



European Academy of Andrology Newsletter Edition July 2026

Note from the President

Dear EAA Members,



In this newsletter we would like to inform you about recent news and about some of the many activities undertaken by the European Academy of Andrology (EAA) in the first half of this year.

Unfortunately, a few days ago we received the very sad news that Professor Christina Wang has passed away. She was always a strong advocate for close collaboration between the EAA and our andrological colleagues in the United States, and she was a leading teacher and scientist at the EAA Training Centre at the Center for Men's Health, Lundquist Institute and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California, USA. We will miss her deeply.

I am delighted that, since March of this year, we have been able to resume the regular EAA Literature Alerts, which many EAA members have missed. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Professor Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts for continuing this valuable initiative even after stepping down as EAA Secretary.

Finally, I have a request. From time to time we hear that some EAA members are not receiving the EAA newsletter and other EAA mailings because the messages are blocked by firewall settings. If you become aware of such a case, please let us know so that we can use alternative delivery methods and ensure that all EAA members remain well informed.

I hope to meet you all in Modena at the ECA 2026!

Hermann M. Behre

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In Memoriam

Christina Chung-Lun Wang, MD

1944–2026

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Prof. Christina Wang, a world-renowned leader and outstanding scientist in the field of Andrology and Reproductive Medicine.

Born in Nanjing, China, Prof. Wang received her medical degree from the University of Hong Kong and completed her postgraduate training in internal medicine and endocrinology in Hong Kong and Australia. In 1989, she moved to Los Angeles, and in 1993 she joined Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, where she spent more than three decades as a distinguished faculty member and leader.



During her remarkable career, Prof. Wang authored more than 350 peer-reviewed publications and over 70 book chapters and review articles. She served the World Health Organization for many years, including as Chair of the WHO Task Force on Methods for the Regulation of Male Fertility (1991–2002), and as a member of the editorial group responsible for the WHO Laboratory Manual for the Examination and Processing of Human Semen from 1980 to 2021.

Prof. Wang was deeply connected with the EAA and was one of the leaders of the Center for Men's Health (Harbor-UCLA Male Reproductive Research Center), an EAA-accredited training center in the United States.

In 2023, she was appointed as one of the lead authors of the first guidelines on male contraception. Together with several distinguished colleagues, she made an outstanding contribution to coordinating the work that was ultimately published in *Andrology* in 2024 on behalf of the EAA and ASA (DOI: 10.1111/andr.13525).



Alongside her unquestionable scientific achievements, Prof. Wang dedicated a significant part of her life to identifying, encouraging, and mentoring young andrologists from around the world. One notable example was in 2013, when, as President of the International Society of Andrology (ISA), she presented the ISA Young Andrologist Award during the 10th International Congress of Andrology to several individuals who have since become internationally recognized leaders in the field.

Prof. Wang remained actively involved in research and clinical science until the very end of her life. Most recently, she coordinated a double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial on hormonal male contraception, generating findings of great importance to the scientific community. She had been looking forward to presenting the preliminary results of this study at the upcoming European Congress of Andrology in Modena.

The entire EAA Board and the wider andrology community express their heartfelt condolences to Prof. Wang's family, friends, collaborators, trainees, and colleagues around the world.

Prof. Wang's example, scientific achievements, and lasting contributions to the field have left an indelible mark on our community. We are confident that her legacy will continue to inspire generations of scientists and clinicians in the years to come.

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ECA 2026 Modena 16–18 September 2026

The Program Organizing Committee, chaired by Giovanni Corona and Daniele Santi, together with the EAA Board, has finalized a comprehensive scientific programme for ECA 2026.

The programme features seven plenary lectures, ten symposia, two debates, and a Meet the Expert session. New additions this year include a dedicated session for EAA Accredited Training Centres and a Guideline Session. The congress will also host a joint session with the Andrology Section of the European Association of Urology (ESAU), featuring an additional debate, as well as a session organized by the New Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA).

