



## European Academy of Andrology Newsletter

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Csilla Krausz (EAA President)



Dear EAA members,

We are now approaching the end of 2017 and as is customary, I would like to highlight the major events of our yearly activity. First of all, I would mention the first edition of the EAA Summer school on 'Testis Histology and Pathology for Clinical Andrologists and Embryologists'. The course was held in Zagreb (Croatia) and it was open to both clinical andrologists and biologists/biotechnologists. I would like to thank again the chairs of the course, Profs Davor Jezek (director of the EAA Centre in Zagreb) and Niels Joergensen (director of the EAA Centre in Copenhagen) for having organized such a successful event. We are looking forward to the next edition in 2019.

The 'EAA Ultrasound School', established in 2016, has reached to the end of its second edition and will continue from January 2018 (third edition). The widespread geographic origin of the fellows reflects the success of this unique EAA course and the growing interest towards this discipline all over Europe and in North Africa. The school, organized by Dr. Francesco Lotti (Florence) and Prof. Andrea Isidori (Rome), ends with an exit exam and successful participants are awarded with a prestigious certificate, the 'EAA certified sonographers for male genital tract and penile colour-Doppler ultrasound'. On behalf of the EAA, I would like to thank the co-chairs for their outstanding work.

This year, the EAA has expanded its educational activities also to the members of the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE). A very well-attended educational course on 'Clinical Andrology for endocrinologists' was organized in Lisbon, during ECE2017, as part of the EAA/ESE agreement on common educational and scientific activities. We are going to further strengthen our collaboration with the ESE by organizing the first EAA Symposium during ECE2018 (Barcelona) and by holding an ESE lecture during ECA2018.

As you all know, our major scientific event, ECA 2018, will take place in Budapest (Hungary) in October 11–13, 2018. The preliminary programme is already available on the congress website, and you are welcome to visit it for further information. The EC has decided to offer 10 dedicated travel grants to EAA members willing to present abstracts during ECA2018.

Finally, as announced in the previous Newsletters in June, in 2018, we are going to publish in 'Andrology' a series of EAA Guidelines. The first of them will be on Management of Oligo-Asthenzoospermia.

Also in 2017, the number of EAA members has increased steadily, and I take the opportunity to warmly welcome all new members.

With my best wishes for a Peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year,

Csilla Krausz  
EAA President

### UPDATE ON NEW EAA MEMBERS (JUNE 2017–OCTOBER 2017)

We welcome our new affiliated members!

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Mohd Ismail Bin Mohd Tambi (Kuala Lumpur)  
Saleh Binsaleh (Saudi Arabia)  
Lars Bjorndahl (Sweden)  
Melissa Cutini (Italy)  
Constanze Maresch (Germany)  
Marcel Mustea (Romania)  
Sava Petrov (Bulgaria)  
Gianmaria Salvio (Italy)  
Carlos Gasanz Serrano (Spain)  
Zita Soos (Hungary)  
Juan Fernando Villegas Osorio (Spain)  
Thomas Weberschock (Germany)  
Theodosia Zeginiadou (Greece)

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### EAA TRAINING CENTRES

The EAA Training Centres of Bonn (Director Prof. Haidl) and Ancona (Director Prof. Balercia) have been re-accredited by the EAA EC for a period of three years (2017–2019).

Site visits are scheduled in this year to the following EAA Centres: Copenhagen EAA Centre (Director Prof. N. Joergensen), Malmoe EAA Centre (Director Prof. A. Giwercman), Muenster EAA Centre (Director Prof. S. Kliesch), Rome EAA Centre (Director Prof. F. Lombardo).

### EAA CLINICAL ANDROLOGIST EXAMINATION

The next 'EAA Clinical Andrologist Exam' will be organized in association with ECA 2018 (for further details, see <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/exams.aspx?id=2>).

## EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF ANDROLOGY 11–13 OCTOBER 2018, BUDAPEST

Dear Colleagues,

The 10th Congress of the European Academy of Andrology (EAA) will be held in Budapest, Hungary between October 11 and 13, 2018. We invite all colleagues dealing with andrology to join us for what we hope will be a memorable event. The scientific programme will cover basic and clinical andrology providing an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and allowing broad and in-depth discussions on recent advances in Andrology and related disciplines. As in previous ECA meetings, delegates will have many opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones and to take part in social programmes.

Budapest is one of the most popular touristic destinations. As one of Europe's great cultural cities, Budapest offers plenty of opportunities for cultural events and great gastronomic experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you in Budapest at ECA2018 and hope that you will make a special note of these dates in your agenda.

The preliminary programme of ECA 2018 and additional information are available on the ECA website: <http://eca2018.com/>.

