



European Academy of Andrology Newsletter

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Note from the President

Dear EAA Members,



We look back on a productive and eventful year. Our recurring and well-attended EAA Schools were organized once again, and we were especially pleased to see the return of the School in Genetics in Tartu after a long break, as well as the EAA Zagreb Summer School, co-organized by the EAA Centres Zagreb and Copenhagen. I would like to thank all centre leaders and coordinators for their dedication and continuous support of the EAA's educational mission.

In 2025, the EAA awarded 33 scientific travel grants to our members. You can find the full list of grant recipients in this Newsletter. I am particularly pleased to note that since the merger of the EAA and NYRA in 2023, 71 young researchers in male reproduction have joined our Academy.

As part of this collaboration, the EAA provides support and travel grants for NYRA activities, such as the NYRA-EAA School and the annual NYRA meeting. Recordings of the bi-monthly NYRA AndroConnect Webinar series, which offer insights into diverse career paths in andrology, are available to all EAA members via the Video Gallery on the EAA Member Portal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Daniel Marcu, who completed his one-year NYRA presidency after six years of service on the NYRA Board. I am grateful to Daniel and the entire NYRA Board for their enthusiastic efforts and excellent collaboration. I wish Andela Kovacevic, who will take over the presidency in 2026, every success in her new role.

The mandate of our Editor-in-Chief of *Andrology*, Professor Aleksander Giwercman, ends in 2025. On behalf of the EAA, I thank him sincerely for his excellent work during the past four years. I also extend my best wishes to the newly appointed Deputy Editor, Professor Emmanuele A. Jannini, starting in January 2026. He will serve as Deputy Editor for two years before assuming the role of Editor-in-Chief.

I also extend a warm welcome to the rejuvenated Publications Committee, under the new Chair Professor Davor Jezek, and wish them every success in their work. I would also like to express our gratitude to the departing members of the Publications Committee: Professor Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, outgoing Chair (2016–2024) and Literature Alert editor (2021–2024), and Professor Jorma Toppari, Committee member since 2019.

The EAA-initiated ANDRONET COST Action, developed over the past four years to strengthen research collaboration, education, and public awareness in andrology, recently concluded in October 2025. I would like to sincerely thank the ANDRONET leadership Professor Rafael Oliva (Action Chair), Professor Csilla Krausz (Vice-Chair), the Working Group leaders, as well as the Science Communication and Grant Awarding coordinators, for their outstanding dedication and significant contributions to our field.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Krisztina Csongradi, Krisztina Jeszenői, and Krisztina Szigedi from the EAA Office for their excellent work in 2025. In every aspect,

their support for the Executive Council and the many other EAA activities has been extremely helpful.

I look forward with great pleasure to our upcoming ECA2026 congress to be held in Modena on 16–18 September 2026. The EAA Travel Grant will again be available exclusively for actively participating EAA members who submit an abstract. We expect to announce the Call for Abstracts and Travel Grants around mid-January, with online registration opening in March.

With warm wishes for a peaceful holiday season and a happy and productive New Year 2026. I hope to meet you all in Modena at ECA2026!

Hermann M. Behre

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SAVE THE DATE: ECA2026 Modena 16-18 September 2026

The Program Organizing Committee, chaired by Giovanni Corona and Daniele Santi, along with all EAA Board, has been working intensively to finalize an outstanding scientific program and to ensure the success of the event.

Call for Abstracts: from January 2026
Registration: from March 2026



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Andronet summary

The ANDRONET COST Action CA20119 was developed in the last 4 years with the aim to potentiate research collaboration, education and public awareness in Andrology, and finished recently in October, 2025 (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA20119/>).

The funding received from COST led to the co-organization of very popular conference and training workshops series allowing networking, dissemination and exchange of researchers, the reimbursement of 297 COST action Andronet members, the support of 16 Short Term Scientific Missions, the support of 13 International Target Country Conference grants, and

the support for participation in the training of 61 members attending training schools, including many EAA-ANDRONET co-organized training schools.

