



Note from the President



Dear EAA Academicians and Affiliated Members,

The time has come again for a brief update on the latest EAA activities. Since my last letter published in February 2016 we had three important international EAA accredited events (see reports in the dedicated sections). Of special interest for the EAA, as a society, is the highly successful EAA/ESAU joint symposium which took place in Munich during the Congress of the European Society of Urology.

The symposium, lasting 4 hours, was attended exceptionally well with over 650 participants and was promoted by Prof. Wolfgang Weidner, past chairman of the ESAU board and member of the Executive Council of the EAA. The opening of the session included a brief overview of the EAA and our common activities with the ESAU. Both the EAA and ESAU representatives gave excellent talks on translational and clinical andrology. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate with Prof. Nicolaos Sofikitis who became the chairman of the ESAU board.

Our relationship with the other “parent” society, the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE), is facing a new era. There is a common interest to establish a more strict relationship and to consider the EAA as the official educational partner of ESE in andrology-related topics. Our plans include the organization of post-graduate courses and joint symposia during the forthcoming editions of ECA and ECE.

Among the highlights of the last months I would like to mention that a new EAA accredited Training Center has been recently established in Zagreb, Croatia. The director, Prof Davor Ježek is a founding member of the Croatian Society of Andrology. This center together with the ones in Poland and Hungary are going to ensure high standards in andrology education in Central/Eastern Europe.

I am glad to inform you that the interest in joining the EAA is constantly increasing. During the last 4 months 10 new Affiliated members joined the EAA from six different EU countries and from Egypt. I would like to warmly welcome our new members!

As you all know, we are approaching to the EAA congress (ECA 2016) in Rotterdam which will take place from the 21st to 23rd of September. We provided dedicated travel grants for young Affiliated members and established numerous “EAA Best Poster prize”. I hope that many of you will attend this important scientific and social event and will actively participate in our general assembly, scheduled for the 22nd of September.

Wishing to all of you a beautiful summer,

Csilla Krausz

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Update on new EAA members

Affiliated members

Dr. Amr Abdelhamed Ali Yousef , Egypt	Dr. Islam Fathy , Egypt	Dr. Mohamed Wael Ragab , Egypt
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Dr. Kathleen D' Hawvers , The Netherlands	Dr. Elzbieta Oszukowska , Poland	
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Update on EAA Training Centres

A novel EAA centre has been accredited in Croatia at the University of Zagreb Medical School. The centre, led by Prof. Davor Ježek, has a longstanding tradition in the field of male infertility with special focus on testis histology.

The following EAA centres have recently sent their reports and have been re-accredited (see section "centres" on the EAA website): Brussels, Centre Director Prof. Hermann Tournaye; L'Aquila, Centre Director Prof. Sandro Francavilla; Leuven, Centre Director Prof. Dirk Vanderschueren.

Update on EAA Clinical Andrologist Exam

The next examination is scheduled on 20-21 September 2016, during the ECA 2016 in Rotterdam.

Written part : 20th September 18h-19h

Oral part : 21st September from 9h

Deadline for applications was the 1st of June, 2016 and we received applications from 17 fellows.

Educational Courses

EAA Ultrasound School

•First edition (2015-2016):

The "hand on training" part (4 weeks) of the EAA Ultrasound Course "Male Genital Tract and Penile Ultrasound", is currently ongoing successfully in Florence and Rome (Faculty: Francesco Lotti, University of Florence, Italy and Andrea M. Isidori, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy). A final exit exam for the EAA Ultrasound Course certification will be held in Autumn.

•Second edition (2016-2017):

Application form for the Course is now available at <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/education.aspx?ID=4>.

Application deadline is July 15th 2016. Considering the numerous requests received the last year, in this second edition

of the Course the positions available have been extended from 5 to 6. EAA affiliated members have a priority access to the Course.

Detailed information on the Course program are available at <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/education.aspx?ID=4>.



EAA Grants

Scholarships

I. Bayer/ EAA Scholarship

Giulia Rastrelli from the Florence EAA Center has been awarded with the Bayer scholarship grant. Her fellowship will be performed at the EAA centre of Manchester led by Professor Fred Wu, with the aim to improve her research skills working on a project in the context of the European Male Ageing study. The project is the progression of previous research work on predictors and clinical correlates of development and recovery from secondary hypogonadism in the European general population. During her stage, she will focus on assessing the consequences of obesity on sexual, physical and psychological performance functions and its correlates with testosterone levels.

II. New EAA scholarships for 2016

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the EC has approved during the last skype meeting two new "EAA scholarship grants". The two grants worth €1500 are awarded to clinicians, members of the EAA, who submit the best application to attend a minimum of 4 weeks training in one of the EAA centres to improve personal skills in clinical andrology.

The deadline for presentation in 2016 has closed on the 25th of June.