### EDUCATION

#### EAA Ultrasound School

The Second Edition (2017) of the EAA Ultrasound Course 'Male Genital Tract and Penile Ultrasound', (Faculty: Francesco Lotti, University of Florence, Italy and Andrea M. Isidori, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) is about to end. The final exit exam for the 'EAA Ultrasound Course' certification will be held in Rome on December 15, 2017. The Third Edition (2018) of the EAA US Course will start soon, with a full-day theoretical part held in Florence in January 2018.

Six fellows (four from Europe and two from Italy) will attend the Course in 2018: Andrea Agostini (Italy); Giuseppe Defeudis (Italy); Carlos Gasanz (Spain); Marcel Mustea (Romania); Violeta Rilcheva (Bulgaria); Stanislav Tjagur (Estonia).

Detailed information on the Course programme is available at <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/education.aspx?ID=4>.

#### EAA Summer School 'Testis Histology and Pathology for Clinical Andrologists and Embryologists'

5–8 September 2017, Zagreb, Croatia



Group picture of the faculty and participants of the EAA Summer School 'Testis Histology and Pathology for Clinical Andrologists and Embryologists' at the EAA Centre of Zagreb.



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EAA President

**Zsolt Kopa**  
LOC chair



#### MAIN TOPICS:

MALE REPRODUCTION, MALE AND FEMALE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION, ANDRO-GENETICS and EPIGENETICS, ART and SPERMATOLOGY, SURGICAL-ANDROLOGY, UROGENITAL TRACT INFECTIONS, BASIC ANDROLOGY, *IN VITRO* SPERMATOGENESIS, ONCO-ANDROLOGY

The School was organized jointly by the EAA training centres of Zagreb and Copenhagen. The School was attended by 18 participants, most of them coming from other certified EAA Centres. The nature of the course was predominantly practical ('hands-on'), and included the analysis of a significant number of microscopy sessions and a visit to the operational theatre and to the cryobank of testicular tissue. Based on the results of the initial and final test, participants demonstrated a good improvement of knowledge. In the course evaluation, all participants stated that they would highly recommend the course to their peers.

**EAA EXECUTIVE  
COUNCIL MEMBERS****PRESIDENT****Csilla Krausz (IT)****SECRETARY****Dimitrios Goulis (GR)****TREASURER****Hermann Behre (DE)****ELECTED MEMBERS****Gert Dohle (NL)****Andrea Isidori (IT)****Oswaldo Rajmil (ES)****Wolfgang Weidner (DE)****EX OFFICIO****Jorma Toppari (FI)****Manuela Simoni (IT)****SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM  
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE****CHAIR: Dimitrios Goulis (GR)****VICE-CHAIRS: Giovanni Corona (IT)****Rafael Oliva (ES)****MEMBERS:****Alberto Ferlin (IT)****Aleksander Giwercman (SE)****Sabine Kliesch (DE)****Maris Laan (EE)****Roger Mieuxset (FR)****Dirk Vanderschueren (BE)****LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE****CHAIR: Zsolt Kopa (Budapest)****MEMBERS:****Mátyás Benyó (Debrecen)****István Király (Szeged)****Tamás Körösi (Győr)****István Lantos (Budapest)****George K. Papp (Budapest)****Gábor K. Rosta (Sopron)****Zita Soós (Dunaújváros)****VENUE****Hilton Budapest City (H-1062 Budapest, Váci út 1-3.)****ACCOMMODATION**

The Congress Organizing Secretariat made a block-booking at the venue to secure special rates for the participants.

More information about registration, abstract submission, program and accommodation is available on the Congress Website:

[www.eca2018.com](http://www.eca2018.com)

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E-mail: [eca18@asszisztencia.hu](mailto:eca18@asszisztencia.hu)**EAA-ACCREDITED COURSES AND MEETINGS****CeRA Summer School**

**Basics and clinics of human reproduction –an interdisciplinary approach.**

20–23 September 2017, Munster, Germany.

The three-day programme covered all aspects of reproductive biology and medicine and had a particularly strong focus on andrological themes. This year the Summer Academy was combined with a preceeding Indo-German Workshop on ART. Therefore, there was a very enthusiastic and international audience with embryologists, andrologists, gynaecologists and many Indian students. The mixture of participants from different

European countries and from India generated a very positive and multicultural spirit. Evaluation of the workshop by the participants was highly encouraging. The final exam was passed by all participants showing that everyone acquired a broad knowledge in reproductive science/medicine.