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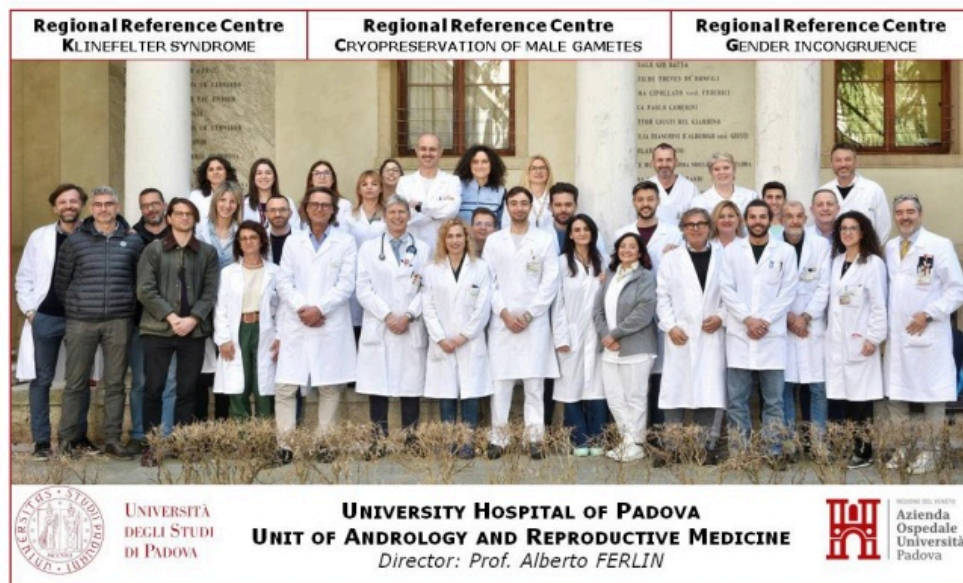
Training Centre Directors' and Accreditation Update

During the latter part of 2025, additional site visits were conducted. The accreditation of the L'Aquila centre has been successfully extended.

We are also pleased to announce that the EAA has accredited a new EAA Training Centre in Padova, Italy, under the leadership of Prof. Alberto Ferlin.

A new centre in Hamburg, led by Prof. Armin Soave, has also been visited for accreditation purposes; the review process for this centre is currently ongoing.

Several further site visits are planned for 2026.



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News from the EAA Publications Committee and the Journal



The EAA Publications Committee has had a highly productive and forward-looking period, marked by active engagement with the publisher (Wiley) and important steps to strengthen the future of the EAA's academic output. Recently, the Committee, chaired by Prof Davor Jezek, welcomed newly elected members (Lise Aksglaede, Sara di Persio, Francesco Lotti, Giulia Rastrelli and Anett Szabo), expanding its expertise and ensuring dynamic, diverse representation within its ranks.

We want to thank Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts (the former Committee Chair) and Jorma Toppari (Committee member) for their excellent longstanding contributions. Regular bi-monthly meetings with Wiley, attended by representatives from EAA, ASA, and the publishing team, have further strengthened collaboration and ensured smooth coordination on key topics, including Committee membership updates, the development of an *Andrology* sister journal, and branding considerations involving EAA, ASA, and Wiley logos on published papers. These discussions highlight the Committee's role in shaping the strategic direction of EAA's publishing activities and fostering high-quality scholarly communication.



Among the most important news, the Publications Committee is pleased to announce that, after a thorough discussion and careful selection process, Prof. Emmanuele A. Jannini from Rome, Italy has been appointed as the new Deputy Editor of *Andrology*. On behalf of the entire EAA Board, we congratulate Prof. Jannini and wish him a fruitful and successful work.

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News from NYRA

AndroConnect Webinars

The NYRA AndroConnect webinars bring together leading experts who share their experiences, challenges, and career trajectories, offering participants an opportunity to learn from real-world examples of academic, clinical, and research careers in andrology.

AndroConnect WEBINAR SERIES



A joint NYRA x ORCHID-NET webinar was organised on 17 September 2025, focusing on recent advances in fertility preservation and restoration. The session, which brought together 45 participants, addressed progress in spermatogonial stem cell transplantation and its emerging clinical applications in oncology and reproductive medicine. Prof. Dr. Kyle Orwig and Dr. Amanda Zielen presented current research developments, translational opportunities, and future directions toward clinical implementation. In addition, insights into career development and key decision points along translational research pathways from bench to bedside were shared, offering valuable perspectives for trainees and early-career researchers.

A further webinar dedicated to academic career pathways in andrology was held on 4 December 2025 with 28 participants joining. The session featured Dr. Sofia Boeg Winge, who presented her academic journey from a PhD focused on sex chromosomes and Sertoli cells to a senior research position at Copenhagen University Hospital–Rigshospitalet. The central role of the X-chromosome and Sertoli cells in male fertility was discussed, alongside reflections on conducting research within a hospital setting, illustrating how persistence and scientific curiosity shape long-term academic careers.



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Reports from EAA Schools

9th Edition of EAA Ultrasound School

The EAA Ultrasound School, dedicated to educating high-quality level operators in male genital tract and penile ultrasound, was organised by Francesco Lotti, Andrea Isidori and Carlotta Pozza at the EAA Training Centres in Florence and Rome.

The theoretical part took place in Florence on May 16 2025, with 12 participants from several countries: Brzoszczyk Bartosz (Poland), Fadol Nadir Ibrahim (Qatar), Gagiú Cristian-Cosmin (Romania), Kastrikin Iurii (Russia), Leonenko Klims (Latvia), Martínez García José Antonio de Jesús (Mexico), Matik Stefan (North Macedonia), Młodożeniec Przemysław (Poland), Peciulyte Greta (UK), Pelaez Mejia Natalia (Colombia), Pudelko Pawel (Poland), Torrioli Edoardo (Italy).

