



European Academy of Andrology Newsletter Edition July 2023

Note from the President

Dear EAA Members,



The first part of my term as the EAA President was busy but also very exciting. Several important events promoting andrology took place, among which I would like to highlight the 4th edition of the Budapest Andrology School, combined with the EAA Clinical Andrologist exam, and the EAA- and ANDRONET-supported European Testis Workshop - see the reports in this Newsletter.

My personal favourite for the most important event of this year so far is the merger of the EAA and the International Network of Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA), officially signed by the two boards in June 2023. This is a clear win-win situation for both organisations: the EAA will gain many young and enthusiastic researchers in male reproduction, while the NYRA will receive guaranteed support for their activities, travel grants, fellowships, and access to a vastly enlarged network, with many senior EAA members providing opportunities for training and jobs.

I am also happy with the recent news that Andrology - our official scientific journal - has increased its impact factor to 4.5, and I congratulate the Editors for this achievement!

Finally, it is my great pleasure to announce that the next European Congress of Andrology will take place in Stockholm in September 2024. However, before that major event, we have several activities in the calendar this year, including the EAA-endorsed next edition of the CeRA Summer School in Münster and the 2nd ANDRONET-EAA School in semen analysis in Stockholm.

With my best wishes for a great summer season,
Hermann Behre

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**EAA and
NYRA join
forces**





NYRA and EAA Board members met at the ETW2023 (21 June). From the left: Brendan Houston, Csilla Krausz, Davor Ježek, Gülizar Saritas, Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, Alberto de la Iglesia

In June 2023, the Network for Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA) became the young arm of the EAA, opening the EAA's membership benefits for scores of young researchers working in the field of male reproduction. A special NYRA-EAA membership category with a low annual fee of €25 is now open to NYRA members in training. We welcome all NYRA members to take advantage of this opportunity!

NYRA will retain its website (<https://nyra-youngresearch.eu/>) and autonomy concerning activities and its circle of followers outside the EAA. The President of NYRA, Alberto de la Iglesia is now a member ex-officio of the EAA Executive Council.

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New EAA Members



We welcome our new members, who have joined the EAA or were promoted to Academicians since January 2023:

Academicians:

Ettore **Caroppo** (Bari, Italy), Ravinder **Anand-Ivell** (Nottingham, UK), Birute **Zilaitiene** (Kaunas, Lithuania)

Regular Members:

Anastasia **Bezrucico** (Norwich, UK), Piotr **Dzigowski** (Warsaw, Poland), Hossam R. M. **Eldebs** (Cairo, Egypt), Mohamed **Ghazi** (Saint-Etienne, France), Nazim **Gherabi** (Algiers, Algeria), Aylin **Hansen** (Bonn, Germany), Georgijs **Kirakozovs** (Riga, Latvia), Nandan **Kishur Kar** (Cumilla, Bangladesh), Anđela **Kovačević** (Bonn, Germany /Montenegro), Marija **Lazovska** (Riga, Latvia), Zoltan Attila **Mihaly** (Cluj Napoca, Romania), Katarzyna **Paczkowska** (Wroclaw, Poland), Arina **Puchkina** (Rotterdam, Netherlands), Elena **von Rohden** (Herlev, Denmark), Tarek **Rouag** (Constantine, Algeria), Aleksei **Ryzhkov** (Yaroslavl, Russia), Piotr **Sekuła** (Krakow, Poland), Shiyan **Tang** (Oxford, UK), Abdelali **Zoghmar** (Constantine, Algeria).

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EAA Schools

The 4th EAA Budapest School and Clinical Andrologist examination



The fourth edition of the EAA Budapest School took place as a traditional 'face-to-face' meeting on 28 Feb - 3 March 2023. The School was co-organised by **Zsolt Kopa** (EAA Training Centre in Budapest), **Csilla Krausz** (EAA Past President) and the EAA Office, with support from the EAA and ANDRONET.

For the first time after the COVID-19 crisis, the School's programme included two full modules: a course in basic andrology for clinicians, and the advanced course of treatment of male infertility open for all attendees. The faculty was composed of the members of the EAA Executive Council and invited experts in andrology and sexual medicine: G. Corona, A. Isidori, S. Minhas and Y. Reisman. The social programme included an interesting visit to the Semmelweis Museum of Medical History, honouring the Hungarian physician who was a pioneer of aseptic procedures. The School was a great success, with the capacity attendance of 36 participants from 27 countries.

