

European Academy of Andrology Newsletter

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A note from the President



Dear EAA Members,

In this edition of our newsletter, we bring you an update on the recent activities of the new EAA Executive Council, elected in October 2018 during the last European Congress of Andrology in Budapest, and on the recently carried out or planned EAA educational events.

We continue to promote the returning events and launch new educational activities within the broad field of andrology. In May 2019, in connection with the European Congress of Endocrinology (ECE) in Lyon, France, we organised the second successful pre-congress course on Practical Andrology for Endocrinologists. In June 2019, the Zagreb EAA Centre has organized the 3rd Andrology Symposium. In September, the EAA Centre in Tartu is organising the first EAA School in Genetics of Male Infertility, and in December, the second EAA Winter School in Testicular Histology will be held in Zagreb. The highly successful EAA Ultrasound school will start its fourth edition in January 2020.

An important new initiative is the EAA Andrology School in Budapest, scheduled to March 2020. The first edition of this School is articulated into two modules: the purpose of the first module is to prepare young andrologists to successfully pass the exam for the EAA Clinical Andrologist certificate, and the second module will be a state-of-the-art scientific meeting devoted to “Androgen therapy” with internationally recognized speakers. We do hope that the Budapest School will be successful and will be returning to the EAA calendar regularly.

On behalf of the EAA I would like to thank the organizers of all these EAA activities for their efforts in providing the entire community of andrologists with such high-profile educational events.

The EAA has also endorsed the Andrology Workshop and the Annual Meeting of the Network of Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA) in Giessen, Germany, and the Andrology Course organized by Fundacio Puigvert in October 2019. See the full list of events in this newsletter.

The EAA has strengthened collaboration with the American Society of Andrology (ASA). We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding detailing our exchange lectures at our conferences and joint supervision of *Andrology*, the official journal of both societies, which has just gained the top position in the field.

As we have already announced, the EAA Executive Council has established in February an EAA Committee on Male Health Awareness in order to promote the importance of the public education in andrology. Public awareness is one of our missions stated in the EAA Statutes; hence, the members of the Committee are currently developing a new website addressed to lay public together with revamping of our main EAA website. Since the number of young affiliated members is steadily increasing, we plan the introduction of social media pages dedicated to EAA news/events as well. Our keywords for the autumn will be “communication” and “information” addressed to you, EAA members and to the general public.

I wish you a wonderful summer,

Csilla Krausz

New Members of the EAA

The EAA warmly welcomes new members, who have recently joined the Academy or have been promoted to Academicians:

Academicians: Lars Björndahl (Sweden), Suks Minhas (UK)

Affiliated Members: Iurii Arian (Moldova), Antonio Aversa (Italy), Fabrizio Castiglioni (Italy), Ion Dumbraveanu (Moldova), Jens Fedder (Denmark), Shevach Friedler (Israel), Apostolos Georgiannakis (UK), Daniele Gianfrilli (Italy), Akylas Georgios Kouthouris (Greece), Carlotta Pozza (Italy), Hakki Uzun (Turkey), Yuran Vanwonterghem (Belgium).

Attention Trainees at the EAA Centres!

You are all invited to join EAA as Affiliated Members. The annual membership fee: 90 €
(more information on the EAA website <http://andrologyacademy.net/membership>)

Honours and Awards

Honorary Academicians

For many years the EAA had only one honorary member, Rune Eliasson (Stockholm, Sweden), who was among the founders of the Academy and created our first Journal, *International Journal of Andrology*.

It is our pleasure to announce that the EAA Executive Council has nominated for the award of the Honorary Membership three previous Presidents of the EAA: **Eberhard Nieschlag** (Münster, Germany), **Gianni Forti** (Florence, Italy) and **Frederick Wu** (Manchester, UK), (pictured in that order from the left).



EAA members distinguished by the American Society of Andrology (ASA)

It is our pleasure to announce that two Academicians were honoured at the 44th ASA Annual Conference in Chicago, USA (6-9 April 2019). Congratulations!