The practical part is being carried out in the Centres of Florence and Rome. The final examination will take place in Rome in spring 2026.

In October 2025, the exam for the 2024 course was held in Rome, resulting the certification of the following new EAA sonographers: Beltran Del Rio Hassan (Mexico), Soczomski Przemyslaw (Poland), Czeloth Karen (UK), Sokol Piotr (Spain), Trusila Andrej (Belarus), Byczkiewicz Piotr (Poland), Divanovic Anida (Serbia).

The next edition of the Ultrasound School will begin in spring 2026 with the theoretical part. Please visit the [EAA website](#) for announcements and application information.

3rd Edition of the EAA School in Microsurgery

The 3rd edition the Budapest Microsurgery Week was organised by Zsolt Kopa and the EAA Training Centre at the Semmelweis University, in Budapest, Hungary on 6- 10 October 2025. The faculty included Ahmad Majzoub (EAA Training Centre of Doha), Judit Vargha and Tamás Takács.

The course program provided hands-on training with ex-vivo and in-vivo animal models, featuring live microsurgeries in various areas of andrology, video demonstrations, and case discussions. This event was limited to a small number of participants to ensure a high-quality learning experience, combining experimental microsurgical practice with live surgical demonstrations.

This year eight participants attended, selected from the waiting list, including colleagues from Poland (2 participants), Belarus, Croatia, Italy, Kenya, the Philippines and Romania.



4th ANDRONET-EAA School in Basic Semen Examination

The 4th Training School on Basic Semen Examination took place in Stockholm (ANOVA Andrology Laboratory, Endocrinology, Karolinska University Hospital and Department of Medicine, Huddinge, Karolinska Institutet) from 13-17 October 2025.

The course complies with the ISO standard 23182:2021 and the recommendations of WHO (6th edition, 2021).

As usual it was an intense course with seminars in the afternoons and practical training in the mornings, including repeated feedback on individual performance. All participants performed very well on the Friday written exam as well as the practical exam – all successfully passed. Participants came from Poland, Latvia, and Sweden.

Associate Professor Lars Björndahl, Course Organiser, and his team are now planning the next course, possibly taking place earlier than usual in spring 2026. Updated information and application details will be available soon on the [EAA website](#).

Next Clinical Andrologist Examination

The next examination for the EAA-endorsed Clinical Andrologist certificate will be held on 5-6 March 2026, in connection with the 7th EAA Budapest School (3-5 March 2026).

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Reports from other EAA-endorsed events

34th CeRa Münster Summer School

The annual CeRa Summer Academy was hosted at the University of Münster, Germany, under the guidance of Prof Sabine Kliesch and Prof. Stefan Schlatt, from 22-26 September 2025. Participants included students, postdoctoral researchers, clinicians, and embryologists from diverse fields such as andrology, embryology, physiology, biology, veterinary medicine, and human medicine. Renowned experts from Germany and across Europe were invited to share their expertise, including numerous EAA members and fellows.

The on-site course covered the full scope of andrology and reproductive medicine, including biology and endocrinology of reproduction, fertility and infertility, reproductive technologies, sexual health, and ethical considerations. Topics ranged from the basics of reproductive biology to specialized areas like germline stem cell biology, pre-implantation diagnostics, and transgender medicine, as well as the latest advances in fertility preservation, assisted reproduction, and andro-urological surgery.

This year seminar series “*The Fascinating World of Reproduction*” held in hybrid format were also included. The latter were delivered by renowned speakers in the field ranging from topics of Zebrafish germline development to ethical issues raised by uterus transplant.

4th International Workshop on Klinefelter’s Syndrome and other Supernumerary Sex Chromosome Aneuploidies: A Lifelong Journey

The 4th International Workshop on Klinefelter syndrome and other supernumerary sex chromosome aneuploidies, with the theme “*A lifelong journey: new answers to old questions*”, was held on 8-10 October 2025 at the Padova Botanical Garden, University of Padova. It followed previous international workshops in Copenhagen (2010), Münster (2016) and Leiden (2022).



During the workshop, symposia, lectures, debates, round tables, oral presentation, and posters addressed the latest clinical studies and basic research on the impact of extra X or Y chromosome throughout life, with particular focus at critical periods from birth, to infancy, adolescence, adulthood, and senescence. Attention was given to the principal components

of the syndromes and gonadal function, as well as to comorbidities, combining a comprehensive view of genetic, endocrine, metabolic, psychologic, social, and relational aspects, all contributing to wellbeing and quality of life.

