Dear Members,

This year the ESUR Board met in Vienna during the ECR 2015 on the 3rd of March. Many topics were addressed: ESUR membership update; financial report; contact persons for each European country; reports of the ESUR subcommittees and working groups; booklet on guidelines; the future symposia – ESUR 2015, ESUR 2016, ESUR 2017 and workshop meetings – the 5th ESUR Course on Prostate MRI, in Nijmegen, June 25-26th, 2015 and the ESUR course on Multimodality Imaging Approach of Penile and Scrotal Pathologies in Italy, November 4-5th, 2016; level III exam in Copenhagen; and collaboration with other societies – EMUC, EAU, ASAR, ESGAR. The ESUR member’s dinner to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the European Society of Urogenital Radiology was held on March 5th at the Stadtpalais Liechtenstein (City Palace Liechtenstein). We were honoured with the presence of the Ambassador of Liechtenstein to Austria, Her Serene Highness Maria-Pia Kothbauer, Princess of Liechtenstein, as honourable speaker who provided us with insight into the history and economic situation of Liechtenstein. The dinner was well attended by more than 80 colleagues.

In these wonderful surroundings, our president, Harriet C. Thoeny, emphasized the visions of ESUR to exchange ideas through science and educational activities, and friendship across borders, within and between sister societies, disciplines, ages and mindsets.

We are very grateful to our generous sponsors LGT (Liechtenstein Global Trust) and Guerbet Company for providing us the opportunity to dwell on scientific ideas in a marvellous environment and
friendly atmosphere. Thank you to Her Serene Highness Princess Maria-Pia Kothbauer Ambassador of Liechtenstein to Austria for supporting the meeting.

Reports from ESUR Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups

Contrast Media Safety Committee
Henrik S. Thomsen stepped down as Chairman of the Contrast Media Safety Committee.

Activities of the Contrast Media educational programme in 2015
Sameh Morcos held the CM educational session (one hour) at the annual meeting of the Egyptian Radiological Society, April 2nd-3rd in Cairo, Egypt and travel expenses were covered by Bayer.
The next CM educational session will be held at the African Congress of Radiology, at the end of May in Mombasa, Kenya. Sameh Morcos will also be chairing this session and the travel expenses will again be covered by Bayer.
The following lectures will be provided in these meetings: “Safety of iodine based CM”, “Safety of gadolinium based CM” and “Use of CM in certain clinical conditions”.
Currently, Bayer is exploring educational meetings in Mexico and possibly other countries in South America, South Korea and China. A decision should be reached within the next few weeks.

Female Pelvic Imaging working group
Andrea Rockall reported on an increase in memberships to this working group.
The scientific collaboration in the EURAD study recruitment of over 1300 patients is now almost complete. There is a two year follow-up period. An investigator meeting in Paris was held in September to review initial scans and discuss any problems.
Guidelines update on:
Endometriosis: First draft to be presented at ECR 2015. Nishat Bharwani has been co-ordinating the responses to questionnaires. Current parties: Marc Bazot, Isabelle Thomassin-Naggara, Nishat Bharwani, Teresa Margarida Cunha, Adalgisa Guerra and Andrea Rockall.
Adnexal masses: Following discussion concerning writing the next version of our previously published guidelines, John Spencer drafted a questionnaire and draft guideline for version two of the adnexal mass guidelines. The questionnaire has been circulated to members of the Female Pelvic Imaging working group.
ESR self-assessment modules: update on topic leads. Two modules have been submitted by the Female Pelvic Imaging working group this year.
ESUR 2015 Copenhagen: Lecture topics and ideas from the group were acted upon and the suggestions were submitted by Andrea Rockall to Henrik S. Thomsen in July. Rosemarie Forstner is working on
the scientific programme planning committee.
Female Pelvic Imaging working group chair/vice-chair: Andrea Rockall coming up to 2 years for the working group and Rosemarie Forstner has been elected to take over the chair after the Copenhagen ESUR meeting. Andrea Rockall will step down according to the new rules during the September 2015 meeting.

Urogenital Radiology ‘Pocket guideline book’: We had very active suggestions and involvement from the Female Pelvic Imaging working group to move this forward and several drafts and suggested formats were circulated after the Lisbon meeting.

Sadly, John Spencer passed away on April 18th. He was an outstanding radiologist, teacher, lecturer and friend with a wonderful sense of humour.

John actively supported our society, having been chairperson of the Female Pelvic Imaging working group and contributing to many of our published guidelines. He is dearly missed.

