



Note from the President



Dear Academicians and Affiliated Members,

It is my pleasure to welcome you with the third edition of the online EAA Newsletter. Thanks to Ewa Rajpert-de Meyts, co-Editor-in-chief of "Andrology", we had the opportunity to announce our News in March in "Andrology" under "Society Corner". The second EAA Newsletter in "Andrology" will be published in the last issue of the year.

There are a number of exciting news concerning meetings in which the EAA has been recently involved. Last June the ECA 2016 Programme Organizing Committee meeting took place in Rotterdam and the scientific programme has been defined and subsequently approved by the EC (a draft is already available on the ECA website).

In July, the EAA President, Secretary and two EC members (Professors Wolfgang Weidner and Gert Dohle) have been invited to Moscow in order to attend the International Forum "New Horizons in Reproductive Health" organized by Prof. Oleg Apolikhin (Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation). This meeting allowed an intense interaction between the EAA representatives and Russian andrologists and represents an important starting point for future collaborations.

In October, three EAA representatives have been invited to an Andrology meeting in Zagreb, organized by Prof. Davor Jezek (further details are given below).

Concerning our educational activities you have already received information about the establishment of the "EAA Ultrasound School", which is starting in November 2015 with five fellows from Bulgaria, Chile, Estonia, Italy and Switzerland.

I hope that you find our modernised website, designed by our webmaster Philip Steer, useful to get news about travel grants, scholarships and meetings. As you already know, we have established a "virtual library" (the librarians are Professors Andreas Meinhardt and Hans-Christian Schuppe from Giessen) and the second round of submissions for our "library corners" has already been finalized and you can read them in our website in "Recent publications from EAA centers" and "Librarian's favorites: you should read them!"

Finally, I am very happy to announce that the number of Affiliated members has further increased and during the first 9 months of the current year 27 new members, both clinicians and biologists, have joined the EAA.

With all my best wishes,

Csilla Krausz

President of the EAA

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Update on new EAA members (June-October)

We welcome our new Affiliated members!

Dr. Karen Czeloth (Germany)

Dr. Brigitte Decallonne (Belgium)

Dr. Antonio Leen (Belgium)

Dr. Thaer M. Farhan (Iraq)

Dr. Maria-Fernanda Peraza-Godoy (Spain)

Dr. Daniele Santi (Italy)

Dr. José Vinay (Spain)



Update on EAA Clinical Andrologist Exam

The EAA Clinical Andrologist Exam took place in Rome on the 2nd of October 2015 at the University "La Sapienza". We welcome our new EAA Clinical Andrologists:

•Dr. Christos Tsametis	EAA Centre Thessaloniki
•Dr. Davide Francomano	EAA Centre Rome
•Dr. Anne Kirstine Bang	EAA Centre Copenhagen
•Dr. Loa Nordkap	EAA Centre Copenhagen
•Dr. Pia Ekblom	EAA Centre Copenhagen



Fellows and examiners at the EAA Clinical Andrologist exam in Rome

Educational Courses

EAA Ultrasound School

The selection process of the 5 fellows has been terminated in September and the course will start on the 14th of November 2015 (coordinators Dr. Francesco Lotti and Prof. Andrea Isidori). The first edition will be a truly international one with fellows originating from Bulgaria, Estonia, Italy, Switzerland and Chile. The next call for the EAA Ultrasound school is planned in June 2016 and the venues will be the Florence and Rome EAA Centers.

EAA Grants

EAA is proud to announce the winners of the summer 2015 grants.

EAA Scholarships

The "scholarship grants" have been announced in the June issue of the online Newsletter:

1) EAA Scholarship Grant, worth €5000, to be awarded to a young clinician or researcher (age limit 40 years), member of the EAA, who submit the best application to attend a minimum of 4 months training in one of the EAA centres to improve personal knowledge and research skills in clinical/basic andrology.