In total, the scientific programme brings together 52 internationally renowned speakers from 14 countries, including experts from North America and Australia.

ECA 2026 received more than 250 abstract submissions. Following a thorough peer-review process, the Program Organizing Committee selected the highest-rated contributions for presentation as three Golden Communications, 24 Oral Communications, 50 Podium Presentations, and 20 Moderated Posters.

We would like to remind all EAA members that the **EAA General Assembly** will take place during ECA 2026 on **17 September 2026**. The official invitation and agenda will be circulated to all members shortly.

Social events at ECA 2026

Beyond the scientific programme, participants can also look forward to a memorable social programme. The congress will open with a **Welcome Reception on 16 September** at the congress venue, offering an excellent opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and meet fellow delegates in a relaxed atmosphere.

On **16 September**, young professionals in andrology and sexual medicine are invited to a **special evening** dedicated to networking, exchanging ideas, and building new collaborations. Organized by AndroYoung in collaboration with the Network for Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA), the event aims to bring together early-career researchers and clinicians from Italy and across Europe in an informal and friendly setting.

The evening will feature live music by the Sexta Feira Band and will take place at Casa Ciao, one of Modena's unique social venues.

Further details will be announced soon!

The Congress Dinner will take place on 17 September in the magnificent Ducal Palace (Palazzo Ducale), one of Modena's most iconic landmarks and the current home of the Italian Military Academy. Commissioned by Duke Francesco I d'Este in the 17th century on the site of an earlier medieval castle, the palace is considered one of Italy's finest examples of Baroque architecture.



This exceptional venue will provide a memorable setting to enjoy excellent food while networking and reconnecting with colleagues from around the world.

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Women in Andrology Award

We are delighted to announce that Professor Csilla Krausz, President of the International Society of Andrology (ISA) and past President of the European Academy of Andrology (EAA), has been presented with the prestigious "Women in Andrology" Award. The award was conferred by the American Society of Andrology (ASA) during its annual meeting on April 20, 2026, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

This honor recognizes Professor Krausz's exceptional leadership, her groundbreaking scientific contributions, and her lifelong dedication to the field of male reproductive health.

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Training Centre Directors' and Accreditation Update

During the first half of 2026, the EAA Accreditation Committee carried out several accreditation site visits as part of the Academy's ongoing quality assurance process. Accredited Training Centres undergo a comprehensive on-site review every six years to ensure they continue to meet the EAA's high educational standards.

Site visits to Leuven and Riga were completed successfully, while the report from the recent visit to Catania is currently under review.

The EAA Centre Directors' Meeting, organized by the Accreditation Committee, will take place on **16 September** during the opening afternoon of ECA 2026 at the congress venue. Further information will be shared with Centre Directors in the coming weeks.

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News from the Journal



The official EAA journal, Andrology, has received its latest Impact Factor of **3.4**, maintaining its position in the **first quartile (Q1)**. This achievement reflects the continued dedication and outstanding work of Editor-in-Chief Professor Wei Yan and Deputy Editor Professor Emmanuele A. Jannini, together with the Editorial Board and all contributors.

During ECA 2026, the journal will present awards recognizing the best papers published in Andrology. An Editorial Board meeting will also be held during the congress, and board members will receive further information shortly.

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News from NYRA

The 18th Meeting of the Network of Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA) took place from 25–27 May 2026 at the Exe Campus Hotel, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. Young Andrology

Researchers from across Europe, Africa, and Asia gathered to share cutting-edge findings, spark new collaborations, and dive into some of the hottest topics in reproductive science, from germ cell biology and reproductive genomics to AI in andrology and contraception research.

Over three packed days, early-career scientists took the stage with oral and poster presentations, while a networking dinner and a lively speed-dating activity kept the conversations flowing. A standout moment was the keynote lecture by Dr. David Skerrett-Byrne, which shone a spotlight on the epididymis's often-overlooked role in male reproductive health. Dr. Skerrett-Byrne also received the NYRA Young Researcher Award, recognizing his outstanding scientific contributions and dedication to mentoring the next generation of andrologists.