The International Scientific Committee, led by Alberto Ferlin, was composed by Claus Gravholt, Anders Juul, Armin Raznahan, Anne Skakkebaek, Hanna Swaab, Nicole Tartaglia, Sophie van Rijn, and Joachim Wistuba. The event was attended by 120 participants from ten countries across Europe and the USA.

3rd Edition of DIABENDRO

A single thread between metabolism, hormones, and sexuality - the III DIABENDRO 2025 Meeting was held in Naples on 1-2 December 2025.

Endorsed by the EAA, the event brought together some of Italy's leading experts in diabetes, endocrinology, and andrology at a single venue to explore new diagnostic and therapeutic frontiers, and to highlight the vital connections between metabolism, hormones, and sexuality. The meeting welcomed more than 150 participants from across Italy and featured a faculty of approximately 50 experts.



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EAA Travel Grants and Scholarships Awarded in 2025

EAA School in Genetics 2025 Travel Grants

Axelsson Jonatan (Sweden)
Christodoulidou Michelle (UK)
Curto Roberto (Italy)
Sulijaya Suyono Seso (Indonesia)

ASA & ICA 2025 EAA Travel Grants

Abrardo Chiara (Italy)
Castillo Judit (Spain)
Narinx Nick (Belgium)
Sansone Andrea (Italy)

NYRA-EAA-ANDRONET School 2025 EAA Travel Grants

De Avila Ferronato Giuliana (Spain)
Vilagos Ena (Croatia)
Odriozola Ainize (Spain)

EAA Budapest School 2025 Travel Grants

Abele Andris (Latvia)
De Luca Simona (Italy)
Farias Cortes Juan Diego (Mexico)
Fylaktos Anastasios (Sweden)
Pelewicz Katarzyna (Poland)

Best Exam Candidate Award 2025- ECA2026 free registration

Marinelli Lorenzo (Italy)

EAA Ultrasound School 2025 Travel Grants

Abdon Fadol Nadir Ibrahim (Qatar)
Mlodozieniec Przemyslaw (Poland)
Pudelko Pawel (Poland)

17th NYRA Meeting EAA Travel Grants

De Beer Ellen (Belgium)

Hamurcu Hande (Germany)
Liesen Annalena (Germany)
Smyth Shannon (Australia)
Vincenzo Sara (Italy)

EAA Zagreb School 2025 Travel Grants

Curto Roberto (Italy)
Tack Lloyd (Belgium)

Gordon Research Conference and Gordon Research Seminar 2025 EAA Travel Grant Bezrucica Anastasia (UK)

CeRA Münster Summer Academy 2025 EAA Travel Grants

Ghezzi Nicola (Italy)
Ismail Nesma (Germany)
Kastrikin Iurii (Russia)
Vasquez Andrea (Colombia)

EAA Scholarship 2025

Upmale-Engela Sabine (Latvia), to visit the EAA Training Centre in Thessaloniki, Greece

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New EAA Members

We warmly welcome our new members who joined the EAA since the previous newsletter in July 2025 up to the beginning of December 2025.

Regular and NYRA-EAA Members:

Artemijs Agzamovs (Riga, Latvia), Ahmed Khamis Al Saeedi (Doha, Qatar), Lazic Aleksandar (Belgrade, Serbia), Simone Belli (Pisa, Italy), Yogeswaran Carnjini (Nairobi, Kenya), Ion Castravet (Dijon, France), Nicola Ghezzi (Rome, Italy), Tiziana Grimaldini (Giessen, Germany), Nesma Ismail (Giessen, Germany), Saqib Javed (Madinah, Saudi Arabia), Mare Leht (Hyvinkää, Finland), Samuel Manser (Biel, Switzerland), Hana Marvanova (Vienna, Austria), Derry O'Flynn (Wilton, Cork, Ireland), Iris Paree (Utrecht, The Netherlands), Tudor-Cristian-Timotei Popescu (Craiova, Romania), Glib Pyrozhenko (Zaporizhia, Ukraine), Ali Sahin (Konya, Turkey), Ricardo Sobell (Santiago de Chile, Chile), Gary Velásquez Chávez (Zaragoza, Spain), Zoran Zimak (Zagreb, Croatia)

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Event calendar

25-28 February 2026

27th Congress of the European Society of Sexual Medicine (ESSM 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/>

10th Edition of the EAA Ultrasound School

<https://www.andrologyacademy.net/ultrasound-school>

Contact: office@andrologyacademy.net

Application deadline: 23 January 2026

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/>

9-12 May 2026

ECE2026 (European Congress of Endocrinology)

Prague, Czech Republic

<https://www.es-hormones.org/education-and-training/european-congress-of-endocrinology/ece2026/>

5-8 July 2026

42nd Annual Meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction & Embryology (ESHRE2026)

London, UK

<https://www.eshre.eu/ESHRE2026>

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