Invitation to a Training School on

Basic Semen Examination

September 19-23, 2022

A joint ANDRONET (CA20119)-EAA course in collaboration with

ANOVA – Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden

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DEADLINE

We need your final and binding application by July 11, 2022

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General Information

The aim of the course is to provide a basis for improved standards of basic semen examination. *Two persons from each laboratory* - one with medical responsibility ("supervisor") and one engaged in practical laboratory work ("biomedical scientist") - are encouraged to participate in the course.

Course languages: English

Contents: registration and introductory lectures in the late afternoon before the first course day (September 19). The mornings the following days 1-4 are used for practical laboratory work and afternoons with seminars on the theory of semen examination, discussing the methods recommended in the WHO laboratory manual (2021) and the new ISO standard (ISO 23162:2021). The first morning there will be a practical session called *Pre-test*, where all participants examine two samples each. In the two following mornings, all participants will practice the methods (first sperm count, sperm motility, and then sperm morphology and sperm vitality). The results from these practical sessions will be used for discussions about assessment techniques and quality control in the andrology laboratory. On September 22, there will be a written examination, followed the morning after by a practical examination. All participants passing both practical and theoretical examination will receive a certificate.

Maximum number of participants: due to limited availability of microscopes, the maximum number of participants will be 10.

Course fee: (\le 1.00 equals approximatealy SEK 10.50) Members of EAA / ANDRONET: \le 260 Non Members: \le 370

Fee includes lectures and guided, printed handouts of presentations, practical exercises, lab coats, meals and breaks. The WHO laboratory manual and other books are not included.

The course will take place at **the ANOVA Centre** in Stockholm. Detailed information will be sent after submission of the binding application.

Accommodation: each participant must make their own reservations. Search for hotels close to Norra Stationsgatan in Stockholm (Metro stations Odenplan or St Eriksplan).

Note: The ANOVA Centre is **not** situated at the Karolinska Institutet campus in Solna, **nor** at the Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge **or** Karolinska University Hospital Solna – although on **short walking distance from Karolinska University Hospital Solna**.

You can try this link: Google Maps or

https://www.bing.com/maps?cp=59.34626777412075~18.034773992408645&sty=r&lvl=17.0000000000004&FORM=MBEDLD# (search for ANOVA [Norra Stationsgatan 69])

Application form

Participants:	"Lab staff"	"Supervisor"
Name:*		
Title:		
Lab:*		
Clinic:*		
Hospital:*		
Address:*		
Town/ZIP:*		
Country:*		
Phone:		
FAX:		
e-mail:*		
Invoice address (if different from mail address above):*		
Course fee:*	☐ EAA member Please provide proof of membership¹ ☐ Non-member	☐ EAA member Please provide proof of membership¹ ☐ Non-member
Total fee:*		
Approx. lab coat size:*	□ XL □ L □ M □ Small	□ XL □ L □ M □ Small
For Coffee breaks:*	□ Coffee □ Tea	□ Coffee □ Tea
Special lunch requirements:		
Signature:*		

Please, send this form (or corresponding information) by E-Mail to andrology@telia.com,

as soon as possible. Note that application is BINDING!

If you want to be considered for travel imbursement by ANDRONET, you should also attache the required documentation (see next page)

¹ Membership number or similar

Application for travel imbursement by ANDRONET

Click this box if you are member of ANDRONET, fulfil requirements (see below) and
wish to apply to be considered for potential reimbursement to participate in the
Training School on Basic Semen Examination) co-organized among ANDRONET
(CA20119), EAA, in collaboration with ANOVA - Karolinska University Hospital.

Members of the ANDRONET COST Action CA20119 willing to participate as Trainees in this training school co-organized between ANDRONET (COST Action CA20119) and the EAA in collaboration with ANOVA - Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden, may apply for travel reimbursement after attending the training school. Since funding from ANDRONET to cover the reimbursement of expenses will be limted to 3 participants, the following requirements will apply:

- 1. Applicants must have a personal e-COST account and be members of ANDRONET through participation in at least one of the ANDRONET Working Groups. Participants not yet being members of the ANDRONET COST Action and interested in applying to join, may do so by connecting to https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA20119/ and then clicking on "Working Groups" and then click "Apply". The system then requested to login with the e-COST credentials and, once logged-in, to complete a short template with one or a few sentences on the indicated sections as appropriate. In case that no e-COST account is yet available, the system also offers the option to create a new account
- 2. Attach a short CV (of up to 2 pages) to this application.
- 3. Attach a justification letter of the reason/s you would like to apply for travel reimbursement

Based on the applications received, the ADNRONET COST Action will select **3 participants** to be eligible for reimbursed after the training school based on the following criteria:

CV of the candidates, justification of the need for reimbursement, COST Action objectives and priorities, geographical spread and balance, gender and age balance, and availability of funds.

In all cases, reimbursement will require proof of participation in the event though signed attendance sheets and presentation of long-distance travel receipts, and completing the reimbursement request after the training school via the personal e-COST account of the attendee selected for reimbursement.

(Deadline for application: July 11 2022; decision will be taken by 20 July 2022)

Among the applicants up to 3 selected ANDRONET members will be eligible for reimbursement with up to a maximum of up to 2,800.00€ <u>after</u> the training school, to cover long-distance travel expenses, and a fixed daily allowance.