The meeting wrapped up with a debate on artificial intelligence in andrology, exploring the opportunities and challenges AI brings to research and clinical practice. A huge thank you to all speakers, participants, and organizers — and a special shoutout to the International Society of Andrology (ISA) and the Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI) for their support.

The proposal for the NYRA 2027 school is to hold it in Madrid, 18-22 January 2027. Information will be available soon.

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EAA Pre-Congress Course at ECE 2026

The European Academy of Andrology, in close collaboration with the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE), successfully organized the EAA Pre-Congress Course on 9 May 2026 in Prague as part of the European Congress of Endocrinology (ECE 2026). The course attracted around 70 participants from different countries and provided an excellent opportunity for clinical learning, knowledge exchange, and professional networking.

The programme focused on practical aspects of clinical andrology, combining concise expert lectures with interactive case-based discussions. The course opened with an introduction to andrology by Prof. Csilla Krausz, who also presented an overview of the genetic causes of male infertility and their clinical implications. Prof. Jolanta Slowikowska-Hilczler discussed the EAA Guidelines on Klinefelter syndrome, highlighting current recommendations and challenges in patient management, followed by a clinical case discussion on endocrine-related male infertility.

The afternoon sessions included a clinically oriented lecture by **Dr Karel David** on hypogonadism and obesity, addressing common questions encountered in daily practice.

Prof. Rosario Pivonello concluded the scientific programme with an update on the diagnosis and management of erectile dysfunction, emphasizing key aspects relevant for endocrinologists.

One of the strongest aspects of the course was the high level of interaction between the faculty and the audience. The format encouraged participants to actively engage in discussions, ask questions, and contribute their own clinical experiences during the case-based discussion. Informal discussions continued during the lunch break and throughout the day, creating a dynamic and collegial learning environment.

Overall, the EAA Pre-Congress Course was a highly valuable educational event that successfully combined state-of-the-art lectures, clinical case discussions, and professional networking. With its practical focus and strong audience participation, this initiative continues to play an important role in promoting high-quality clinical andrology education within the endocrine community.



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Reports from EAA Schools

7th Edition of the EAA Budapest School

The 7th Edition of the EAA Budapest School on Basic and Clinical Andrology, organised by Csilla Krausz and Zsolt Kopa, took place on 3–5 March 2026.

Once again, the event was fully booked, bringing together 39 participants from 18 countries.

The faculty included renowned experts in the field: Hermann Behre, Giovanni Corona, Davor Ježek, Zsolt Kopa, Csilla Krausz, Francesco Lotti, Péter Nyirády, Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts, and Cobi Reisman.

The school was followed by the EAA Clinical Andrologist Examination, with the faculty joined by Eduard Ruiz-Castané and Francesco Lombardo.

The successful recipients of the EAA Clinical Andrologist Certificates are: Bou Kheir, George (Ghent), Garifalos, Francisco (Naples), Pudelko, Pawel (Lodz)

The next edition of the school is planned for 2–4 March 2027.

10th Edition of the EAA Ultrasound School

The EAA Ultrasound, dedicated to educating high-quality level operators in male genitaltract and penile ultrasound, is organised by Francesco Lotti, Andrea Isidori and Carlotta Pozza in the EAA Training Centres of Florence and Rome. For the 10th Edition, the theoretical part took place in Florence (June 12, 2026). There were 12 participants from several countries: Al Saeedi Ahmed Khamis (Qatar), Andjelic Aleksander (Slovenia), Angellee Jesselyn (Indonesia), Chiminazzo Caterina (Germany), Ciglar Primoz (Slovenia), Csiki Csaba (Hungary), Dziegala Mateusz (Poland), Mare Leht (Finland), Minciuna Vasilica (Romania), Shcherbinina Diana (Estonia), Sobell Ricardo (Chile), Swolkien Michal (Poland). The practical part is being carried out in the Centres of Florence and Rome. The final examination will take place in Rome in the spring of 2027. The next edition of the Ultrasound School will take place in the spring of 2027 – watch the EAA website for the announcement and information on how to apply.



