

EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF ANDROLOGY

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Andrology in Latvia

The EAA would like to congratulate Dr Juris Erenspreiss, Director of the Andrology laboratory, Riga Stradins University, Latvia, on his recent achievement. Dr Erenspreiss has succeeded to include Andrology as an officially recognised sub-speciality (for urologists and endocrinologists) in his register.

A 2 year University residency program at the Urology clinic will be available from this autumn. The EAA feel that this is a great success and it could serve as another step stone in achieving recognition over Europe. It shows that individuals can make a difference and that a small number of Andrologists devoted to this aim in a given country can be enough.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the new EAA newsletter, hopefully in future this will be the vehicle that keeps you updated on the latest activities and progress in the EAA. A lot of work has been going on since my last correspondence to you back in December 2007, some of it behind the scenes, such as the Educational programme (pg 3) and some of it quite obvious for all to see, such as the tremendous achievements of all the editors (past and present) and their teams at the International Journal of Andrology, recently gaining an impressive citation level of 4.021 (pg 2).



After four enjoyable years as EAA President I feel the time has come for me to hand-over to a new president, in fact all the current executive officers positions are to be renewed and nominations are now invited from Academicians following the European Academy of Andrology statutes:

4.3.4 Elect from the candidates the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations for the officers must have been received by the secretary at least 8 weeks before the commencement of the General Assembly. All regular members can be nominated. The officers can be re-elected once at the discretion of the General Assembly. The elections are based on majority votes. If in the first counting no candidate receives the majority, the candidate receiving most votes in the second round shall be elected.

4.3.5 Elect from among the regular members by a majority vote of those present four individuals as members of the Executive Council with due regard to a geographical and scientific representation. Nominations are proposed at the General Assembly. Executive Council members will be eligible for a second term.

The present situation is:

Executive Officers:

President - Frederick Wu (elected 2006) - end of first term

Secretary - Andrea Lenzi (elected 2002) - end of second term

Treasurer - Andreas Meinhardt (elected 2002) - end of second term

Executive Council Members:

Alexander Giwercman (elected 2006) - can be re-elected

Manuela Simoni (elected 2002) - end of second term

Roger Mieusset (elected 2006) - can be re-elected

Jolanta Hilczer-Slowikowska (elected 2006) - can be re-elected

Gianni Forti (Past President) - will be replaced by Fred Wu (current President)

I look forward too welcoming you all at the ECA in Athens in 2010 and wish the new officers and EAA members all the best for the future and these exciting times in Andrology.

Professor F. C.W. Wu

International Journal of Andrology



Transition from Finland to Denmark

After eight years of tireless and very successful service, Prof Jorma Toppari completed his tenure as the Chief Editor and passed the torch to the new Editor, Prof Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts. On April 1st 2009 the editorial office of IJA officially moved from Turku, Finland to Copenhagen, Denmark (Department of Growth and Reproduction, Rigshospitalet).

Ewa and her assistant Andy Beare would like to thank Jorma and Leena Karlsson for their efforts in instructing the new editorial team. Many thanks to both of them!

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Milestones and special achievements

The April 2010 issue will be a special issue with the Proceedings of the 5th Copenhagen Workshop on Endocrine Disrupters, guest-edited by Dr Anna-Maria Andersson. This large issue will contain 22 papers (215 papers). Among them are two original studies that have been discussed in the international media, including BBC, thus giving IJA good exposure. Special recognition to all the Editorial teams—past and present. The impact factor has now reached a very impressive 4.021.

EAA training centre accreditation

As reported in the last EAA newsletter EAA Training Centres will now be re-accredited every 6 rather than 4 years. This ongoing effort is being lead by the Accreditation Subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Prof Gianni Forti.

This year so far we have already performed the site visit in Ancona which was approved for three more years and there are four more site visits planned in Florence, Rome, Muenster, Copenhagen.

Recently accredited centres are: Tartu, Manchester, Ancona and Budapest. The centre in Gent has merged with another EAA centre in Belgium taking the total number of accredited sites to 23.

European Congress of Andrology 2010 - Athens

The major event in Andrology this year will be the 6th European Congress of Andrology (ECA) to be held in the beautiful Mediterranean capital Athens from September 29th until October 1st 2010. The meeting will take place in the Megaron International Conference Centre centrally located in Athens within walking distance to vibrant streets with cafes, ouzerias, restaurants and bars, and only a short subway trip to the old quarter of Plaka, the Acropolis and the new Acropolis museum to name only some of the major attractions.

The ECA is organised by the Hellenic Society of Andrology with Prof. Dimitri Adamopoulos and Dr. Dimitri Goulis as chair and deputy chair of the local organising committee. The organisers have made every effort to keep the registration fee low (€ 350 for EAA Academicians if you register before 31st May 2010) to enable a wide participation rate.

The programme contains a hot topic session, the newly established International Journal of Andrology Special Lecture, the American Society of Andrology Special Lecture and a forum for young andrologists as some of the highlights. Of note, Academicians have played a major role in the programme with many of their suggestions incorporated to ensure a wide representation of interests.