Professor **Aleksander Giwercman** (Molecular Reproductive Medicine, Department of Translational Medicine, Lund University, Malmö, Sweden) was awarded the **Emil Steinberger Memorial Lecture**, one of the highest honours of the ASA. This award is given to internationally renowned scientists with a special contribution to translational science in the field of andrology. Prof. Giwercman presented a lecture entitled *Reproductive Function in Young Male Cancer Survivors: When Oncologists Need Andrologists*.

In addition, Professor **Jolanta Słowikowska-Hilczer** (Department of Andrology and Reproductive Endocrinology, Medical University of Łódź, Poland) delivered the EAA Exchange Lecture, entitled *Fertility of Patients with Disorders of Sex Development - Results of DSD-LIFE Study*.



Reports from Recent Events

21st European Congress of Endocrinology, 18-21 May 2019, Lyon, France

The EAA organised the second Practical Course in Clinical Andrology for Endocrinologists, which took place on 18 May 2019, immediately before the main congress. The Faculty included Csilla Krausz, who introduced EAA and reviewed the diagnosis and treatment of azoospermia, Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, who discussed testicular biopsy, and Andrea M. Isidori who reviewed the diagnosis and treatment of late-onset hypogonadism. The course was well attended by approximately 90 participants.



3rd Andrology Symposium, 6 June 2019, Zagreb, Croatia

The Symposium was hosted by EAA Training Centre Zagreb and School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. A total of 67 attendees from Europe and Asia participated in the Symposium. Seven invited talks and three short oral communications were presented. Poster session with a guided tour included 39 posters. The symposium covered many topics, with emphasis on genetics/epigenetics of male infertility, surgical aspects of azoospermia and onco-andrology. The day after of the scientific event, the meeting of the EAA Executive Council took place in the Deanery of the School of Medicine.



Speakers and members of the EAA Executive Committee at the Zagreb Symposium. From the left: Dinko Hauptman, Zsolt Kopa, Florijana Bulić Jakuš, Don Conrad, Kenneth Aston, Csilla Krausz, Davor Ježek, Dimitrios Goulis, Aleksandra Fucić, Shevah Friedler, Andreas Meinhardt, Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, Frank Tüttelmann.

Update on the EAA Clinical Guidelines

The next article in our series of EAA-endorsed Clinical Guidelines has been published: *Kanakis GA, Nordkap L, Bang AK, Calogero AE, Bártfai G, Corona G, Forti G, Toppari J, Goulis DG, Jørgensen N. **EAA clinical practice guidelines: gynecomastia evaluation and management.** Andrology. 2019 May 16. doi: 10.1111/andr.12636. [Epub ahead of print]* We encourage you to read this excellent and informative paper.

Next Clinical Andrologist Examination

The next exam for the EAA-endorsed Clinical Andrologist certificate is planned to be held in connection with the 1st Budapest EAA School (3-7 March 2020).

EAA Scholarships

Two scholarships (up to 1500 € each) are available in 2019 to perform a research project or specialised clinical training in an EAA Centre abroad. More information on the EAA website.

Travel Grants

The EAA offers travel grants (350-500 €) to help EAA members attending educational courses and other meetings endorsed by EAA. The recipients of travel grants awarded for the first call in 2019 will be announced soon.

Attention EAA members!

Next travel grant and scholarship application deadline: 20 October 2019

(more information on the EAA website <http://andrologyacademy.net/grants>)

News from the Journal

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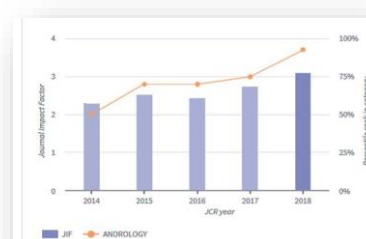


• Upcoming co-Editor

The official journal of EAA and ASA, *Andrology*, is edited jointly by Manuela Simoni (EAA) and Douglas Carrell (ASA). Dr Carrell will complete his term at the end of 2019, and will be replaced by Dr Marie-Claude Hofmann, Professor at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA.

• Increased Impact Factor

It is our pleasure to announce that the latest Web of Science Impact Factor of *Andrology* has increased again to **3.106**. Importantly, *Andrology* has regained the number 1 rank among the journals in the field! The evolution of the IF is shown here in the graph.



