



## European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

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Dear Colleagues,

on behalf of the ESUR, I am pleased to thank all participants of the wonderful symposium in Athens in September this year.

We had a top score of almost 500 participants from 37 countries. 200 stayed at the most satisfying Royal Olympic hotel.

Thank you to George Malachias, his family and the local organizing committee who all did a wonderful job in planning and arranging this highly scientific and enjoyable symposium. Thank you to the Greek Tourist Association for generous support.

Congratulations George with the great success. Yes, you achieved it!

The winners of “2009 ESUR awards” are listed below.

The 1st. prize winner in each group receives a certificate and free attendance of one future ESUR registration. Those works which receive an honourable mention are awarded with a certificate.

### **Members’ Session Award Winner**

# H.C. Thoeny (CH) MS8: “Diffusion-weighted MRI allows for the detection of pelvic lymph node metastases in bladder and prostate cancer patients: Comparison with histopathology”.

### Honourable Mention Members’ Session:

# G. Masselli (IT) MS7: “Magnetic resonance imaging in the evaluation of placental abruption: correlation with color Doppler ultrasound”.

# V. Panebianco (IT) MS3: “Comparison and correlation between 1H-MRI in-vivo prostate spectroscopy at 1,5T and ex-vivo high resolution magnetic angle 1H NMR spectroscopy at 11 t in the evaluation of new metabolite levels in prostate cancer”.

### **Best oral presentation**

# Y. Inada (JP), SS7: “High B-value diffusion-weighted MR imaging in prostate cancer at 3 T”.

Honourable Mention Members' Session:

# G. Restaino (IT) SS7: "Magnetic resonance imaging of pelvic endometriosis. Effect of reader's experience on accuracy and interobserver variability".

# C.D. Alt (DE) SS8: "Pre and postoperative dynamic MRI: Evaluation of pelvic organ descensus in symptomatic women".

**Best Poster Presentation**

S.H. Kim (KR) P12: "Renal cell Carcinoma associated with XP11.2 Translocation TFE gene fusion: Image findings".

Honourable Mention Poster Presentation:

# R. Norling (DK) P110: "Determination of GFR before enhanced CT, Work in progress".

# S. Kerr (UK) P116: "Can magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the axial skeleton replace bone scintigraphy for the detection of bone metastases in prostate cancer".

Congratulations to all nine.

Ahead of the symposium in Athens the board held its second annual meeting. A summary of issues discussed at the board meeting is listed below.

**Future symposiums of the Society**

**ESUR Symposium 2010**

ESUR symposium 2010 will be in Bruges, Belgium, in the center of this beautiful old town with everything in walking distance. The venue is Oud St-Jan and we will inform our membership in due course when the website is up and running. The main topic is "Image guided therapy of the urogenital system". The congress chairman Raymond Oyen and his wife Linde Stessens (pathologist) presented the preliminary program which will be made available the aforementioned website. We are all looking forward to this symposium. As noted previously, the combined SUR/ESUR meeting is postponed until 2011 to avoid overlap with important Jewish holidays.

**ESUR Symposium 2011**

ESUR 2011 will be in Croatia with Boris Brkljacic as congress chairman. The main topic is not decided yet. It will be a combined SUR/ESUR meeting. The dates and the venue will be announced in due course.

**ESUR Symposium 2012**

ESUR 2012 is planned to be in Edinburgh with S. Moussa as congress chairman. 2 possible dates have been suggested, 6-9 or 13-16 September 2012, leaning toward the former since it is at the tail end of the Edinburgh Festival. There could also be a

possible ESUR/BSUR combined meeting though it will remain and be advertised as a regular ESUR meeting. Approval of this by the GA is required.

### **Future ESUR symposia from 2013**

#### **onwards**

Several interested parties have contacted the board with requests for organizing future ESUR symposia. Among the candidates the board will officially ask N. Grenier and A. Turgut to apply for the organization of a future ESUR symposium, to be presented and discussed at the next board meeting at ECR 2010.