The winner is Dr. Yongning Lu (EAA affiliated member - China), who will attend the Giessen EAA training center. He will work at the Institute of Anatomy and Cell biology, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen on a UPEC-induced epididymo-orchitis and inflammation model that causes blood-testis barrier (BTB) dysfunction. The aims of the study are:

1. To investigate BTB dysfunction related to structural and functional abnormal testis following UPEC infection;
2. To discover abnormal activation of cell signaling pathways that contribute to UPEC-induced BTB impairment;
3. To confirm the virulence factors secreted from UPEC, together with inflammatory cytokine-induced abnormal activation of specific signaling pathways. This project will be carried out under the supervision of Prof Andreas Meinhardt.

2) Bayer- EAA scholarship, worth €1500 is awarded to a clinician, member 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 winner is Dr. Jose Ignacio Vinay (EAA affiliated member), who will attend the EAA Ultrasound course in Florence, starting from November 2015.

Thanks to the generous offer of Bayer, Besins Healthcare, IBSA Foundation and Fundació Puigvert, travel grants are awarded to clinicians or researchers, members of the EAA, to attend an educational activity that has been included to the EAA scientific calendar.

The winner Dr. Daniel Moreno Mendoza (EAA affiliated member) has attended the Munster course (grant: 500 euros).



The application deadline for the next series of EAA travel grants has been extended to 30th October 2015. Don't miss out on your opportunity to receive one!

Please note that travel grants can be used both for EAA accredited meetings/courses and for short term visits to EAA Centers.



EAA accredited meeting report

Mini-Symposium "Andrology update 2015"

On October 16, 2015, University of Zagreb School of Medicine and University Hospital Centre "Zagreb" hosted a mini-symposium "Andrology update 2015" (organized by Prof Davor Jezek). In Croatia, there is a long tradition in the area of reproductive medicine.

Thus, the Clinic for Gynaecology and Obstetrics, School of Medicine University of Zagreb was the 8th centre in the world where an IVF baby was born. Besides its educational purpose to professionals dealing with andrology, the symposium was also aimed at promoting andrology as a medical discipline within the Croatian medical community. Invited speakers of the mini-symposium included EAA members Csilla Krausz, Ewa Rajpert-De Meijts, Hans-Christian Schuppe, Branko Zorn, Davor Jezek and young urologist Dinko Hauptman. The topics of talks encompassed description of EAA activities (including a brief portrait of the joint EAA & ASA journal "Andrology"), inflammation of the male urogenital tract, TESE and m-TESE, as well as testicular cancer and fertility after the cytostatic therapy. Each presentation was followed by a stimulating and vivid discussion. The mini-Symposium ended with the foundation of Croatian Society of Andrology.

In addition, it has been decided to launch several scientific projects/co-operation between Zagreb and other andrology centres.



EAA participants at the mini-Symposium "Andrology update 2015" in Zagreb

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Multicentre Studies

EAA Multicenter Ultrasound Study: an update

The multicenter study "Standardization of male genital tract color-Doppler ultrasound parameters in healthy, fertile men" (see <http://www.andrologyacademy.net/studies.aspx>) is progressing successfully.

So far, 130 subjects have been enrolled, 130 scrotal and 103 transrectal ultrasound have been performed, 126 blood samples have been collected.

EAA Congresses

European Congress of Andrology 21-23 September 2016, Rotterdam

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

Forthcoming EAA accredited meetings/courses

- EDMaRC Workshop: From primordial germ cells to spermatozoa; 24-27th November, 2015; Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2nd International Workshop on Klinefelter Syndrome, March 10-12, 2016 Muenster, Germany

EAA Virtual Library

The second series of abstracts for the newly established sessions of 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 October. The first series of these sessions are already available on our website.

Take a note in your agenda!

We are pleased to announce that the **IBSA Foundation** has opened the call for Fellowship in Endocrinology and Fertility. Further info is available on the following website: <http://www.fondazioneibsa.org/fellowships.html>

Breaking News

In October the Croatian Society for Andrology has been established. The EAA welcomes our Croatians colleagues and wish them all the best for a successful Society!

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