



Note from the President



Dear EAA Academicians and Affiliated Members,

The second year of my mandate has just started and first of all, I would like to thank the members of the executive council for their great dedication. During the last 12 months we had one face to face meeting in Rome (January 2015) followed by four intense and long skype conferences. We have been addressing many new issues and you have been informed about the most relevant ones via e-mail, through the four online EAA Newsletters, and the two Newsletters published in "Andrology".

During the first EC meeting of 2016 (26 January) the EC and the Publication Committee (chaired by Prof. I Huhtaniemi) elected Prof Manuela Simoni

as the new co-editor in chief of "Andrology". Prof. Simoni is an Academician of the EAA since its foundation, and has served the EAA as a member of the Executive Council from 2002 to 2010. Her new appointment will start in January 2017 and I will come back to this towards the end of this year.

Among the highlights of 2015 I would like to mention the EAA educational activities first. Despite the relatively few EAA courses in our Training Centers, there were plenty of occasions for our members and young fellows to participate in excellent EAA accredited meetings and workshops. The last workshop of the year was held in Copenhagen and was organised by Niels Joergensen and his colleagues from the Copenhagen Training Center. The scientific level of this meeting was outstanding and was – in my opinion– the best meeting of the year. A new educational activity of 2015 is the EAA Ultrasound school. Although for logistic reasons (it is a 4 week long hands-on training programme) the course is only open to four fellows every year, I am confident that they will impart their knowledge to a large number of andrologists in their own countries with an ultimate general benefit for our field. I thank all the members of the Educational Committee (chaired by Prof. E. Jannini), Dr. F. Lotti and Prof. A. Isidori for their hard work.

Other important achievements of the year were the substantial increase of Affiliated members and the intensification of our relationship with ESE and UEMS.

Although we still need improvements, our website was redesigned both graphically and structurally. The Virtual Library maintained by Prof.s A. Meinhardt and H-C Schuppeis one of the new elements. It has a twofold goal, aimed at: i) introducing the latest and most exciting research activities carried out in our Centers; ii) updating on the best publications in our field. I hope that many of you find useful the information reported in these pages.

As you have been informed already by e-mail, starting from the third issue of Andrology, the EC decided to shift from the paper copy to the online electronic version of our journal.

I am glad to inform you that Bayer, IBSA Foundation and Fundacio Puigvert have already renewed their support for travel grants in 2016. Thanks to Bayer, a scholarship of 1500 Euros will be available this year, with the objective to help fellows willing to visit EAA Centers.

Naturally the most exciting scientific and educational event will be our congress (ECA 2016) in Rotterdam from 21 to 23 September. Please take note of the deadline for submitting your abstracts! Dedicated travel grants will be available for young Affiliated members.

Finally, I would like to welcome all new EAA Affiliated members who joined the EAA from November 2015 to January 2016 (see the list below). I hope that they will enjoy our community and will actively participate in our general assembly scheduled for ECA 2016.

Although you already received the virtual seasonal wishes card in December, I take this opportunity to once again wish you a happy and successful year!

Csilla Krausz

President of the EAA

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Update on new EAA members (October 2015-January 2016)

We welcome our new Affiliated members!	
Dr. Oleg Apolikhin (Russia)	Dr. Ivan Hoffmann (Germany)
Dr. Christina Dimopoulou (Greece)	Dr. Stefania Lymeri (Greece)
Dr. Yong-Gang Duan (China)	Dr. Marios Marcou (Germany)
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Update on EAA Subcommittee

The EC has decided to renew the composition of two Committee:

International Liaison Committee:
Co-chairs: Dr. Zsolt Kopa and Dr. Frank Tuettelmann
Members: Alexandra Amaral, Istvan Kiraly, Margus Punab, Jan Bernd Stukenborg
Guidelines Committee:
Co-chairs: Prof. Ewa Rajpert De-Meyts and Dr. Giovanni Corona
Members: Prof. Gert Dohle, Prof. Csilla Krausz, Prof. Jorma Toppari, Prof. Hermann Tournaye, Prof. Michael Zitzmann

Educational Courses

The full day theoretical part of the EAA Ultrasound Course “Male Genital Tract and Penile Ultrasound” (Faculty: Dr. Francesco Lotti, University of Florence, Italy and Prof. Andrea M. Isidori, Sapiens University of Rome, Italy) was held successfully in Florence, Italy, on November 14, 2015.. Detailed information on the Course program are available at <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/education.aspx?ID=4>. Frontal lessons have been given by Dr. Lotti and Prof. Isidori The theoretical part will be followed by hand on training (4 weeks) which will be held in Florence and Rome in 2016 with a final exit exam for the EAA Ultrasound Course certification. Application form for the course 2016-2017 will be available starting from March 2016.

Update on EAA Training Centres

Establishment of a joint EAA Center in Budapest

A novel joint Center has been accredited as an EAA Andrology Training Centre in Budapest. The new Budapest Center consists of two distinct institutions: the Andrology Centre of the Department of Urology of the Semmelweis University (head: Associate Professor Z. Kopa) and the Department of Urology and Andrology at the Hospital of the Hungarian Ministry of Defense (Head: Professor G.K. Papp). The Center headed by Prof Papp was the original EAA Center, established many years ago, which has been successful in training a number of Clinical Andrologists. Young Hungarian fellows will have access to both centers which will complement each other. The Andrology Centre of the Department of Urology of the Semmelweis University is also a training center for specialization in Andrology. Hungary is one of the few countries in which “andrology” is recognized as an independent subspecialty.