### **ESOR Galen Course– Urogenital**

#### **Radiology**

B. Hamm distributed a list of suggested speakers, all active ESUR members, for the urogenital Advanced Galen Course in 2010. These will be contacted by ESOR in October/November 2009. The course will be held in Tallinn, Estonia, June 17-19, 2010 and locally organized by Dr. Nasarenko.

### **ESUR Finance & Membership**

The ESUR is now 225 members strong, until now the highest number in years. So far, 32 new members have joined since 2009 and more are expected. The financial report is positive due to the considerable number of members and money generated through the contrast media guidelines.

This economic strength enables the society to spread and evolve knowledge within our key issues in urogenital imaging diagnostics and contrast media.

### **ESUR Website**

L. Derchi elaborated on the new navigation point “GU Imaging” which features links, provided by Springer, free of charge until February 2010.

Additionally, a scientific cooperation program has been announced on our website recently. For more information, please go to the top “News” item at [www.esur.org](http://www.esur.org). L. Derchi will manage this project concerning the cooperation and possible joint publication of rare urogenital diseases.

### **ESUR Sub Committees**

#### ***Paediatric working group***

M. Riccabona emphasized that his group has no guidelines, only recommendations because of a lack of evidence-based data. This was also discussed with ESPR (paediatrics) and in Istanbul. Currently, the group is publishing three recently finalized recommendations with two more in the pipeline for 2010 (imaging in childhood urinary tract trauma and imaging in childhood renal hypertension). Future work could be: „How to perform fetal MR imaging”, considered for a joint effort with the female pelvic imaging group.

### ***Female pelvic imaging***

J. Spencer's guidelines for "Characterization of ovarian masses" was accepted for publication by ER ("European Radiology") in 2009. "Staging of endometrial carcinoma" was already accepted this year. "Cervical cancer" and "Ovarian cancer staging" are in draft. But especially with the latter, the available literature is "in progress". K. Kinkel mentioned that many residents, especially in Italy, are interested in taking a closer look at pregnancy topics.

### ***New working group "Prostate cancer"***

J. Barentsz agreed to aim for publishing a paper in ER by 2010, since many efforts are made on prostate imaging, guidelines are now strongly needed.

### ***Update on "Symposia organizer guidelines"***

Guidelines for the organizers of ESUR symposia will soon be available in an updated version on the web. Please go to [www.esur.org](http://www.esur.org) > Future Meetings to download them.

### ***"ESUR Global Education Program on Contrast Media"***

S. Morcos, initiated "ESUR Education Program on Contrast Media". The idea of this education program is to be an ESUR-approved and ESUR-branded program or workshop in cooperation with contrast

companies. All relevant companies have been invited to participate.

Bayer Schering Pharma (BSP) has responded positively and Dr. Philipp Lengsfeld, from the department "Global medical affairs" (headed by Dr. Christiane Pering), presented a concept for a cooperation culminating in the workshop "ESUR Global Education Program on Contrast Media".

P. Lengsfeld also believes that despite the momentary global crisis, if BSP organizes this workshop with ESUR, others will follow suit.

G. Heinz-Peer, S. Morcos and M.-F. Bellin will form a "caretaker group" to consider and contact suitable candidates from different countries and then report back to the board.

### ***Contrast media guidelines in different languages and website implementation***

The guidelines are still by far the most popular feature on our web site with 3,165 hits in September this year (total web visits were 4,717 in September).

Translations of the version 7.0 are available in Japanese and French and are set for Russian, Greek, Chinese, Italian, German, Hungarian, Hindi and Arabic versions.

***CTU and MRU guidelines***

N. Cowan reported that the working group is going for new guidelines which combine CTU and MRU.

Finally, the board agreed unanimously to change the title of the administrator of the ESUR head office to "Executive Director" as being more appropriate for the position.

And so, thank you to Mr. Arnold Stipsits for the unique collaboration with the society.

On a final note, please consider that the time frame of ECR has changed for 2010. Instead of Friday to Tuesday it has been moved to Thursday – Monday.

Many thanks for reading the ESUR Newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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