

Note from the President



Dear EAA Academicians and Affiliated Members,

It is my great pleasure to welcome the readers of the first EAA Newsletter.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you who gave me the opportunity to become the president of the EAA in our last meeting in Barcelona. I am honoured to serve our community in this role and I am confident that with your help and that of the excellent Executive Council composed

of Dimitrios Goulis (Secretary), Hermann Behre (Treasurer), Jorma Toppari (Past President), Ewa Rajpert de Meyts (Editor-in-chief of Andrology), Gert Dohle, Andrea Isidori, Osvaldo Rajmil and Wolfgang Weidner, our discipline can reach important goals in the future.

In my first “Note from the President” released in December 2014 on our website (http://www.andrologyacademy.net/news_latest.php), I have already expressed some of my thoughts about future EAA activities and priorities. The EC already had two meetings during the last 4 months: I) Skype meeting in November 2014; II) meeting in Rome in January 2015.

In this Newsletter you will find an update on the steps which have been taken in order to accomplish our main objectives. I would also like to bring your attention to the following: I) IBSA Foundation, Fundacio Puigvert, Besins Healthcare, Bayer have agreed on offering travel grants for young andrologists; II) the EC has approved the establishment of a short term Scholarship in EAA Training centres; III) from January 2015 eight new Academicians/Affiliated Members joined the EAA; IV) from January 2015, a new training centre has been accredited in Cairo (Egypt); V) the EAA Guidelines committee has redacted a list of planned EAA Guidelines covering a wide range of topics in andrology which have been approved by the EC.

We are currently exploring possibilities for the involvement of EAA Training centres in EU projects in the framework of Horizon 2020. This is one of our top priorities, since it would provide resources both for training and research activities and would further strengthen interactions between EAA centres. Finally, important steps have been taken towards the recognition of Andrology at a European level by officially approaching the Presidents of ESE and UEMS and planning future actions.

I am confident that in our next Newsletter I am going to be able to announce some very exciting news regarding these issues.

As promised in my first “Note”, it is my intention to keep you up to date on our ongoing activities and on other future plans every 2-3 months. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or other EC members with your ideas and proposals. You are all more than welcome to put forward your valuable input.

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Update on new EAA members

EAA has to maintain its leading academic role in the field of Andrology – thus “Academicians” should strictly be selected through the currently adopted selection criteria. There is an urgent need for a significant increase in the number of Affiliated Members. This task can be achieved by offering more benefits to Affiliated Andrologists. For this purpose, last November a novel Committee named “International Liaison and Publicity” was established and it is co-chaired by **Frank Tuettelmann** (Germany) and **Zsolt Kopa** (Hungary).

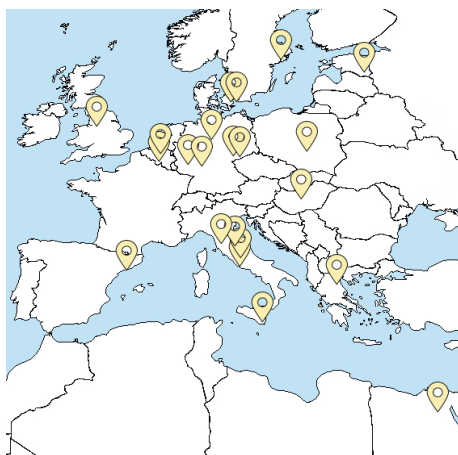
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Prof. Joao Ramalho Santos , Department of Life Sciences Calçada Martim de Freitas, University of Coimbra, Portugal.	Dr. Ferenc Szabó , Humancell Ossejtbank, Budapest, Hungary.
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Update on new EAA Training Centres

Cairo has been accredited as an EAA training centre in Andrology

The new Chairman of the EAA Accreditation Committee is our past president, **Jorma Toppari**. One of the priorities of the current EC is to further promote the establishment of novel centres with special focus on Eastern countries and France. A number of site visits are programmed for 2015, among them the recently merged Budapest (Hungary) centre and the new centre in Gent (Belgium). We are glad to communicate that in January 2015, Cairo has become our second extra-European EAA accredited Training Centre. The Cairo Training Center is a merger of two units: 1) Department of Andrology, Kasr-Al-Eini Medical School, University of Cairo and 2) Center for Fertility and Andrology Care - CFAC. Its directors are **Prof. Dr. Kamal Zaki Shaeer** (Department of Andrology) and **Prof. Dr. Osama Shaeer** (CFAC).

