



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Fall & Winter 2014

Dear Members,

The very first ESUR Fall Meeting was held in Lisbon September 19th-20th, 2014.

The meeting was a great success in every aspect and well appreciated by participants from all over the world.

The first day was dedicated to young urologists and featured talks and interactive sessions. Isabelle Thomassin-Naggara took the lead of this group.

The second day was dedicated to multimodality/multiparametric imaging in the urogenital tract.

The Female Pelvic Imaging working group had the possibility to meet in parallel and prepare its action plan.

The splendid official course dinner with live music on Friday evening, kindly offered by the organisers, was an excellent opportunity for participants to meet friends and exchange ideas.

Once again we would like to thank Adalgisa Guerra and her team for organising such a delightful meeting, both scientifically and socially.

Future Symposia of the Society

ESUR Symposium 2015

The 25th Anniversary of the ESUR!

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

All subcommittees have been invited to contribute to the program of this symposium. Workshops will be true interactive sessions, based on cases. Our young urologists will be invited to organize dedicated workshops, by and for young urologists.

More information: www.esur2015.org

ESUR Symposium 2016

Nicolas Grenier is chairing the program committee for the 2016 symposium in Bordeaux/FR. Further information will follow in due course.

Future meetings

We expect a proposal from Poland for 2017, and in 2018 it has already been proposed to go to Barcelona/ES.

General Assembly 2014

The event had a high number of ESUR members and fellows attending.

The nomination for the new board members (term 2014-2016) was unanimously approved by the General Assembly (GA) and for the next two years the ESUR board will consist of the following:

President – Harriet Thoeny

(Switzerland)

President-elect – Raymond Oyen

(Belgium)

Past President – Michel Claudon

(France)

Secretary/Treasurer – Teresa Margarida Cunha (Portugal)

Member-at-large – Michele Bertolotto

(Italy).

The two board members Gertraud Heinz-Peer (Past President) and Teresa Margarida Cunha (Member-at-large) have both finished their terms.

Raymond Oyen has resigned from his position as Secretary/Treasurer and Teresa Margarida Cunha was elected by the board to substitute the Secretary/Treasurer for the remaining period of office.

Michel Claudon expressed utmost gratitude for their contributions.

I would also like to take this chance to thank the board members for their time and for making my term a great learning opportunity.

The ESUR Bylaws

The bylaws were revised and presented to the GA in Lisbon which approved them unanimously.

Concerning the point about the tenure in committees and working groups, "The President may also appoint – after consultation with the board – ad hoc committees and delegates where necessary for a period of up to 2 years, with re-election possible once for an additional 2 years".

The new bylaws on the organization of workshops and the support of future ESUR annual meetings were also added.

The information will be circulated to fellows, asking them to bid for hosting a workshop in 2015, with a priority given to nine clinical topics which seem relevant for level II or III in the GU training curriculum.

The establishment of a group of young urologists was approved. This working group has been proposed to the GA to reinforce the visibility of urogenital radiology within the radiological community and to actively associate young and promising radiologists to as many activities of the ESUR as possible. Isabelle Thomassin-Naggara, from Paris, took the lead of this group.

The ESUR Website

The vast majority of searches on the ESUR website are for the guidelines, in particular contrast media guidelines, and future symposia. The site has been updated for security reasons and for a contemporary layout. It is the intention to construct a 'generic' website of the ESUR at the disposal of future organizers of symposia and workshops. We are still indebted to Lorenzo Derchi and Arnold Stipsits for coordinating and regularly updating our website.

Cooperation ESGAR/ESUR

A joint session took place at ESGAR's annual meeting in Salzburg last June 18th-21st. The topic was "Multi-parametric imaging", hosted by Harriet Thoeny and Rosemarie Forstner. The joint session was well attended and received positive feedback.

The next joint session in the ESGAR annual meeting in Paris, June 9th-12th, 2015 will feature the topic "Pelvic inflammation".

This successful cooperation will continue.

Cooperation with the EAU (European Association of Urology)

ESUR had a thematic session during the 29th Annual EAU Congress in Stockholm/SE, 11th-15th April, 2014 presented by Jonathan Richenberg "ESUR Guidelines on Testicular Microlithiasis", Gertraud Heinz-Peer "PET-CT and DWI in GU Oncology" and Geert Villeirs "Multiparametric MRI in Prostate Cancer".

The relation of the ESUR with the EAU (and in particular the imaging group – ESUI – European Society of Urological Imaging) will be clarified for mutual benefit of both societies.

The 3rd Meeting of the EAU Section of Urological Imaging (ESUI), in conjunction with the 6th European Multidisciplinary Meeting on Urological Cancers (EMUC14), which will be held in Lisbon/PT. Harriet Thoeny (holding the lecture “Role of Imaging in Predicting Histology of Small Renal Masses”), Gertraud Heinz-Peer (holding the lecture “Imaging Approaches in Bladder Cancer: Can We Do Better?”), and Jelle Barentsz (holding the lecture “Optimising Imaging for Biochemical Recurrence”) will be present.