**International Conference on Gonadotropins and Receptors and 12th International Symposium on GnRH.****The hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis in cancer and reproduction,**

20-23 September 2017, Modena, Italy

In 2017, the first ICGR-GnRH congress was held in Modena, unifying for the first time the 4th International Conference on Gonadotropins and Receptors and the 12th hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis in cancer and reproduction meeting. This congress was the first attempt to unify these two important international meetings, based on the research about the hypothalamic-pituitary axis. Moreover, it represented an excellent example of collaboration among the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE), the European Academy of Andrology (EAA), the Italian Society of Endocrinology (SIE) and the Italian Society of Andrology and Sexual Medicine (SIAMS). This event was guided and promoted by two benchmarks for global research in the field of reproduction and gonadotropins: Prof. Manuela Simoni and Prof. Ilpo Huhtaniemi.

During the three days of the congress, more than 100 participants attended the event, coming from more than 10 countries around the world and following 33 presentations, organised in eight symposium and five lectures. The symposia covered all novelties in the field of research in gonadotropins and reproduction. Moreover, a peculiar effort was performed to translate and transpose the findings of basic research into the clinical practice. Indeed, not only basic scientists attended the course, but also clinicians, belonging to endocrinology, andrology and gynaecology actively participated to the discussion.

The event was further enriched by 16 oral communications, selected from the contributions of young investigators. Overall, the feedback received from the participants was extremely positive and we are looking forward to the future editions of this successful meeting.

**EAA GRANTS****EAA Scholarships**

A grant worth €1500 is awarded to a clinician, member of the EAA who submits the best application to attend a minimum of 4 weeks of training in one of the EAA Centres to improve personal skills in clinical andrology.

**I. BAYER SCHOLARSHIP 2017**

The winner is Dr. Georgios Kanakis, EAA affiliated member from the Thessaloniki Training Centre (GR), who has attended the EAA Centre of Rome under the supervision of Prof. Andrea Isidori. The fellowship was concluded in September 2017, and Dr. Kanakis had the opportunity to receive advanced training in applied Andrology with a special focus on ultrasound diagnostics. During this period, he also attended the second edition of the EAA 'Ultrasound course of the male genital tract and penile US', which was held in Rome and Florence. Meanwhile, he has

been involved in research, working on a project regarding the findings and follow-up data of scrotal ultrasound and its correlates with infertility and testicular tumours.

## II. EAA SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

The winner is Carlos Gasanz Serrano (EAA affiliated member from Spain), who will perform a training with a specific focus on ultrasound diagnostics of the male urogenital tract at the EAA Centres of Florence and Rome.

## III. NEW EAA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018

There will be two calls for presentation in 2018: 20th June 2018, one grant, and 20th October 2018, two grants.

### EAA Travel Grants

Travel Grants are made as a contribution towards the total cost of attending EAA-accredited Training Course or meetings (approved by the Education Committee) in accordance with the eligibility criteria set below. The application must be submitted to the EAA Secretary, Prof. Dimitrios Goulis and Andrea Isidori by email. For further details, see the website: <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/grants.aspx>

## IV. EAA TRAVEL GRANTS 2017

EAA is glad to announce that the winner of the third call of the EAA Travel grants 2017 is as follows: Dr. Radu Mihalca (Bucharest, Romania), who will attend the EAA Educational Course 2018, taking place 18–19 January 2018 in Leuven, Belgium.

## TEN EAA TRAVEL GRANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ECA 2018 BUDAPEST

The EC has recently approved ten dedicated 'EAA Travel grants' to attend the ECA 2018. The ten grants worth € 500,00 are awarded to clinicians and basic scientists, members of the EAA, who will submit an abstract and are below the age of 45. The

deadline for presentation is the 15th May, 2018 (concomitant to the deadline of abstract presentation for ECA 2018).

In addition to the ECA 2018 travel grants, three additional travel grants will be available for EAA-accredited courses with the following deadlines: 20th January 2018, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## EAA VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Novel articles are now available thanks to the 'EAA Librarians', Dr. Navarro Costa and Dr. Georgios Kanakis.

<http://www.andrologyacademy.net/publications.aspx>

## MULTICENTRE STUDIES

### EAA Multicentre Ultrasound Study: An Update

The multicentre study 'Standardization of male genital tract colour-Doppler ultrasound parameters in healthy, fertile men' (see <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/studies.aspx>) is progressing well.

So far, 237 subjects have been enrolled, 237 scrotal and 177 transrectal ultrasound have been performed, 200 blood samples have been collected. The study is approaching to its final stages and results will be presented during ECA2018.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1) EAA Educational Course on Andrology organised by the EAA Centres Brussels – Ghent – Leuven (18–19 January 2018)

2) The next EAA Clinical Andrologist exam will be held in Budapest during ECA 2018.

(for further information, see web page: <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/exams>).

3) Abstract submission for ECA 2018 is scheduled to the 15th May 2018.