We hope to welcome you in autumn in Athens for what promises to be an exciting meeting. For more information, please contact the website: www.andrology2010.com

There are two applicants for the ECA 2012, Berlin, Germany and Lodz, Poland.

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Andrology Education/Training

After the resignation of Professor Eberhard Nieschlag (Muenster, Germany) as the chairman of EAA Education Sub - committee, Professor Emmanuele Jannini (L'Aquila, Italy) and Professor Csilla Krausz (Florence, Italy) were appointed as co-chairs of the Education and Examination subcommittees respectively, supported by committee members, Gert Dohle (Rotterdam), Herman Tournaye (Brussels), Jolanta Hilczer-Slowikowska (Lodz), Gianni Forti (Florence), Gerd Heidl (Bonn) and Osvaldo Rajmil (Barcelona).

The Sub-committee, after a great deal of hard work and negotiations, has prepared a new single level 2 year Clinical Andrology training curriculum in conjunction with the European Association of Urological Andrology (ESAU) section of the European Association of Urologists (EAU) chaired by Professor Vincenzo Mirone (Naples, Italy). The curriculum will have four main areas of study: 1. Infection, 2. Sexology, 3. Endocrinology, 4. Infertility and contraception with a modular credit system being introduced. Clinical training will be complemented by approved training courses in Andrology

The new joint curriculum was approved by the EC of the EAA and the EAU recently. However, the EC of the European Society of Endocrinology chaired by Professor Eberhard Nieschlag declined to support the new EAA-ESAU joint Clinical Andrology training curriculum. The EAA will continue to work with the Urologists to implement the new joint training curriculum and representatives from both organisations will be meeting next month to plan the strategy. In the meantime, EAA training courses will be re-launched by the Sub-committee – currently a new programme is being drawn up.

EAA clinical Andrologist examination has also been accepted by the Urologists as the common exit examination for the EAA and ESAU joint educational curriculum. The new examination will be based on a combination of written – 30 multiple choice questions, and oral examination – which will be similar to the current format based on 4 clinical cases. Updating the contents (MCQs and new case materials) of the examination is a continuous process that will not be completed until 2011. In the meantime, the annual examination will continue in its present format. The examination board will consist of 5 EAA/ESAU members. The examination will continue to be held every year.



EAA Funding and ISA young Andrologists award

As part of the an ongoing commitment to young Andrologists in our region the EAA will be supporting the International Society of Andrology's scheme to encourage, promote and recognise young (aged 35 and under) Andrologists in our region. Prof Andreas Meinhardt will be in touch with the EAA academicians and inviting suggestions for nominations for this award; the successful candidates will then be decided by the EAA Executive Council and invited to present at the 10th ICA 2013 - Melbourne

The EAA supported young researchers in 2008 by providing travel grants of 3 INYR speakers presenting their work in the young researchers section of The 5th European Congress of Andrology in Rome The EAA granted 5,000 euro for the sponsorship of a training workshop on Andrology which was held in Tunisia on the 9th October 2008.

New academicians

Prof. Roxani Angelopoulou
Laboratory of Histology & Embryology,
Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Dr. Luis Bassas
Laboratory of Andrology and Embryology,
Fundació Puigvert, Spain

Dr. Dimitri Goulis
First Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Prof. Davor Jezec
Dept. Of Histology & Embryology, Medical School,
Zagreb, Croatia

Prof Jonhann Svartberg
University Hospital of North Norway, Tromso, Norway

Dr. Andrea M. Isidori
Dipartimento Di Fisiopatologia Medica
Sapienza Universita Di Roma, Roma, Italy

Thomas Hugh Jones,
Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology
Barnsley District General Hospital, Barnsley, UK

Dr. Annti Perheentupa
Dept. Pf Physiology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology
University of Turku, Turku, Finland

Academician Affiliate

Dr Radu Michalca
Andrology and Assisted Reproduction Unit, Milano, Italy

Examination update

The Examination Subcommittee has been in existence since 1997 and conducted annual examinations accrediting a total of 70 EAA certified Clinical Andrologists over the last 13 years. President, Prof Fred Wu would like to thank the many examiners that have supported this very important work of the academy.

The next sitting of the EAA Examination in Clinical Andrology will take place in Athens (Greece) during the 6th European Congress of Andrology

The Examination is scheduled for the following dates:
Written Examination: 28th September 2010 starting at 17:00h
Oral Examination: 29th September 2010 starting at 08:00h

The deadline for applications is the 10th of July, 2010. For further details of how to apply, please see the EAA website:
http://www.andrologyacademy.net/exams_general.php

EAA Website

The EAA would like to thank the previous Webmaster for all their hard work and would like to welcome the new Webmaster - Philip Steer of the University of Manchester.

The new website is live and can be viewed at:
<http://www.andrologyacademy.net>

The new website gives everyone the option of contacting the EAA with any queries they might have, a function proving to be popular, we aim to deal with your query as quickly as possible. The website also has information on the 121 EAA members and details of the accredited centres, plus any funding opportunities and links to future Andrology events and links to the International Journal of Andrology.

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