After the course, the examination for the certificate of EAA Clinical Andrologist was held. The successful recipients of the EAA certificate: **Azzazi**, Omar Abdulsalam M. H. (Egypt), **Caerels**, Simon (Belgium), **De Landstheer**, Anais (Belgium), **Elbitar**, Mahmoud (Egypt), **Eldebs**, Hossam Refaat E. M. (Egypt), **Epplen**, Robin (Germany), **Krasnyak**, Stepan (Russia), **Omar**, Mohamed Fahmi Abd El Motaleb (Egypt), **Saad**, Mina Labid Masoud (Egypt), **Shehata**, Mohamed M. Ragab (Egypt), **Sziva**, Réka Eszter (Hungary), **Van Cauwenberghe**, Jolijn

(Belgium), **Varga**, Dániel (Hungary), **Vargha**, Judit (Hungary), **Vasquez Franco**, Andrea (Spain). Congratulations!



Participants and the Directors of the Budapest School (Zsolt Kopa and Csilla Krausz)

The EAA Ultrasound School

The oldest EAA School provides high-quality training in andrological ultrasound, thereby helping to standardize the methodology of male genital tract and penile ultrasound in Europe. The School's Coordinators are **Francesco Lotti** (University of Florence) and **Andrea M. Isidori** (Sapienza University of Rome), and additional faculty includes experienced imaging specialists from both centres. The 7th edition of this popular School started in the spring of 2023, with two EAA members awarded travel grants partly alleviating their costs. For details and reports from all editions see the EAA Website: <https://www.andrologyacademy.net/ultrasound-school>

The EAA Microsurgery School

The first edition of the newest EAA School in Microsurgery was held in Budapest on 17-21 April 2023. The School was organized by Prof. **Zsolt Kopa**, Director of the EAA Budapest Centre, which regularly performs all kinds of microsurgical interventions in andrology. The program comprised both theoretical and practical education with live surgeries in the field of reconstructive microsurgery, microsurgical sperm retrieval techniques and subinguinal microsurgical varicocelectomy. This was an intense hands-on course, which could accommodate only 8 participants. The feedback was excellent, and the School is expected to return next year.



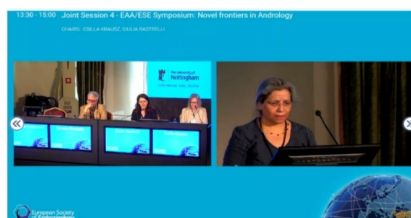
Participants and the Director of the Microsurgery School (Zsolt Kopa)

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Reports from EAA-endorsed educational events

European Congress of Endocrinology, Istanbul 2023

The EAA has a collaboration with the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) and organises andrology-related courses or sessions at the annual ECE congress (ECE). At the latest ECE-2023 held in Istanbul (13-16 May 2023) the EAA organised the Symposium on "Novel Frontiers in Andrology". The speakers included Csilla Krausz, Ravinder Anand-Ivell and Rosario Pivonello. Gulia Rastrelli,



R. Pivonello, G. Rastrelli, C. Krausz and R. Anand-Ivell

who served as co-Chair, gave also a talk in another session on hypogonadism.

Annual Meeting of the EAA Centre in Cairo

The EAA-certified Andrology Training Centre in Cairo, directed by Professors **Osama Shaeer** and **Kamal Shaeer** (pictured with their team members and the guest speaker), held its annual conference on 19 May 2023. The programme included lectures presenting the latest results from the Cairo Centre and collaborating institutions, and a guest talk delivered by the EAA Secretary E. Rajpert-De Meyts.



The Post-graduate Course in Andrological Endocrinology

The EAA-supported course was organised by **Niels Jørgensen** and **Lise Aksglæde** (pictured) under the umbrella of the Danish and Swedish Andrological Societies, and took place at the EAA-Training Center in Copenhagen on 7-9 June 2023. In addition to top Danish experts, international speakers included M. Holmberg, S. Arver, A. Hagelin and A. Giwercman (S), and D. Vanderschueren (B). The course was oversubscribed and attended by 30 participants instead of 25 initially planned (with 15 remaining on the waiting list). The event received very high marks by the attendees.