EAA Ultrasound Course theoretical part (Florence, November 14, 2015)

(The theoretical part will be followed by 4 weeks hand on training).From the left to the right: Andrea M. Isidori (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) (Coordinator), Jose Ignacio Vinay (Fundació Puigvert, Barcelona, Spain), Kirils Ivanovs (Dept. Urology, Riga, Latvia), Tamas Fel (University of Zurich, Switzerland), Francesco Lotti (University of Florence, Italy) (Coordinator), Zdravko Asenov Kamenov (Endocrinology Clinic, Sofia, Bulgaria), Gianmaria Salvio (Endocrinology Unit, Ancona, Italy).

Update on EAA Clinical Andrologist Exam

The next EAA Clinical Andrologist Exam is scheduled in Rotterdam during the ECA 2016. More information will be available on the web-site, starting from April 2016.



IBSA Foundation EAA Travel Grants

EAA is proud to announce the winners of the WINTER 2015 grants:

The winners are **Dr. Daniele Santi** (EAA affiliated member from Italy) and **Dr. Antonio Leen** (EAA affiliated member from Belgium) to attend the 2nd International Workshop on Klinefelter-Syndrome in 2016 (Grant: 500 euros).

Travel Grants for 2016

A total of 6 travel grants will be offered also for 2016 by the following sponsors: Bayer, IBSA Foundation and Fundació Puigvert. Only EAA Affiliated members and Academicians with an age limit of 45 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



EAA accredited course report

Course in Male Sexology, September 2015, in Copenhagen, Denmark

In collaboration with the Danish Andrological Society the Department of Growth and Reproduction at Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen Denmark held a 2.5 days course in Male Sexology the 17th to 19th of September 2015. The course was approved as a European Academy of Andrology course.

The program of the course was established in collaboration between partners from the Danish EAA training centre, the Stockholm centre and the Rome centre. The members of the Program Organizing committee were from Rigshospitalet Dr. Niels Jørgensen (chairman) and Dr. A. Kirstine Bang from Department of Growth and Reproduction, Dr. Annamaria Giraldi from Department of Sexology, from Center for Andrology and Sexual Medicine in Stockholm Dr. Stefan Arver and from Endocrinology and Medical Sexology, University of Rome Dr. Emmanuele Jannini.

In total 30 participants coming from Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania and Germany completed the course which covered sexological aspects of topics like erection, desire, psychiatry, pharmacology, endocrinology, adiposity, aging, transsexuality, disorders of sexual differentiation and sexual rights. Teachers and speakers came from Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Italy and France. The program of the course is available at www.andrology.dk (sub menu "Activities", previous courses).

EAA accredited meeting report

EDMaRC Workshop: From primordial germ cells to spermatozoa, November 24-27 in Copenhagen, Denmark

The workshop focused on basic and translational research in the field of spermatology and genetics/epigenetics of male infertility. Top scientists from all over the world gave their contribution to the success of this meeting.

The members of the Program Organizing Committee were Dr. Niels Jørgensen (chairman), Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, Niels E. Skakkebaek, Anders Juul (University Department of Growth and Reproduction, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark) and Christopher Barratt, University of Dundee, United Kingdom.

The program of the workshop is available at www.andrology.dk (sub menu "Activities", previous courses).

Multicentre Studies

The multicenter study "Standardization of male genital tract colour-Doppler ultrasound parameters in healthy, fertile men" (see <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/studies.aspx>) is progressing very well. So far, 146 subjects have been enrolled, 146 scrotal and 119 transrectal ultrasound have been performed, 131 blood samples have been collected.



EAA Congresses

European Congress of Andrology 21-23 September 2016, Rotterdam

The Final program of ECA 2016 and additional information are available on the ECA website: <http://www.ecacongress2016.com/>

Forthcoming EAA accredited meetings

- 2nd International Workshop on Klinefelter-Syndrome in 2016, March 10-12, 2016 Muenster, Germany
- EAA course in male sub-fertility, April 11-13, 2016, Malmo, Sweden

EAA virtual Library

The third series of abstracts for the EAA Virtual Library “Recent publications from EAA centers” and “Librarian’s favorites: you should read them!” is going to be published by the end of February. The first two of these sessions are already available on our website.

Andrology

After taking into consideration the environmental impact of the printed version of “Andrology”, the EC decided to shift from the paper copy to the online electronic version of our journal. This means that each member could access the journal only through the “Andrology” web-site, by entering a dedicated code. Those members who would still like to receive the paper copy of the journal are requested to send an email to the treasurer Prof. Hermann Behre at hermann.behre@medizin.uni-halle.de

The deadline for sending this letter is the 28th February 2016.

Take a note in your agenda!

The first call for abstract submission is open on the ECA2016 website.
The deadline for abstract submission is: 1 May 2016.
Registration will start in February 2016.

Breaking News

We congratulate with Prof Manuela Simoni, who has been elected as the co-Editor in chief of Andrology starting from 2017.

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