4th International Andrology Symposium

The 4th International Andrology Symposium was held on 24 April 2026 at the Library of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Zagreb. Organised by the EAA Training Centre Zagreb, the Croatian Andrology Society of the Croatian Medical Association, the Scientific Centre for Reproductive and Regenerative Medicine of the University of Zagreb School of Medicine, and the Department of Urology of University Hospital Centre Zagreb, the symposium brought together leading Croatian and foreign experts. A special distinction was the participation of renowned international guests, including Professor Hermann Behre from the University of Halle, President of the European Academy of Andrology; Professor Hans-Christian Schuppe from the University of Giessen; and Assistant Professor Nejc Kozar from the University of Maribor. Eminent specialists from Belgrade and Rome further enriched the programme, confirming the symposium's regional and European relevance. The lectures addressed highly topical issues in male infertility, mTESE, reconstructive urology, Peyronie's disease, vasectomy reversal, testosterone replacement therapy, and assisted reproduction. The excellent presentations, lively discussions, and valuable exchange of experience made this symposium a highly successful meeting and an important contribution to contemporary andrology, strengthening professional collaboration and visibility beyond national borders for future academic activities.



Next Clinical Andrologist Examination

The next examination for the EAA Clinical Andrologist certificate is planned for 4-5 March 2027, in connection with the 7th EAA Budapest School (2-4 March 2027). Applications will be accepted from September.

Reports from other EAA-endorsed events

8th TALENT Conference (Transition Adolescence and young adults -Endocrine diseases management)

The 8th TALENT Conference was held in Rome, Italy, on 11–13 February 2026. Organised within the framework of Endo-ERN by the TALENT Scientific Committee, chaired by Prof. Andrea M. Isidori (Sapienza University of Rome), the meeting focused on rare endocrine diseases and the challenges associated with the transition from paediatric to adult care.

The scientific programme included eight thematic symposia aligned with the Endo-ERN Main Thematic Groups, covering adrenal disorders, calcium and phosphate homeostasis, genetic diabetes, endocrine tumour syndromes, growth and genetic obesity syndromes, hypothalamic and pituitary disorders, disorders of sex development, and thyroid diseases. The meeting brought together international experts, young clinicians and researchers, and patient representatives from across Europe.

A dedicated EAA Educational Lecture, supported by the European Academy of Andrology, was included within the programme, further strengthening collaboration between andrology and endocrinology in the field of transitional care and rare diseases.

An interactive roundtable involving patient associations highlighted the importance of patient engagement and multidisciplinary collaboration in improving long-term outcomes for young adults with endocrine disorders.

The Scientific Committee included Andrea M. Isidori, Daniele Gianfrilli, Emilia Sbardella, Matteo Spaziani, Francesco Carlomagno and Marta Tenuta.

The next TALENT Conference will continue to foster collaboration between healthcare professionals, researchers and patient organisations across Europe, with the aim of advancing transition care in rare endocrine diseases.

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EAA Travel Grants and Scholarships Awarded in the first half of 2026

EAA Budapest School 2026

Bou Kheir George (Belgium)
Castravet Ion (France)
Di Nardo Nicola (Switzerland)
Mlodozieniec Piotr (Poland)
Sadovnic Adrian (Moldova)

EAA Ultrasound School 2026

Chiminazzo Caterina (Italy)
Mare Leht (Finland)

18th NYRA Meeting

Despicht Caroline (Denmark)
Fikarova Natalie (Czech Republic)
Grimaldini Tiziana (Germany)
Lopez Mar Domingo (Germany)
Sharma Nisha (India)

ECA 2026

Afrakoma Nyamaah Jennifer (Belgium)
Bendix Fie (Denmark)
Delgouffe Emily (Belgium)
Grant Bonnie (UK)
Hansen Laura Smidt (Denmark)