Cooperation with the SAR (Society of Abdominal Radiology)

The meeting will be held in San Diego/US next year and Harriet Thoeny will present the Honorary ESUR lecture “Management of Incidental Renal Lesions”.

Cooperation ASAR (Asian Society of Abdominal Radiology)/ESUR

An agreement on collaboration between the ASAR and the ESUR was signed in Boca Raton/US last March 25th.

In the ASAR Biennial Meeting 5th Asian Congress of Abdominal Radiology, ACAR 2015, which will take place in Hamamatsu/JP, from June 19th-20th, the two Honorary ESUR Lectures will be

held by Harriet Thoeny and Michel Claudon.

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 will chair the scientific subcommittee of the ECR 2015. With the members of the Genitourinary Subcommittee [Celine D. Alt (Heidelberg/DE), Michele Bertolotto (Trieste/IT), Georg M. Bongartz (Basle/CH), Pär E.A. Dahlman (Uppsala/SE), Rosemarie Forstner (Salzburg/AT), Gordana Ivanac (Zagreb/HR), Josephine McHugo (Birmingham/UK), Carlos Nicolau (Barcelona/ES), Olivera Nikolic (Novi Sad/RS), Olivier Rouvière (Lyon/FR), Mustafa Secil (Izmir/TR) and Derya Yakar (Nijmegen/NL)] a both interesting and challenging programme was set up.

In addition, Andrea Rockall will be the subcommittee chairwoman of Oncologic Imaging, Harriet Thoeny the

coordinator of E³ – ECR Academies: Diagnostic Urogenital Radiology and of the E³ – European Excellence in Education ECR Master Class Genitourinary, and Lorenzo Derchi the chairman of the Publications Committee.

Last but not least, Bernd Hamm will be the president of the ECR 2015!

SWOT Analysis

The ESUR was asked last spring by the ESR to complete a SWOT analysis. The analysis we performed and sent back to the ESR was as follows:

a. Strengths

i. The ESUR is a dynamic society, with recognized strengths, and a good relationship with the ESR:

ii. An increasing membership, with a slow and steady increase in the number of regular members (now approx. 300) as well as at annual meetings (600 in Istanbul 2013).

iii. A “family touch” in our various meetings, with a nice and close relationship between members; active promotion of registration of new members, particularly young fellows.

iv. A high level of activities: nine active committees and WG (working

groups), implication of young urologists in a specific WG.

v. The possibility to hold sessions at the annual ECR. Access to the ESR membership.

vi. Good level of publication of genitourinary (GU) scientific papers in the journal European Radiology.

vii. Regular publication of GU imaging and contrast guidelines in European Radiology and on our own. These guidelines are well accepted by the international radiologic community and often cited.

b. Weaknesses

i. Business and financial model for the future to be better assessed, if the income from guidelines would decrease.

ii. Acquiring young members.

c. Opportunities

i. Better cooperation with clinicians (urologists), beyond the organization in our respective meetings of common sessions with cross-contribution. The invitation of the EAU to the ESUR 2015 would be an opportunity to formalize an agreement, including a three-year plan for common sessions in meetings.

ii. Writing guidelines with other subspecialties (i.e. the EAU, the ESGAR).

iii. Development of research resources, i.e. organization of multicentre clinical trials in the GU field.

iv. Decision to expand the organization of annual workshops to 4 per year (e.g. the MRI of the prostate workshop has shown a marked increase during the last few years in the number of participants).

v. Reinforcement of the link with the ESR "Rising Stars" and the ESUR young urologists group. True coordination with the ESOR for GU courses is desired.

vi. Focus on European speakers for the master classes.

vii. Increased visibility of the ESUR through the ESR.

d. Threats of

i. Development of woman imaging, with a potential risk of fusion between the OBG side and the breast group, meaning a division within the ESUR between urogenital and gynecological applications.

ii. Being taken over by larger subspecialties/turf battles, not only the "family touch" would be lost.

iii. Too much influence of the ESR concerning genitourinary radiology programme during the ECR.

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.

Membership Update

The membership slightly increased the last 2 years (total of **304** members):

- **223 members,**
- **55 fellows,**
- **16 emeritus,**
- **10 honorary.**

The membership fee is unchanged.

The society is doing well from a financial point of view. This is mainly due to the continuous sale of the contrast media guidelines.

Additional income is to be expected from future workshops organized under the patronage of the ESUR. Future initiatives such as research trials, European subspecialty diploma or certifications could also contribute to the financial income of the society.

Finally, I'm grateful to Gertraud Heinz-Peer, Past President, and Raymond Oyen, past Secretary/Treasurer of the ESUR for their generous efforts for the ESUR during the last two years.

Many thanks for reading the newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Vienna, March 2015.

ESUR Secretary/Treasurer

October 2014

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Margarida Cunha', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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