Prostate MRI working group

The ESUR paper on PIRADS v1 in European Radiology received the “Most Cited Paper Award" in Vienna. It was with great pleasure that Max Reiser announced the winner of the European Radiology – Most Cited Paper Award 2012 at the editorial board meeting at ECR 2015!

Congratulations go to Jelle O. Barentsz and the Prostate MRI working group for their paper titled "ESUR prostate MR guidelines 2012" which received 472 citations in the following 2 years (2013 & 2014) after the year of publication (2012). Jonathan Richenberg is working on a clinical indication paper for urologists. It is almost finalized.

CT Urography working group

Nigel Cowan reported that most of the members of the group no longer attend ECR or ESUR on a regular basis or have changed their professional areas of interest.

Currently, they have no budget to support activities outside ECR or ESUR and have made no effort to acquire a budget for this purpose, preferring to communicate electronically rather than at meetings.

No courses have been arranged under the ESUR label and none are planned.

The current work of the group focuses on updating the ESUR 2008 guidelines as published in European Radiology.

Nigel Cowan's professional interests have now moved to prostate cancer imaging and intervention and so he would anticipate
hanging over the chairpersonship of the group when the guideline revision has been completed, in 2015/2016.

Scrotal Imaging working group
Jonathan Richenberg reported on three projects of the group:
A multi-institutional paper regarding the ultrasound imaging patterns of testicular lymphoma;
Incidentally detected non-palpable testicular nodule on scrotal ultrasound – is there a role for pre-biopsy imaging (potentially also addressing the role of intraoperative ultrasound in such lesions, role of MRI in problem solving);
Paratesticular tumours.
The paper by Richenberg J, Belfield J, Ramchandani P, et al. Testicular microlithiasis imaging and follow-up: guidelines of the ESUR scrotal imaging working group. European Radiology. 2015 Feb; 25(2):323-30 was recently published and “Incidentally detected non-palpable testicular nodule on scrotal ultrasound: are radiological findings able to predict the diagnosis?” is in the submission process.
Also, proposals for new guidelines on scrotal emergency, traumatic and non traumatic: place of ultrasound? CEUS? MRI? The delay? Algorithm?
An ESUR course on Multimodality Imaging Approach of Penile and Scrotal Pathologies organized by Vikram Dogra and Michele Bertolotto will be held in Italy, November 4-5\textsuperscript{th}, 2016.

Pelvic Floor working group
Céline D. Alt started her work as chairperson of the Pelvic Floor working group in November 2014. The joint recommendations of ESUR and ESGAR for Standardized Imaging and Reporting of Pelvic Floor Disorder Using MRI (STIRP) could be finalized and is almost ready for publication.
Plans for the future:
- Definition of active group members for a multicenter study, especially regarding the hot topic about the most reliable line of reference and grading system.
- Preparation for ESUR 2015 in Copenhagen.

Future Symposia and Courses of the Society
Workshop “5\textsuperscript{th} ESUR Teaching Course on Prostate MRI”
June 25-26\textsuperscript{th} the 5\textsuperscript{th} ESUR Prostate MRI course will be held in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. For more information: http://www.esurprostatemri2015.com/

Workshop “Functional MRI for renal parenchymal disease: ready for clinical practice?”
October 26-28\textsuperscript{th} a workshop on Functional MRI of the Kidney organized by Nicolas Grenier will be held in Bordeaux. This project will have the endorsement of ESUR and ESMOFIR.
ESUR Symposium 2015

The 25th Anniversary of the ESUR!

The ESUR symposium 2015 will be organized in Copenhagen, Denmark, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our society. The format will be slightly different than usual: Wednesday to Saturday, September 16-20th.

All ad-hoc committees and working groups were invited to contribute to the program of this symposium. Workshops will be true interactive sessions, based on cases. For more information: www.esur2015.org

ESUR Symposium 2016

Nicolas Grenier is chairing the program committee for the 2016 symposium in Bordeaux, France, September 22nd-25th at “Palais de la Bourse”. The theme of the meeting is “Urogenital imaging: new developments for a daily practice”. It will include 4-6 parallel workshops on Friday and Saturday and a pre-course workshop on “Percutaneous ablation of renal tumors”.

ESUR Symposium 2017

Michael Studniarek is chairing the program committee for the 2017 symposium in Gdansk, Poland.

ESUR Website

The vast majority of searches on the ESUR website are for the guidelines, in particular the contrast media guidelines, and future symposia. We are still indebted to Lorenzo Derchi and Arnold Stipsits for coordinating and regularly updating our website.