Henriques Magda (Portugal)
Herrman Leonie (Germany)
Juhasz Anna (Hungary)
Lakshmipathi Mathangi (The Netherlands)
Liu Jinchuan (China)
Odutola Oluwatomi (Nigeria)
Sanovec Ondrej (Czech Republic)
Sesti Franz (Italy, Rome)
Tenuta Marta (Italy, Rome)
Vinay Jose (Spain)

Other EAA Travel Grants 2026

Anastasia Bezrucico (UK)

Gordon Research Conference and Gordon Research Seminar 2026

Akang Edidiong (Austria)

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New EAA Members

We warmly welcome all new members who joined the EAA between December 2025 and 10 July 2026.

Academicicians:

Peter Y. Liu (Torrance, USA)

Kristian Almstrup (Copenhagen, Denmark) - awarded EAA Academicician status following Regular Membership.

Armin Soave (Hamburg, Germany) - awarded EAA Academicician status following Regular Membership

Regular and NYRA-EAA members:

Luka Agniashvili (Tbilisi, Georgia), Raheel Ahmad (Karachi, Pakistan), Ali Can Albaz (Manisa, Turkey), Mikel Albizuri Gomez (Santsoena, Biscay, Spain), Helle Margit Albrechtsen (Copenhagen, Denmark), Raphael Al-Najaar (Copenhagen, Denmark), Jesselyn Angellee (Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia), Malene Asp Bock Mejdahl (Copenhagen, Denmark), Sandra Badtke (Münster, Germany), Britt Balvers (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Moumita Basak (Giessen, Germany), Fie Bendix (Copenhagen, Denmark), Hasnaa Birafane (Casablanca, Morocco), Nikolai Felix Blekic (Jena, Germany), Sara Cerrato (Modena, Italy), Eva Chemin (Mont-Saint-Aignan, France), Shilong Cheng (Rome, Italy), Wojciech Cichon (Krakow, Poland), Gaia Cicolani (Rome, Italy), Francesco Costantino (Modena, Italy), Boampoundi Marina Audrey Couliadiati (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso), Mariana Creciu (Chisinau, Republic of Moldova), Enrico Delli Paoli (Rome, Italy), Caroline Despicht (Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark), Silvia Di Chiano (Rome, Italy), Nicola Di Nardo (Lucerne, Switzerland), Plamen Dimitrov (Pleven, Bulgaria), Nadia Edelsztejn (Münster, Germany), Natalie Fikarova (Prague, Czech Republic), Nanna Gadeberg (Herlev, Denmark), Valentina Genchi (Bari, Italy), Francesca Girolamo (Siena, Italy), Giga Goglichidze (Tbilisi, Georgia), Lucía González (Barcelona, Spain), Ahmet Anil Göcener (Antalya, Turkey), Bonnie Grant (London, UK), Valentina Griseta (Modena, Italy), Magda Henriques (Aveiro, Portugal), Leonie Herrmann (Münster, Germany), Verena Höffken (Münster, Germany), Linda Hülsmann (Münster, Germany), Eva María Ibáñez Sánchez (Barcelona, Spain), Signe Isacson (Turku, Finland), Rosen Ivanov (Sofia, Bulgaria), Mads Joon Jorsal (Herlev, Denmark), Anna Juhasz (Budapest, Hungary), Mikhail Khachaturov (Moscow, Russia), Omar Mohammed Khan (Mumbai, India), Katerina Komrskova (Vestec, Czech Republic), Gunnar Paul Kordes (Münster, Germany), Sergey Kostin (Jerusalem, Israel), Samuli Laasanen (Turku, Finland), Ali Ibrahim Labej (Egypt), Mathangi Lakshmipathi (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Moncef Laqibi (Siegen, Germany), Clara Lazzaretti (Modena, Italy), Hui Ting Li (Groningen, The Netherlands), Daniel Lukaszewski (Ostrowiec Swietokrzyski, Poland), Cristina Madrid Sandin (Bellaterra, Spain), Gabrielle Maillard (Paris, France), Elara Marco Rodríguez (Barcelona, Spain), Poliana Veneziano Martini (Giessen, Germany), Giada Mercanile (Modena, Italy), Vasilica Minciuna (Bucharest, Romania), Beatrix Nagy (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Oluwatomi Odutola-Oyewo (Lagos, Nigeria), Süheyla Esra Özkocer (Ankara, Turkey), Donatella Paoli (Rome, Italy), Nikoleta Papanikolaou (London, UK), Claudia Emma Paredes (Herlev, Denmark), Mihai Ioan Pavalean (Bucharest, Romania), Carmela Perri (Modena, Italy), Sebastian Piotrowicz