The site visit took place in both the University Clinic and CFAC from 8 am. to 5 pm. on the 10th of December 2014 (visitors **Csilla Krausz** and **Dimitrios Goulis**), allowing interaction



with the entire staff of both facilities and presentations from representatives from the Universities of Alexandria, Mansuria and Suez Canal. Affiliating an EAA training centre in Egypt will

help physicians from the Middle East to enhance their skills and obtain accreditation for their experience and finally to get access to the EAA “Clinical Andrologist” exam.

Egypt is one of the very few countries around the world that Andrology can be obtained as a separate specialty, directly accessible from medical school. This is especially true for Cairo that happens to be the core of medical education in the Arab world, and the Department of Andrology at Cairo University to be the founder and leader of Andrology science in Egypt and the Middle East. The CFAC has excellent facilities for surgical procedures and completes the academic training of the Cairo University mainly with surgical Andrology procedures and Assisted Reproduction Techniques. We warmly welcome the Cairo Center and are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration with our Egyptian Colleagues.



Update on EAA Clinical Andrologist

In association with ECA 2014, the “EAA Clinical Andrologist” exam has been attended by 11 candidates (for further details see http://andrologyacademy.net/exams_history.php).

We welcome our new Clinical Andrologists!

Czeloth Karen
Dixit Kashinath
Echavarria Sanchez Mirna
Holmberg Mats
Kups Michal
Link Katarina

Marios Marcou
Peraza Godoy Maria Fernanda
Purwin Tomas
Rastrelli Giulia
Sochaj Marta

Educational Courses

The EAA is devoted to the development of andrological sciences and to spread excellence in the andrological culture. To accomplish these tasks the Academy organises biennially the European Congress of Andrology (ECA).

Furthermore, the Academy organises Educational Courses aiming to cover the entire range of the EAA-ESAU Curriculum every 3 years. The Center's directors have been asked by the chair of EDUCOM to send information about their future educational activities and a Calendar of courses/events will be shortly available on the EAA webpage. Each Center should organise at least one Educational Course every five years. It is possible for the smaller Centers to 'join in' with the larger Centers in order to organise Educational Courses.

A total of 8 travel grants will be offered during 2015 and first semester of 2016 by the following sponsors: Bayer, Besins Healthcare, IBSA Foundation and Fundacio Puigvert. Only EAA Affiliated members and Academicians with an age limit of 40 years are eligible. The selection process will be managed upon application by the Executive Council.

Further details are available on the EAA website on the following webpage:

www.andrologyacademy.net/travelgrants1.php

Grants

Establishment of an EAA Scholarship and Travel grants

One of the aims stated in our Statute is *“To take all measures required to raise the scientific standards of andrology in Europe by encouraging basic research in all fields of andrology and focusing this work on areas of clinical importance and need, including male contraception”*.

Two actions have been taken in this regard:

I) The EC has approved the establishment of a short term Scholarship aimed to help young clinicians/researchers to perform a stage (minimum 4 months) at an EAA Training centre. The deadline for application for the scholarship grant is 1st of June and there will be a call every year for the next 4 years.

II) The EAA President has established a joint venture with Pharmaceutical companies/Foundations for “Travel grants”.



European Subspecialization in Andrology

The “European Subspecialty in Andrology taskforce” is constituted by **Csilla Krausz** (President of the EAA), **Emmanuele Jannini** (Chairman of the Educational Committee) **Manuela Simoni** (ESE executive council member) and **Wolfgang Weidner** (ESAU representative). The EAA president obtained an official appointment with the ESE Executive council in May 2015. Moreover, following interaction with the UEMS President, specific steps will be taken towards recognition of Andrology under the UEMS session of multidisciplinary joint committee.



Multicentre Studies

The ongoing study on “Standardization of the male genital tract colour-Doppler ultrasound parameters in healthy, fertile men”, headed by **Francesco Lotti** (Florence) is advancing successfully. The study has been recently joined also by the Cairo Training Centre (**Prof. Osama Shaeer**). Details about the project can be found both on the ECA 2014 proceedings (http://andrologyacademy.net/Downloads/ECAProceedings/ProceedingsECA_2014.pdf), and in the EAA website (<http://andrologyacademy.net/studies.php>)

Future multicentre studies, based in EAA training Centres, should also be encouraged on a number of emerging and debated topics. In this regard the novel “EAA-EU projects” task force is currently analysing options for EU COST actions and Marie Curie Network.