Cooperation ESGAR and ESUR

The next joint session with ESGAR will be during the ESGAR annual meeting in Paris, June 9-12th, 2015 and will feature the topic “Pelvic inflammation” moderated by Harriet C. Thoeny and Luis Marti-Bonmati with Teresa Margarida Cunha holding the lecture “Gynaecological inflammatory and infectious diseases” and Raymond Oyen holding the lecture “Inflammation beyond the intestinal tract: pelvis, bladder, urethra and prostate”.

This successful cooperation will continue.

Cooperation with the EAU

The 4th meeting of the EAU Section of Urological Imaging (ESUI), in conjunction with the 7th European Multidisciplinary Meeting on Urological Cancers (EMUC15) will be held in Barcelona, Spain, November 12-15th, 2015.
Cooperation with the SAR (Society of Abdominal Radiology)

The meeting was held in San Diego, US last March and Harriet C. Thoeny presented the Honorary ESUR lecture “Management of Incidental Renal Lesions”.

Jelle O. Barentsz was the coordinator of the “Advanced MRI Techniques of the Prostate Hands-on Workshop”, Henrik S. Thomsen presented the lecture on “ESUR Guidelines on Contrast Media Version 9.0 - What is New?”, “Prostate MR Imaging Using PIRADS” was held by Jelle O. Barentsz and Jurgen J. Futterer, “CT Dose Reduction: What You Can Do Now!” was held by William W. Mayo-Smith and Aart J. Van der Molen and “Imaging Treated Prostate Cancer” was presented by Evis Sala and H. Alberto Vargas.

Cooperation with the ASAR (Asian Society of Abdominal Radiology) and ESUR

The ASAR Biennial Meeting, 5th Asian Congress of Abdominal Radiology, ACAR 2015, will take place in Hamamatsu, Japan, June 19-21th, 2015. The two Honorary ESUR lectures will be held by Harriet C. Thoeny “Functional MRI to improve Pelvic Lymph Node Staging” and Michel Claudon “MR urography: morphological and functional aspects in urinary obstruction”.

News from the ESR and the ECR

The ESUR delegates to the ESR for the period from March 2014 to March 2016 are:

• Research Committee – Michele Bertolotto;
• Professional Organisation Committee – Raymond Oyen;
• Education Committee – Teresa Margarida Cunha.

Teresa Margarida Cunha was the chairwoman of the Scientific Subcommittee of the ECR 2015. A both interesting and challenging programme was set up.

In addition, Andrea Rockall was the subcommittee chairwoman of Oncologic Imaging, Harriet C. Thoeny the coordinator of E³ – ECR Academies: Diagnostic Urogenital Radiology and of the E³ – European Excellence in Education ECR Master Class Genitourinary, Lorenzo Derchi the chairman of the Publications Committee Communication, Heinz-Peter
Schlemmer member of the Scientific Papers and Boris Brkljačić the chairman of the External Affairs Committee.

Harriet C. Thoeny wrote a text for ECR Today. You can read it on page 26:


Last but not least, Bernd Hamm was the President of the ECR 2015!

Thank you Bernd Hamm for representing the ESUR so well and congratulations on the excellent meeting!

Education and European Diploma

After having achieved the GU sections of the curriculum for the Level I Training Programme (years 1–3) and for the Level II Training Programme (years 4–5), the board completed the section for the Level III (subspecialisation). The decision has been made to build up an examination test for that upper level, and deliver a Level III diploma, which should cover all the fields of the subspecialty. The first Level III exam will take place in Copenhagen the day before the beginning of the ESUR symposium 2015.

Radiologist Jelle Barentsz Knighted

Based on international and national recommendations and evaluation letters from top experts, on May 30th, 2014, Mayor Mr. Paul Mengde gave Jelle Barentsz one of the highest Royal Decorations: he became a Knight in the Order of the Dutch Lion.

Contact Persons

The board plan to appoint one contact person for each country with a member in the society. This contact person shall be a person interested in urogenital radiology, and will receive information about the society from the board. The contact person will transmit the information to interested people in their country. The contact person will be expected to publicize the society and to recruit new members.

Membership Update

The membership slightly increased the last year (total of 304 members):

- 221 members,
- 55 fellows,
- 18 emeritus,
• 10 honorary.

The fee has remained unchanged.

A heartfelt thank you to Arnold Stipsits from the whole board and all members of the ESUR, for the supportive, engaged work with the ESUR!

Many thanks for reading the newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Copenhagen, September 2015.

ESUR Secretary/Treasurer
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Best wishes

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