



European Academy of Andrology Newsletter Edition July 2025

Note from the President

Dear EAA Members,



In this newsletter, we look back on a very eventful and active first half of 2025. I would like to extend my gratitude in particular to the new Secretary of the EAA, Giovanni Corona, who – after being elected at the European Congress of Andrology in September last year – has seamlessly continued the excellent work of Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts as EAA Secretary.

Unfortunately, we also experienced a sad event: the passing of our founding president, Professor Nieschlag, in February this year. In his memory, we will continue the activities of the EAA with dedication and for the best of andrology.

With my best wishes for the summer season,
Hermann Behre

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Obituary for Professor Eberhard Nieschlag (1941-2025)

All EAA community is sad to announce that Professor Nieschlag, one of the giants of the andrology field worldwide, passed away February 2025. Prof Nieschlag was the founder and the past president of EAA and of the International Society of Andrology. His clinical and research activities were focused on several aspects of the Andrology field, including reproductive endocrinology and andrology, testosterone, treatment of infertility, the ageing male and hormonal male contraception.



He published over 700 papers indexed on PubMed and several books on different aspects of andrology and reproductive medicine. Finally, he was the mentor of several young researchers, creating an amazing andrology school in Münster, still the house and the reference of young generations.

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Report from the ASA/ICA 2025



The 13th Quadrennial meeting of ICA and the 50th annual meeting of ASA was held from 29 March to April 1 in Washington, D.C., USA. The meeting was a great success, including more than 300 delegates from 34 countries. The scientific programme was prepared by the POC co-chaired by our Past President Csilla Krausz (ITA), and Jaques Tremblay (CAN), which comprised a multidisciplinary team of experts: Yuchi Shima (JAP), Kyle Orwig (US), Danile Cyr (CAN), Dimitrios Goulis (GRE), Giovanni Corona (ITA), Jaquetta Trasler (CAN), Osama Shreer (EGY), Wayne Hellstrom (US) and Jannett Dufur (US). The scientific program was outstanding and included 6 dedicated ASA Plenary lectures, 6 plenary lectures, 1 debate, 2 round tables, 15 symposiums (parallel sessions) and 2 dedicated poster sessions.

The main congress was preceded by a pre-congress event dedicated to the memory of Prof Nieschlag with the contribution of the International Consortium for Male Contraception (ISA/ICMC/ASA) addressing several aspects of male reproductive health: from conception to contraception.

EAA has supported the meeting with 5 travel grants, and several lectures were released by EAA members. One of the most important was a plenary lecture given by Andrea Isidori, who elegantly summarised all aspects of PDE5i **“Unlocking PDE5 Inhibitors’ Secrets: Two Decades of Clinical Trials and Preclinical Breakthroughs”**.

One of the most important moments of the meeting was the ISA Young Andrologist Award session dedicated to the best young research worldwide, nominated by ISA-affiliated societies. The winners were selected after a rigorous process based on candidate research activities and CV.

We are happy to announce that EAA members were among those selected. *"Life, Sexual Dysfunctions, and Everything":* **Andrea Sansone - Italy**



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The ISA General Assembly

Another great news has been announced during the ISA General Assembly held in Washington, D.C. on March 31. Our current Secretary, Giovanni Corona and the former EAA Secretary (2014-2018), Dimitrios Goulis, finished their term as ISA officers, whereas our Past President, Csilla Krausz was nominated as the new ISA President.



In addition, Budapest, supported by the Hungarian Society of Andrology (MAT), was selected as the new location for the 2030 ISA/EAA/MAT joint meeting. From all the EAA Board, our sincere congratulations to Csilla and good luck for a fruitful work and collaboration.

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SAVE THE DATE: ECA2026 Modena 16-18 September 2026

The Program Organising Committee has been established and the Chair, Giovanni Corona and Local Organising Committee Chair, Daniele Santi, are currently working hard along with all EAA Board to guarantee the best scientific content and a great success.



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Training Centre Directors' and Accreditation update

During the last board meeting, held in Budapest on 6 March 2025, Prof. Krausz reported that several site visits were conducted in 2024 with positive outcomes. These included visits to Tartu, Giessen, Barcelona, Brussels, Rotterdam, Malmö, Zagreb, Rome, Bonn, Münster. Naples was newly accredited as a centre under the leadership of Prof. Rosario Pivonello.

Several new visits are planned for 2025, including Catania, L'Aquila, Leuven, and



Łódź. New centre applications have been received from Padova (Prof. Alberto Ferlin) and Hamburg (Prof. Armin Soave). Meanwhile, the former EAA Centre in Leipzig decided not to proceed with re-accreditation.