(Warsaw, Poland), Giulia Pocaterra (Modena, Italy), Oka Widya Putra (Kota Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia), Federica Quaranta (Rome, Italy), Michał Rabijewski (Warsaw, Poland), Ezzahra Rachid (Rabat, Morocco), Daniele Renda Livraghi (Modena, Italy), Marilina Romeo (Bergamo, Italy), Valentin Rousseau (Mont-Saint-Aignan, France), Fariba Saadati (Münster, Germany), Joana Santiago (Aveiro, Portugal), Emma Schram (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Vanessa Schwarzkopf (Münster, Germany), Ina Sejko (Münster, Germany), Nisha Sharma (New Delhi, India), Diana Shcherbinina (Tartu, Estonia), Cecilie Skaarup Uldbjerg (Copenhagen, Denmark), Laura Smidt Hansen (Copenhagen, Denmark), Piotr Pawel Swiniarski (Warsaw, Poland), Oleksandr Sydoruk (Krakow, Poland), Ewa Szuster (Wroclaw, Poland), Chin Tang (Rome, Italy), Martina Tartacca (Rome, Italy), Niko Uridia (Tbilisi, Georgia), Oorja Verma (Bergamo, Italy), Isabel Wegner (Münster, Germany), Hubert Werth (Paris, France), Marijn Westgeest (Rotterdam, The Netherlands), Emilie Zeine (Paris, France), Dake Zhu (Rome, Italy), Paula Andrés Zúñiga (Barcelona, Spain).

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Event calendar

7-11 September 2026

35th Summer Academy: Basics and clinics of human reproduction – an interdisciplinary approach

Münster, Germany

<https://www.medizin.uni-muenster.de/cera/termindetails/34th-cera-summeracademy-1.html>

EAA Travel Grants available: <https://www.andrologyacademy.net/travel-grants>

16-18 September 2026

14th European Congress of Andrology (ECA 2026)

Modena, Italy

<https://eca-2026.com>

24-25 September 2026

Androgens meeting 2026

Leuven, Belgium

<https://androgens2026.org/>

EAA Travel Grants available: <https://www.andrologyacademy.net/travel-grants>

30-31 October 2026

ESHRE Campus Workshop “Evidence-based Management of Complex Causes of Male Infertility”

Florence, Italy

<https://www.eshre.eu/Education/Calendar-Campus-events/Evidence-based-management-of-complex-causes-of-male-infertility>

24-25 September 2026

EAU Sections of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons (ESGURS) and Andrological Urology (ESAU) Ghent, Belgium

<https://esgurs.uroweb.org/the-meeting/>

4-6 February 2027

28th Congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM)

Valencia, Spain

<https://www.essm.org/education/essm-congress/>

3-5 March 2027

7th Budapest School and Clinical Andrologist examination

Budapest, Hungary

<https://eaaschool.eu/>

aaa@asszisztencia.hu



15-18 March 2027

European Testis Workshop (ETW) 2027

Soltau, Germany

<https://www.medizin.uni-muenster.de/etw2027/welcome.html>

19-22 March 2027

42nd Annual EAU Congress (European Association of Urology)

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

<https://eaucongress.uroweb.org/>

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