



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear EAA Academicians and Affiliated Members,

Before the summer holidays, I would like to give you a short update on the recent EAA activities.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the EAA logo has been changed and the new version was approved in June by the EC members. Our previous logo reflected male reproductive health, which certainly remains a fundamental part of our field. However, our discipline has substantially progressed and extended our clinical and research activities to male sexual and general health, andro-genetics, onco-andrology of the testis and prostate, and stem cell biology, as well as many other fields. Another reason for this decision is related to the fact, that while the EAA's territorial scope has a clear emphasis on Europe, we have progressively grown to become a worldwide organisation with new EAA centers and members from other continents. I hope that the majority of you appreciate this and will like the new logo.

Another "historical" event is related to the release of our first clinical EAA Guidelines in "Andrology". The publication of our first "EAA Clinical Guideline on management of bone health in the andrological outpatient clinic" dates back to March, whereas the second guideline deals with the management of oligozoospermia and will be published in the July issue. I would like to thank the authors of the Guidelines and the Guidelines Committee co-chairs, Giovanni Corona and Dimitrios Goulis for their hard work. You will have the opportunity to have a discussion with the authors during a dedicated session at ECA2018 in Budapest. These articles will be freely available also on the EAA website.

A related issue concerns the recently released IF of our journal, which has increased to 2.72. Many thanks to Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts and Douglas Carrell who are responsible for this success. I am sure that this IF will increase under the enthusiastic guidance of our new Editor-in-chief, Manuela Simoni. **Please think about sending your best manuscripts to our journal** because this is the only way we can hope to return back to the status of "best andrology journal" in the world, as it was IJA.

In 2016 we announced the Memorandum of Understanding signed by myself and the president of the European Society of Endocrinology. Related to this document, the first EAA/ESE Symposium took place in May, during the European Congress of Endocrinology in Barcelona. Three eminent Academicians gave excellent lectures, E. Nieschlag, N. Joergensen and G. Corona. The session was a great success and an interview with Dr. Corona on the ESE website is now available. During the next ECE in Lyon, the EAA will organize the second Andrology course for Endocrinologists.

Concerning our educational activities, on 18-19 January 2018 a highly successful EAA Educational Course on Andrology was held by the EAA Centres Brussels – Ghent – Leuven. The EAA Ultrasound School (organized jointly by the Florence and the Rome EAA centres) has started its third edition. I would like to remind you that the application deadline for the fourth edition is on the 21st of September 2018. It is a pleasure to let you know that this year we have received the highest

number of applications for the forthcoming “EAA Clinical Andrologist” exam. The constant increase of fellows in the past few years indicates the growing interest of young MDs in our field. I would like to thank our Centre Directors for their effort in educating our young colleagues in andrology at the highest possible level.

The organization of our biennial congress, **ECA**, is proceeding to its final stages. The selection of abstracts for oral presentation has been performed by the POC, and the full program is now available on the congress website (<http://eca2018.com/welcome.htm>). We are going to award 14 EAA travel grants to Affiliated members and numerous best poster prizes are envisaged. **I hope that all of you will join us in one of the most beautiful capitals in Europe, Budapest.**

As usual, I would like to welcome our novel **Academicians**, **Prof. Juul** (Denmark) and **Dr. Santi** (Italy) and our novel **Affiliated members** who are coming from 5 different countries: **A. Abele** (Latvia), **Y. Baert** (Belgium), **J. Cremers** (Germany), **S. De Vincentis** (Italy), **V. Rilcheva** (Bulgaria), **A. Sahi** (Germany), **M. Schubert** (Germany), **G. Spaggiari** (Italy), **A. Specchio** (Italy), **M. G. Tarsitano** (Italy), **M. Tenuta** (Italy).

Finally, I would like to remind you that on the 1st of July you are going to receive an official invitation letter to the General Assembly, which will take place in Budapest, Friday, 12 October, 18:00-19:30h. Please join us at the GA since your opinion and suggestions are important for us.

I wish to all of you a wonderful summer holiday.