EAA Officers and examiners for the EAA Clinical Andrologist exam in Budapest

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News from NYRA

AndroConnect Webinars

The AndroConnect webinar series, a popular new educational initiative by NYRA tailored to young scientists in training in andrology and reproductive biology, continues to be a great success. The series offers participants the opportunity to explore the realities of diverse career pathways within the field of andrology.



In 2025, the following webinars were held so far:

- *A Scientist's Toolkit to Becoming a Founder* – presented by Daniel Marcu
- *Out of the University Lab and Into the Unknown: An Academic's Leap into Industry* – presented by Dorte Egeberg

The recordings of the webinars are accessible in the EAA Members' Portal.

1st NYRA-EAA School

The 1st Edition of the “Omics of male germ cells: Transcriptomic analyses” school, organised by NYRA together with the EAA, was held in Copenhagen, 24-28 February 2025. This course was based on the challenging aspects of analysing RNA expression in male gonadal tissues. The participants were able to perform bioinformatic analysis of single cells and bulk transcriptome data of testis from start to finish under the guidance of experienced faculty, including Chloé Mayere, Lena Arévalo and Sara di Persio.



The course was organised by A. Kovacevic, J. M. Paturlanne, D. Marcu, A. de la Iglesia and G. Saritas, together with the entire NYRA Board. The EAA Board extends congratulations to everyone who participated.

The 17th NYRA meeting

The annual NYRA meeting has been hosted on 12-13 April 2025, in connection with the European Testis Workshop (ETW2025), at De Ruwenberg, in Sint Michielsgestel, the Netherlands, just before the European Testis Workshop. Overall, 39 participants from 12 countries joined the meeting for two days of science, connection, and future-shaping discussion on male fertility and contraception. A lively scientific debate on male contraception was a new addition this year, sparking critical and engaging discussions about the societal, ethical, and biological challenges of advancing male contraceptive options. Beyond the talks, the “scientific speed dating,” trivia night, and networking dinners created space for young researchers to connect, exchange ideas, and build collaborations that will shape the future of andrology. From the EAA Board, congratulations to all the people involved!



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Reports from EAA Schools

6th Edition of EAA Budapest School

The 6th Edition of the EAA Budapest School on Basic and Clinical Andrology, organised by Csilla Krausz and Zsolt Kopa, took place on 4–6 March 2025.

Once again, the event was fully booked, bringing together 41 participants from 16 countries. The faculty included renowned experts in the field: Hermann Behre, Giovanni Corona, Davor Ježek, Zsolt Kopa, Csilla Krausz, Francesco Lotti, Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, and Cobi Reisman.

ANDRONET provided Local Organiser Support and covered the costs for one trainer and five trainees, while the EAA awarded five travel grants.

The school was followed by the EAA Clinical Andrologist Examination, with the faculty joined by Eduard Ruiz-Castané, Francesco Lombardo, and István Király.

The successful recipients of the EAA Clinical Andrologist Certificates are:

Abele, Andris (Riga), Axelsson, Jonatan (Malmö), Byczkiewicz, Piotr (Łódź), Crafa, Andrea (Catania), Defreyne, Justine (Ghent), Divanovic, Anida (Thessaloniki), Farias Cortes, Juan Diego (Barcelona), Fylaktos, Anastasios (Stockholm), Marinelli, Lorenzo (Ghent/Florence), Menafrà, Davide (Naples), Muha, Miruna Adriana (Thessaloniki), Perrone, Michele (Ancona), Rossi, Silvia (Ancona), Salvio, Gianmaria (Ancona), Spahiu, Mentor (Thessaloniki).

The next edition of the school is planned for 3–5 March 2026, and registration for the examination will open soon.



2nd Edition of the EAA Genetic School

The school has been organised in Estonia; 22-24 April 2025, including 21 participants from 12 different countries. The course aimed to revise the basic concepts of medical genetics, provide a state-of-the-art overview of currently applied genetic tools in the andrology clinic and introduce the current advances in androgenetics and their perspective clinical impact. The course was organised by Maris Laan and Kristjan Pomm from TARTU University. The faculty involved several outstanding speakers, including Aleksander Giwercman (SWE), Frank Tüttelmann (GER), Stephane Viville (FRA), Kristian Almstrup (DNK), Miguel Xavier (UK), Fredrik Wiklund (SWE), and Antonio Capalbo (ITA). The participants liked the structure of the course. All the lectures and speakers received positive feedback and were identified as highly relevant and educational to the attendees. Discussions on clinical cases with a suspected or diagnosed genetic cause brought along by the participants received very good feedback and were expressed to be highly insightful. The EAA board congratulates all participants.

