



### Note from the President

Dear EAA Members,

As we are nearing the summer holidays, I would like to give you a short update on our activities in the first half of 2024. We continued promoting education in andrology, and started the early spring with the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Budapest School, combined with the EAA Clinical Andrologist exam. Congratulations to the newly certified andrologists!

The spring ended with a successful annual meeting of the International Network of Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA) in Brussels. The NYRA, now a young arm of the EAA, is very active and has launched a new series of webinars especially designed for young researchers.

The biggest andrology event of this year – the European Congress of Andrology (ECA2024) – is still ahead of us. The programme is shaping to be excellent, in a large part because of the record breaking number of submitted abstracts, many of outstanding quality. I hope that all members will attend the Congress. Note that the registration fee will increase soon, so do not hesitate any longer. I hope to see you all in Stockholm!

With my best wishes for a great summer season,

*Hermann M. Behre*

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### Update on the ECA2024



The ECA2024 will take place on **4-6 September 2024 in Stockholm, Sweden**. In addition to the packed Congress programme, comprising 7 plenary sessions, 15 sessions in 3 parallel tracks (including the NYRA session for basic scientists), two poster sessions and 1 Merck-sponsored symposium, there are several satellite or accompanying events of interest for EAA members:

- **Meeting of the EAA Training Centre Directors, 3 Sept. 2024 (17:00)** at Hotel Hilton Stockholm Slussen (*by invitation only*).

- **“Andrology Day 2024”, 4 Sept. 2024 (8:00-12:30)**, at the Karolinska Institute (Aula Medica), organised by the Swedish Society of Andrology. The event is open for everybody, free of charge and without registration. Information: <https://news.ki.se/calendar/andrology-day-2024>
- **The ANDRONET-EAA Course for Andrologists: “What should the andrologist know in 2024”, 4 Sept. 2024 (12:45-15:45)** will be held at the main venue of the ECA (*Münchenbryggeriet*) before the start of the Congress. The Course contains 8 talks by the POC members, covering clinical and basic areas of andrology, and is obligatory for the Andronet members who applied for the COST travel reimbursement.
- **The EAA General Assembly, 5 Sept.** (17:45-19:10), all EAA members ought to attend to hear more about the Academy activities, and exert their influence by participating in the discussion and voting.

**If you have not yet registered to the ECA2024 – hurry up – the registration rate will increase on July 16!**  
**Registration and information is available on the ECA’s website: [eca2024.com](http://eca2024.com)**



## New webinar initiative of NYRA

### AndroConnect WEBINAR SERIES

We are pleased to announce the new educational initiative of NYRA, which is tailored for the young scientists in training in andrology / reproductive biology, and focuses on the reality behind diverse career pathways in the field of andrology: **The AndroConnect webinar series**. Two first webinars have already occurred and were met with great interest:

- *“Basic research to product development – the CatFlux sperm function test from Truion GmbH”* (18 April 2014) - **Vincent Lucas Fischer** and **Samuel Young** summarised the successful story of the development of a diagnostic test based on the CatSper defects discovered at the Centre for Reproductive Medicine & Andrology in Münster, which is also an EAA-training centre.
- *“The future is in your hand - building Jack Fertility, a male fertility health-tech start-up”* (20 June 2024) - **Lilly Elsner** presented an inspiring story of a start-up that has developed a mail-in semen analysis kit.

Further webinars will take place bimonthly after the summer break and will be announced soon. We encourage all young scientists, especially PhD students, to register with the Network and take advantage of the special **EAA-NYRA membership** that grants access to all Academy benefits for a small fee of 25€ (<https://nyra-youngresearch.eu/>).

## EAA Schools planned in 2024

Take a note that two newest EAA Schools will return in the fall of 2024:

- **3<sup>rd</sup> ANDRONET-EAA School in Basic Semen Examination**, hosted at ANOVA, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden. **Dates: 30 Sept. – 4 Oct. 2024**. The main organizer: **Lars Björndahl, MD, PhD** ([lars.bjorndahl@ki.se](mailto:lars.bjorndahl@ki.se)). The number of participants is limited to six. Applications can be obtained from the organizers.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> EAA School in Microsurgery**, hosted at the EAA-Training Centre at the Urology Department of the Semmelweis University, in Budapest, Hungary. **Dates: 14-18 Oct. 2024**. The main organizer: **Zsolt Kopa MD, PhD**. The programme will include microsurgery in in vitro models, live surgeries and video sessions, and will be available on the EAA website. The number of participants is limited to 8. The Course is fully booked for 2024, but you can sign up for the waiting list at [office@andrologyacademy.net](mailto:office@andrologyacademy.net).