The 22nd European Testis Network, NYRA 2023 and ANDRONET meeting

This prime event in the field of tests biology and pathology took place on June 18-22 at Palace de Caux, Montreux, Switzerland.



The Workshop was co-organised and co-financed by the ANDRONET Cost Action and supported by the EAA. The Workshop was preceded by the 15th meeting of the Network of Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA) at the same location. The triple event broke the attendance records (>260 participants) and was a great success, with an excellent scientific programme, more than a hundred of flash talks, plentiful time for networking and a stunning location. Congratulations to the main organizers; **Pei-Hsuan Wu** and **Serge Nef**, well-known scientists from Geneva!

ANDRONET held a Management Committee meeting and its own Symposium showcasing the network's activities. ANDRONET contributed substantially to the success of the Workshop and helped more than 70 scientists to attend, thanks to generous reimbursement of expenses, financed by the COST funds.

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News from the Journal



Impact Factor

The IF of *Andrology* for 2022 was released in late June - and it has risen to **4.5!** The increase from 4.46 to 4.5 seems small but it is actually significant in view of the general drop in IFs for most scientific journals - including our competitors in the category of andrology. This drop was the result of a somewhat artificial IF rise in 2022 because of a change in calculating of the citations 'in press'. We are grateful to the immediate past Chief Editor, Manuela Simoni, and the current Editors, Marie-Claude Hofmann and Aleksander Giwercman for their hard work resulting in the best IF ever.

Special issues

Andrology released three thematic issues in the first half of 2023. All three contain very interesting articles and are a highly recommended reading:



“Andrological Aspects of Diabetes”,
guest editors
Giulia Rastrelli
and Daniele
Santi
**“Small RNAs
in
Andrology”**,
guest editor
Kristian
Almstrup
**“New
Horizons in
Testis
Biology and
Men's
Health”**
(based on the
XXVIth North
American
Testis
Workshop,
2022, La Jolla,
California),
guest editors
Kate Loveland
and Wei Yan

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News from EAA members

The EAA Academician and current EAA Secretary, Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, was honoured by the American Society of Andrology (ASA) with the 'Distinguished Andrologists Award' presented at the 48th Annual ASA Conference in Boston (19-23 April 2023).



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Event calendar

1st Announcement:



4-6 September 2024
**13th European Congress of
Andrology**

Stockholm, Sweden

Save the dates! The main biennial congress of the EAA, ECA2024 will be held in the Swedish capital Stockholm on 4-6 September 2024. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is led by Jan-Bernd Stukenborg. Assisztencia, which takes care of the EAA Office has been appointed as the Professional Congress Organizer.

Follow the ECA news on the website: www.eca2024.com

Other events:

8-10 September 2023

10th EYES Meeting (Young Endocrinologists & Scientists)

Würzburg, Germany

<https://www.ese-hormones.org/events-deadlines/ese-events/eyes-2023-annual-meeting/>

25-29 September 2023

32nd Summer Academy in Andrology and Reproductive Biology, CeRA

Münster, Germany
Information: <https://www.medizin.uni-muenster.de/en/cera/newsdetails/das-programm-ist-da-32-sommerakademie-des-centrums-fuer-reproduktionsmedizin-und-andrologie.html>

1-3 October 2023

28th Symposium of Biology and Immunology of Reproduction

Liblice, Czech Republic

Information: <https://www.sbir.cz/>

8-13 October 2023

1st Spermatogenesis Conference

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Information: <https://www.fusion-conferences.com/conference/144>

9-13 October 2023

2nd ANDRONET-EAA School in Basic Semen Analysis

Stockholm, Sweden

Information: Lars.Bjorndahl@ki.se

1-5 November 2023

ASHG-2023, Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics

Including Sessions on Male Infertility, and on Germ Cell Biology & Genetic Variation

Washington DC, USA

Information: <https://www.ashg.org/meetings/2023meeting/>

8-10 February 2024

European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM) Congress 2024

Bari, Italy

Information: https://twitter.com/essm_tweets/status/1650862653668200452

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