Guidelines

The Guidelines Committee is co-chaired by **Ewa Rajpert-de Meyts** (Denmark) and **Giovanni Corona** (Italy). A comprehensive list of Guidelines proposals have been approved by the EC in Rome, further insights into work in progress will be given in May.

Journal

Andrology, the official journal of EAA and ASA completed at the end of 2014 its second volume. It has continued under the same Editor-in-Chief (EiCs), **Douglas Carrell** (ASA) and **Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts** (EAA), and with initially appointed Boards of 14 Associate Editors and 50 Reviewing Editors. The Editorial Office is currently placed in Copenhagen, Denmark.



Journal Update

In 2014, Andrology published 6 regular issues and two supplements with the programmes and abstracts of two andrology congresses: 39th ASA in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, April 2014, and 8th ECA in Barcelona, in October 2014.

The Editors have been working on thematic issues. One partial thematic issue was published in May 2014: – Genetics of Male Infertility – with the proceedings of the meeting on the same subject held in Florence in September 2013. One additional paper from this meeting (by **C. Krausz** et al.) was published earlier, in January 2014, to announce new European guidelines for molecular analysis of microdeletions of the Y chromosome.

The latest issue was published in January 2015:

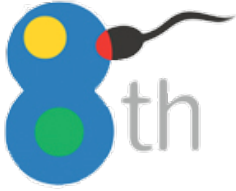
Testicular Cancer – with papers based on presentations at the 8th Copenhagen Workshop on CIS & Germ Cell Cancer (May 2014) and related papers submitted independently.

The first Impact factor (IF) of Andrology will be released by ISI in June/July 2015. Until then a hypothetical IF can be calculated based on the IFs of the two journals. The current composite IF is 2.45.



European Congress of Andrology 2014

The PDF file of the ECA proceedings and the photos we took during the congress are now available on the following webpages of the EAA website: http://www.andrology-academy.net/news_latest.php and http://andrologyacademy.net/Downloads/ECAProceedings/ProceedingsECA_2014.pdf



Go to the website and refresh your ECA memories!

Our congress in Barcelona (15th – 17th October, 2014) had a remarkable success with over 400 participants from over 40 different countries. This noteworthy outcome is completely in line with one of the main goals of EAA as can be found in our Statute: “2.6 To encourage a dialogue between scientists and clinicians active in the field of andrology and to organize scientific meetings in Europe”.

The presence of non-European delegates provided a significant international flavor, outlining a new outlook for future collaborations and interaction for EAA. A sincere gratitude is due to the chairman of the LOC, **Oswaldo Rajmil**, to the LOC members (**Eduard Ruiz-Castané**, **Lluís Bassas**, **Pedro Gutiérrez**) together with those of the POC (**Stevan Arver**, **Jacques Auger**, **Andrea Isidori**, **Niels Joergensen**, **Rafael Oliva**, **Wolfgang Weidner**). During ECA 2014 we have further strengthened our collaboration with the ESAU and ESU by organizing

3 joint EAA/ESAU/ESU courses. In this regard, I would like to thank the chairman of ESU, **Joan Palou** and the chairman of ESAU, **Wolfgang Weidner** for their support.

European Congress of Andrology 2016

The ECA in 2016 will be held in Rotterdam and the chairman of the LOC is **Gert Dohle**. The EC have appointed the Scientific Programme Organising Committee:

Chairman:

Niels Erik Skakkebaek (Denmark)

Members:

Frederic Chalmel (France), **Emmanuele Jannini** (Italy), **Zsolt Kopa** (Hungary), **Joao Ramalho Santos** (Portugal), **Jolanta Slowikowska-Hilzer** (Poland), **Hermann Tournaye** (Belgium), **Frank Tuettemann** (Germany), **Linda Vignozzi** (Italy).

Please send your suggestions for ECA 2016 to the chair of the POC!



Forthcoming EAA accredited meetings

8th INYRMF Meeting, Florence, Italy, (May 14th–16th, 2015)

EAA Library

At the EAA website you can find a new page called “Library”. Guidelines and congress proceedings are available here: <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/library.php>

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