4th Edition EAA Zagreb Summer School: Testis Histology and Pathology for Clinical Andrologists and Embryologists

The 4th Edition of the EAA summer School "Testis Histology and Pathology for Clinical Andrologists and Embryologists" was held in Zagreb (Croatia), June 10-14, 2025, with the support of ANDRONET. The School was organised by the EAA Centres in Zagreb and Copenhagen (directors: Davor Ježek and Niels Joergensen). A special guest lecture was presented by Jan Bernd Stukenborg, Karolinska University. Eighteen selected attendees came from 12 countries (including distant Kenya). The School emphasised "hands-on" experience, including visits to the operating theatre, testicular sperm extraction and ICSI procedures, clinical cases discussion, molecular biology & genetic analysis and microscopic visualisation of testicular biopsies and various tumours. At the end of the course, participants exhibited an increased level of their knowledge in various segments of andrology. Additional "flavour" to the School was given by the social programme (city-tour, visit to the upper Zagreb town and strolls through the city centre). Based on the questionnaire results, the attendees demonstrated high satisfaction with the course and would recommend it to their peers.



ANDRONET supported the part of the School's organisation as well as the attendance of several participants and one lecturer, whereas the EAA provided five travel grants. From the EAA Board, congratulations to all the people involved!

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Reports from other EAA-endorsed events

7th Edition of TALENT

The 7th edition of the TALENT was organised in Rome, Italy, between 12-13 February 2025 by Andrea Isidori and Matteo Spaziani. The conference is an international event dedicated to rare endocrine diseases, with a particular focus on the transition phase. The conference program featured eight symposia (with a total of 20 presentations), each dedicated to specific areas of rare endocrine diseases, structured according to the Main Thematic Groups (MTGs) of the European Reference Network on Rare Endocrine Conditions (Endo-ERN), which officially endorsed the event. A significant highlight of the event was the EAA Educational Course "Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism and Bone Accrual." The conference undergraduate students, postgraduates, and PhD candidates who had the privilege of gaining valuable insights from esteemed Italian and international speakers, welcomed over 200 participants.

EAA Webinar: Essentials of Infectious and Inflammatory Disorders in Andrology

In February 2025, an EAA webinar was hosted by the Giessen and Bonn Centres, titled: "Essentials of Infectious and Inflammatory Disorders in Andrology – What Every Andrologist Needs to Know!"

The event attracted significant interest from the EAA community.

We would like to thank the Centre Directors Thorsten Diemer and Andreas Meinhardt (Giessen) and Jean-Pierre Allam (Bonn).

The speakers were: Thorsten Diemer, Daniela Fietz, Moritz Fritzenwanker, Jean-Pierre Allam, Andreas Meinhardt, Adrian Pliatz, Jens Rosellen, Hans-Christian Schuppe. Further webinar proposals are welcome and may be sent to office@andrologyacademy.net.

23rd European Testis Workshop (ETW)

The latest edition of the European Testis took place between 13 and 17 April 2025 at De Ruwenberg, in Sint Michielsgestel, The Netherlands. The main organisers were Katja Teerds (Chair), Tzviya Zeev Ben Mordehai, Bart Gadella, Ans van Pelt, Callista Mulder, Geert Hamer and Willy Baarends. The meeting included 145 delegates working on andrology for 5 days of intense science and networking. The excellent scientific presentations (plenary lectures, short presentations and flash talks) were accompanied by interactions between participants and the establishment of collaborations. The ETW permanent organising committee also met and decided that the next ETW will take place in Germany in 2027, while the 2029 edition will be held in Scotland. ANDRONET co-organised the event, which brought together many participants, and an EAA-dedicated session was held. The EAA Board is delighted to express congratulations to all participants.

EAA Symposium at the Joint Congress of the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and the European Society of Endocrinology 2025

The EAA has a long-lasting and very active collaboration with the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) and organizes andrology-related courses or sessions yearly at the annual congress of the ESE. At the latest joint congress of the ESE and the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology held in Copenhagen (10-13 May 2025), the EAA organised the Symposium “Novel therapeutic approaches in andrology”.



Martin Blomberg Jensen gave a presentation on “The bone factor RANKL is a novel regulator of male reproduction: Lessons from preclinical and clinical studies”, Andrea Isidori on “Reproductive challenges in CAH and TARTs: emerging therapeutic strategies”, and Hermann M. Behre on “Hormonal male contraception: where we are now?”. The Symposium, chaired by Leen Antonio and Giulia Rastrelli, was well attended and regarded as a great success.

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New EAA Members

We acknowledge newly promoted Academicians and warmly welcome our new members, who have joined the EAA since the previous newsletter (December 2024) until the end of June 2025.

