



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2005

On behalf of the ESUR board, I am delighted at writing my first newsletter to the Members and Fellows of the Society. I may take the opportunity to thank all of you who trust in me and gave approval to my nomination as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Society at the General Assembly in Santiago.

Many thanks also to Dr. Sameh Morcos for his tremendous help and endless patience in handing over the secretarial tasks to me. Many compliments to Sam for his excellent performance in this function for the past four years. I will be supported by the ECR office regarding administrative work and also in collecting the membership dues as you may have recognized.

The Society had a Board meeting during the ECR 2005. Here is a summary of the different issues the Board discussed during its meeting in Vienna.

Future Symposiums of the Society.

ESUR Symposium 2005

Dr. Babnik-Peskar has put together an excellent program of the meeting. I trust you will make every effort to join us in this meeting and we look forward to seeing you in Ljubljana September 8 – 11, 2005.

ESUR Symposium 2006

Prof. El-Diasty has started the process of putting together the scientific and social program. Brochures of the conference were distributed during the ECR meeting.

The theme of the symposium will be focused on Genitourinary Oncology.

The date for the meeting is set for September 8-11, 2006 in Cairo. Pre- and post-congress tours will be available.

ESUR Symposia in 2007 to 2010

2007

The meeting will be held in collaboration with the SUR in the USA. The meeting will be on the west coast of Florida in mid-April (Bonita Springs, April 15-20).

Richard Cohan, the acting president of that year is pushing hard to accommodate the ESUR's wishes.

The website for the SUR's 2006 meeting in Kauai (Hawaii) is now open for abstract submission. ESUR members are eligible to submit abstracts for consideration.

2008

The meeting will be held in Munich and Prof. Müller-Lisse will act as the local organizer.

2009

The meeting is to be held in Brugge assisted by Dr. Raymond Oyen acting as the local organizer.

2010 and 2011

The board received proposals from Oxford (Nigel Cowan) and from Zagreb/Croatia (Boris Brkljacic).

Further discussion on future venues will be held at the next board meeting in Ljubljana.

Registration of ESUR in Vienna

ESUR is now officially registered as a non-profit organisation in Vienna. Since the by laws had to be translated to German and minor adaptations according to the Austrian law were required, the changes will have to be approved by the members. This will be done via a postal ballot.

Secretarial support to ESUR

Administrative work and collecting of membership dues are now supported by the ECR office which already proves to be very successful.

Contract with ECR

A contract between ESUR and the ECR office was finalised. The costs for two years secretarial support/services are 3.900 Euro excluded VAT.

Membership update

Together with the ECR office, we have put great efforts into updating the membership database. There are 38 new Members and 2 new Fellows. Members and Fellows who have not yet received their Society tie or elegant silk scarf by the end of July 2005, please let us know (ESURsecretary@ecr.org) and we will forward it to you for your personal use.

Membership dues

The invoice of the membership dues for 2005 and 2006 has successfully proceeded in spring this year. Those who have not paid their membership dues are kindly asked to take the initiative and pay the fees soon or write a corresponding email to ESURsecretary@ecr.org.

If you have any queries regarding your status or your membership please do not hesitate to contact us at the above email address. If you have changed your own email address please let us know this as well. Email is the most efficient and cost effective method for communicating.

Society certificates

Due to the move of the ESUR Secretary to Vienna, a new company producing the Society certificates had to be organised. It took quite some effort to find one to print these certificates at a reasonable price. Members and Fellows who have paid the membership dues will receive the Certificate by the end of July 2005.

ESUR website

Increasing criticism has been raised concerning the minimal services of the provider of our website. The Board is aware of this problem and is putting effort into finding a solution.

ESUR Sub-committees

Female pelvic imaging

Under the leadership of Karen Kinkel, a group of experts on female pelvic imaging has been initiated during the ECR meeting. The group will produce guidelines on female pelvic examinations which will be presented at ESUR 2006 in Cairo.

Pediatric group

The ESUR Board very much appreciates the initiative of M. Riccabona from Graz to start a pediatric urological group and also supports activities of a pediatric group to produce guidelines on pediatric urology which can be presented at the Cairo meeting in 2006.

Contrast Media Safety Committee

The work of the committee is progressing well in spite of some misunderstanding with colleagues from certain pharmaceutical companies which have also been resolved. Finances are good for another year to produce new guidelines on Standardization of request forms for contrast enhanced imaging procedures. In addition, a software program will be developed for keeping accurate records of contrast media use and development of adverse effects.

The published guidelines by the committee are going to be translated into Japanese and copy right payment will be made to the subcommittee.

Many thanks for reading the newsletter.

See you in Ljubljana.

Best wishes

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