EAA Travel Grants

EAA travel grants for Affiliated members, presenting abstracts at ECA 2016 have been announced by e-mail. The deadline has passed on the 20th of June 2016.



Multicentre Studies

EAA Multicenter Ultrasound Study: an update

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, 188 subjects have been enrolled, 188 scrotal and 141 transrectal ultrasound have been performed, 177 blood samples have been collected.

Journal Update

ANDROLOGY



“ANDROLOGY Award” for best article in 2015

The Chief Editors and the Board of Associate Editors of Andrology have announced the winner of the 2015 Andrology Award for the best original study published in the journal within 2015. The winning article entitled “Age and markers of Leydig cell function, but not of Sertoli cell function predict the success of sperm retrieval in adolescents and adults with Klinefelter’s syndrome” was written by J. Rohayem, R. Fricke, K. Czeloth, C. Krallmann, C. Mallidis, J. Wistuba, M. Zitzmann and S. Kliesch, from the Centre of Reproductive Medicine and Andrology, University of Münster, Germany. The award paper will be presented by **Dr. Julia Rohayem** at the European Congress of Andrology in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, September 21-23, 2016.

Congratulations!

Reports on EAA accredited courses

EAA/ESAU Joint Symposium, Munich, 11-15 March, 2016

This joint ESAU section and EAA (European Academy of Andrology) session has been chaired by Prof Wolfgang Weidner and Prof Csilla Krausz. The symposium started with “Welcome and introduction: Two organisations, one issue” providing a short overview on the two organizations and the future of Andrology in Europe. Members of the two societies provided a comprehensive update on hot topics related to clinical andrology. The state-of-the-art lecture was presented by C. Krausz on the importance of genetics to improve the management of the infertile couple. The other sessions focused on the role of infertility and hypogonadism as cofactor for morbidity and mortality of the male (G.R. Dohle and A Giwercman) and on the treatment of azoospermia (H. Tournaye). Finally, lectures on medical and surgical developments in the treatment of sexual dysfunction, local therapy of Peyronie’s disease and the use of robotics in andrological surgery were given by the ESAU members. The session was attended by over 650 participants.

2nd International Workshop on Klinefelter-Syndrome, Munster 10-12 March, 2016

The workshop took place in Münster, Germany, from March 10 to 12, 2016. A comprehensive description of the meeting with focus on current management and research challenges in Klinefelter syndrome can be found in “Andrology” by Nieschlag et al. (Andrology. 2016 May;4(3):545-9. doi: 10.1111/andr.12208).



EAA Course in male sub-fertility, Malmö, 11-13 April, 2016

In April, an EAA Course in Male Subfertility, with close to 30 participants, was organized in Malmö, Sweden. Apart from the economic support from the EAA, the course was sponsored by the Danish-Swedish Interreg-supported collaboration Reprounion (www.reprounion.eu) as well as by industry (Ferring Pharmaceuticals; Finox Biotech and Kyowa Kirin) and was also a part of the educational activities of the Danish and Swedish andrological societies.

The course, starting with a pre-exam, covered different clinical and laboratory aspects of male subfertility and also included some experimental elements as xenografting of testicular tissue and testicular freezing for fertility preservation. A much appreciated part was ultrasound scanning of scrotum. The method was demonstrated by the “inventor” of scrotal scanning in finding patients at risk of Germ Cell Neoplasia in situ – DR. Suzan Lens. Thereafter, the participants had the possibility of performing scrotal ultrasound on patients without or with testicular pathologies. At the end of the course, all participants made and passed a multiple choice exam.



Forthcoming EAA accredited meetings/ courses

ECA 2016. an update

The European Congress of Andrology 2016 in Rotterdam has attracted much attention, both from inside and outside Europe. So far: 146 abstracts were submitted, many of them of high quality.

The final scientific program can be viewed on the website: www.econgress2016.com.

“Early bird” reduced fee registration will end on the 10th of July, so be sure to register before that date!

The congress will be preceded by a meeting of the EAA center directors, the annual EAA exam for Clinical Andrologists on the 20th and 21st of September 2016 and the Post-graduate course on the 21st of September.

A special evening is organised in the nearby city of Delft, birth place and town of Antoni van Leeuwenhoek, who first discovered spermatozoa in the 17th century and of Reinier de Graaf, who first described the anatomy of male and female internal genitalia in much detail.

We look forward to meeting you very much for this congress and are confident that it will be a most memorable event for all participants!

EAA Virtual Library

The fourth series of abstracts for the EAA Virtual Library “Recent publications from EAA centers” and “Librarian’s favorites: you should read them!” has been published recently. The first three of these sessions are already available on our website.

Notes

As we have already announced in the last Newsletters, 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. Only a minority (<10%) of our members requested the paper copy of the journal (the deadline has passed in February 2016).

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