Regular and NYRA-EAA Members:

Othmane Adli (Casablanca, Morocco), Rashmi Agarwal (Reus, Spain), Edidiong Akang (Vienna, Austria), Lena Arevalo (Madrid, Spain), Nikola Arsic (Madrid, Spain), Mark Baker (Callaghan, Australia), Abdallah Bensouda (Rabat, Morocco), Cristian Berzan (Iasi, Romania), Martin Blomberg Jensen (Copenhagen, Herlev, Denmark), Taisa Bojovic (Belgrad, Serbia), Caterina Chiminazzo (Bonn, Germany), Primož Ciglar (Ljubljana, Slovenia), Ricardo Contreras Garcia (Cartagena, Colombia), Enis Rauf Coskuner (Istanbul, Turkey), Giuliana de Avila Ferronato (Madrid, Spain), Ellen De Beer (Brussels, Belgium), Simona De Luca (Milan, Italy), Josias Torres de Siqueira Filho (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Shaishav Dhage (Manchester, UK), Daniel Diaconu (Bucharest, Romania), Ly-Ann Diwa (Metro Manila, Philippines), Mar Domingo Lopez (Bonn, Germany), Svetlana Doroshev (Utrecht,

The Netherlands), Lucas Fraga (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Anastasios Fylaktos (Stockholm, Sweden), Farah Ghieh (Münster, Germany), Robert Grams (Zürich, Switzerland), Hande Irem Hamurcu (Hamburg, Germany), Angelos Kalogiannis (Stockholm, Sweden), Margareta Kitlinski (Malmö, Sweden), Lena Kwaspen (Woluwe-Saint-Lambert, Belgium), Marie Le Page (Paris, France), Klims Leonenko (Riga, Latvia), Iacov Linga (Iasi, Romania), Maria Lopez-Panades (Barcelona, Spain), Lin Ma (Turku, Finland), João Pedro Machado Gismondi (São Paulo, Brazil), Radoslaw Maksym (Warsaw, Poland), Lorenzo Marinelli (Turin, Italy), Mihai Constantin Marinescu (Bucharest, Romania), Nilson Marquardt Filho (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Stefan Matik (Bitola, North Macedonia), Dale Maxwell (Oxford, UK), Przemyslaw Mlodozieniec (Poland), Piotr Mlodozieniec (Przeworsk, Poland), Ehab Jasim Mohammad (Baghdad, Iraq), Han Leng (Hans) Ng (Oxford, UK), Ainize Odriozola Larrañaga (Leioa, Biscay, Spain), Eva Ordziniak (Bonn, Germany), Katerina Papageorgiou (Brussels, Belgium), Greta Peciulyte (London, UK), Natalia Pelaez Mejia (Medellin, Colombia), Ana Planinic (Zagreb, Croatia), Ana Flavia Quiarato Lozano (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Manca Radez (Postojna, Slovenia), Silvia Rossi (Ancona, Marche, Italy), Michelle Diane Runkel (Münster, Germany), Mazen Munther Shanti (Abu Dhabi, UAE), Jie Shi (Heidelberg, Germany), Eduardo Zinoni Silva Pato (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Shannon Smyth (Melbourne, Australia), Michal Swolkien (Krakow, Poland), Lloyd Tack (Ghent, Belgium), Edoardo Torrioli (Brescia, Italy), Sabine Upmale-Engela (Riga, Latvia), Andranik Vardikian (Ufa, Russia), Di Wang (Barcelona, Spain), Jakub Wydra (Warsaw, Poland)

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Event calendar

26-28 September 2025

12th ESE Young Endocrinologists and Scientists (EYES) Meeting
Milan, Italy

<https://www.es-hormones.org/education-and-training/events-key-dates/12th-es-young-endocrinologists-and-scientists-eyes-meeting-2025/>

1-4 October 2025

47th Symposium on Hormones and Cell Regulation
Mont Sainte-Odile, France

<https://www.hormones-cell-regulation.eu/>

5-7 October 2025

30th Symposium of Biology and Immunology of Reproduction (SBIR)
Chateau Liblice, Czech Republic

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

13-17 October 2025

EAA School in Basic Semen Analysis 2025

ANOVA Centre, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm

<https://www.andrologyacademy.net/ea-school-in-basic-semen-analysis>

25-28 February 2026

27th World Meeting on Sexual Medicine (WMSM 2026)
Porto, Portugal

<https://www.issmessm2026.org/>

3-5 March 2026

7th Budapest School and Clinical
Andrologist examination
Budapest, Hungary
<https://eaaschool.eu/>
eea@asszisztencia.hu

**13-16 March 2026**

41st Annual EAU Congress (European Association of Urology)
London, UK
<https://eaucongress.uroweb.org/announcing-eau26/>

13-18 April 2026

North American Testis Workshop
Scottsdale, AZ, USA
<https://andrologysociety.org/future-meetings/>

18-21 April 2026

American Society of Andrology Annual Meeting
Scottsdale, AZ, USA
<https://andrologysociety.org/future-meetings/>

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