annual report 2020



Courses

Online Training programs

The past year was marked by the changes to training programs due to the COVID 19. Most of the courses had to change format and move onto online platforms. We were consulted on the subject by educational directors at the very beginning of the pandemic. Since there are no established regulations on that matter, we decided to issue a guidelines letter. The letter contained three main recommendations:

- Not to exceed 15 days of online teaching within one year, 20 days during the whole training.
- Not to start a new training program online before in-person meeting becomes possible.
- Successful completion of two live FI supervisions should be a requirement for graduation.

As the new reality of confinement and limitations on movement became the general rule over Europe, we shared the information we have received from different EDs and organizers about the adaptations they had come out with, and again urged caution over planning to do more than 75 hours or 15 days. The truth is that in order to survive and continue the training courses, these guidelines were not always followed. Although it is too early to assess the influence of moving into online platforms on the quality of the training programs, we can say that the collaboration and communication of the TAB with the organizers and EDs have improved as a result of the situation. We have received a lot of information from both organizers and EDs about the different difficulties they have encountered and the solutions they have found to them. We hope to compile this information in order to review the meaning of the online in the near future.

We know of at least one training program that had to close down because of the fierce opposition to go online from the students themselves.

New Training programs

During the last year we have approved 10 new training programs. None of them new.

Personal Applications

Assistant Trainers

This year we have seen an impressive amount of assistant trainer applications: A total of 13 applications, from which we have approved 9 and found 4 as not ready yet. The general level of the applications was good, and showed a keen interest in participating in training programs.

Approved: Joy Ackwonu (Austria), Galit Yarden (Israel), Sigal Korenhendler (Israel), Einat Sharon (Israel), Corinne Garcia (France), Lena Rosenberg (Israel/Australia), Nicky Rigel (Israel), Jaime Polanco (Spain), Sabine Blackaby (England).

Trainer candidates

Francesco Ambrosio (Italy): Application received but still in process.

Trainers

We have approved Christoph Habegger (Austria), Philipp Unseld (Spain) as trainers.

International

Inter-TAB

The first inter-TAB meeting took place during the outset of the pandemic. In this first meeting we saw the need to be in continued communication due to the unexpected changes that were constantly taking place during the pandemic, and we have been meeting since on a regular basis approximately every 3 months.

During these meetings a variety of subjects was treated:

- Training Guidelines adjustment during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As Training programs shifted to virtual classrooms, some guidelines and communication between the Training Programs and the accrediting TABs were needed. These guidelines were discussed, and ideas and opinions were shared as the situation evolved and progressed during 2020.

- ATM only pilot project by NATAB.

NATAB has launched a pilot project of ATM only Training Programs. NATAB shares and updates the other TABs on the evolution and progression of this pilot.

- Italian Accreditation Committee

Formal communication between NATAB and EuroTAB around issues concerning the Italian Accreditation Committee began in an inter-TAB meeting and led to continued communication between the two TABs trying to clarify and resolve the issue.

- Creating a new TAB.

Discussing the process and the conditions needed for forming a new TAB. Latin American guild had an interest from which they withdrew. In the future, countries like China might be interested. NATAB has formulated a document with guidelines which still needs to be developed and approved.

TAG review group.

During 2020 an international group was formed for reviewing the Trainings Accreditation Guidelines. This group is composed of representatives from each TAB as well as volunteers from the educational community. Finding the voluntaries was the TABs responsibility and demanded an inter-TAB collaboration.

Italian Accreditation Committee

We have established a direct communication with NATAB, after discussing the matter with the Italian representatives. A possible solution to the conflict seems viable, and we hope to arrive there soon.

ETAB Members 2020

Franck Armand (chair), Scott Clark, Ohad Nachmani, Raz Ori, Dilan Pillai, Simone Roloff.
In December 2020 Dilan Pillai has finished two terms (six years) of membership in the TAB.