• Special thematic issues

Two special issues will be published in 2019:

Testicular Cancer (July 2019, guest-edited by Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts) and *Epididymis* (guest-edited by Bernard Robaire).

The journal is currently accepting papers for a special issue on the *Late-onset-Hypogonadism (LOH)*, with Giovanni Corona as the guest editor. There is an open call for submissions on the home page of *Andrology*. If you have a suitable paper on any aspect of LOH, consider submitting it to *Andrology*.

- **Online-only transition**

The respective Publication Committees of EAA and ASA together with Wiley (the Publisher) have decided that *Andrology* will become online-only journal from the beginning of 2020. Simultaneously with the move to paper-free publishing, the journal will get a fresh new design.



Event Calendar

- **11-13 September 2019**

EAA School in Genetics, Tartu, Estonia

Organizers: M. Laan (Institute of Biomedicine & Translational Medicine, University of Tartu) and M. Punab (EAA Centre, Tartu)

Deadline for application: **10 July 2019**

Application form available at the EAA website: <http://andrologyacademy.net/education.aspx?id=6>



- **22-23 September 2019**

12th Meeting of the Network for Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA)

Giessen, Germany

Organizer: Constanze Maresch

Registration deadline: **15 July 2019**

More information: <http://www.nyra2019.nyra-youngresearch.eu/>



- **24-26 September 2019**

6th International Workshop in Molecular Andrology, Giessen, Germany

Organizers: A. Meinhardt, H.-C. Schuppe & J. Klug (Hessian Center of Reproductive Medicine)

Deadline for abstract submission: **15 July 2019**

More information on the Workshop's website: www.molandrol2019.de

Contact: andreas.meinhardt@anatomie.med.uni-giessen.de

- **23-25 October 2019**

17th Andrology Course: Reproductive health, sexual health, men's health

Barcelona, Spain

Organizers: Fundacio Puigvert (director: Eduard Ruiz Castañe), jointly with the Portuguese and Turkish Societies of Andrology

It is possible to register to one or all of three scientific modules, including a practical surgery course. Registration forms and other information available on the EAA website:

<http://andrologyacademy.net/getdoc.aspx?id=191>

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- **3-6 December 2019**

EAA Winter School: Testis Histology and Pathology for Clinical Andrologists and Embryologists, Zagreb, Croatia.

Organising EAA Centres: Zagreb (Davor Jezek) and Copenhagen (Niels Jørgensen)

There are 5 EAA travel grants (350€ each) available for young andrologists in training.

Deadline for application: **15 September 2019**

Application form available at the EAA website:

<http://andrologyacademy.net/education.aspx?id=5>

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- **February - October 2020**

4th EAA Ultrasound School: Male Genital Tract and Penile Ultrasound, Rome and Florence, Italy

The School consists of a theoretical part, which will be held in February 2020, followed by a practical part composed of ultrasound sessions spread over 4 weeks (2 weeks at the EAA Centre of Florence and 2 weeks at the EAA Centre of Rome), to be completed by the end of September 2020.

Organizers: Francesco Lotti (Florence) and Andrea M. Isidori (Rome)

Application deadline: **21 September 2019**

The accepted participants (max. 6, priority for EAA members) will be notified in October 2019

More information: <http://andrologyacademy.net/education.aspx?id=4>

- **3-7 March 2020**

The EAA Budapest School: Androgen Function and Therapy, Budapest, Hungary

Organizers: Zsolt Kopa (Budapest) and Csilla Krausz (Florence)

More details coming soon on the EAA website.

Application deadline: 1st December 2019

Note: **the next exam for the EAA Clinical Andrologist certificate** will take place in Budapest, so plan to submit application (more information on the EAA Website under Examinations).

- **9-12 December 2020**

11th European Congress of Andrology (ECA 2020) held together with the 12th International Congress of Andrology (ICA), and the Annual Meeting of the German Society of Andrology, Münster, Germany

Organizers: Centre of Reproductive Medicine & Andrology, Münster, ISA, EAA, DFG

More information will be available soon.



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