



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2007

Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter has been written after the Abdominal Radiology Course (ARC) meeting in Bonita Springs, Florida, April 15-20, 2007. ARC was a joint meeting of the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists (SGR), the Society of Uroradiology (SUR) and ESUR. The meeting was very successful and well appreciated by more than 500 participants, including 43 members of ESUR. We are most grateful to Richard Cohan and his team for the exceptional work they have done in putting together a very impressive scientific and social programme. The Uroradiologists' talent show proved to be a major highlight and gave us the impression that music seems to be the main profession of the performers and uroradiology their hobby.

This combined meeting has further consolidated the cooperation between SUR and ESUR and a strategic cooperation document has been agreed on by the boards of both societies. The next joint meeting will be held in Bruges in September 2010.

Here is a summary of the different issues discussed in the Board meeting in Bonita Springs and at the Board meeting in Vienna during the ECR 07.

Future Symposiums of the Society

ESUR Symposium 2008

Ullrich and Ulrike Müller-Lisse are the local organizers of the ESUR 2008 symposium which will be held Sept. 11 – 14, 2008. The main topic will be “Radiology of the Prostate, Pelvic Floor and Lower Urinary Tract”. The venue of the conference will be the Science Campus, Universität Munich, Großhadern. One day registration will be offered in this meeting to encourage attendance from different specialities.

The board members have agreed to refrain from publishing the abstracts in the journal “European Radiology” because it is too expensive. However, the abstracts will go to bookbindery and provided with an ISBN number to make them citeable.

Industry sponsored satellite symposia will be provided in the meeting. The Board agreed that it will be a joint meeting **with AG Uroradiology**, a subgroup of the German Radiological Society (DRG). This provides the meeting with CME accreditation and will attract strong local participation.

U. Müller-Lisse has established a website www.esur2008.org which is linked to the ESUR website.

ESUR Symposium 2009

Greece was officially approved by the General Assembly in Cairo to be the venue of the 2009 symposium. George Malahias is the local organizer of the ESUR 2009 meeting which is planned for Sept. 9 – 13, 2009 in Athens. The agreed main topic is “Urogenital manifestations of systemic diseases”.

ESUR Symposiums 2010

ESUR 2010 is allocated to **Bruges, Belgium** under the local chairmanship of Raymond Oyen. Provisional date will be second week of September, 2010. The proposed main topic is “Image guided therapy of the Urogenital system” The meeting venue was approved by the GA in Cairo.

The Symposium of 2010 will be a combined meeting with SUR.

Future ESUR Symposiums after 2010

ESUR 2011: Boris Brkljacic requested to host the ESUR meeting in **Croatia**.

Approval shall be asked for at the GA in Munich.

ESUR 2012: Proposals: Lisbon is suggested for 2012 with the help of Teresa Cunha. Other possible future venues include Oslo, Ireland, and Oxford. The board is interested to have one of the future symposiums in an **Eastern European** country. Colleagues from Eastern Europe who can take on this responsibility are encouraged to approach one of the board members.

ESUR Website

Statistical figures have shown that the most visited part of the website is the contrast media guidelines.

Installation of a **Members’ Area** is currently under consideration. The “Members’ Area” may include lists of experts in different aspects of genitourinary imaging and intervention, important professional documents, ‘Questions & Answers’ and hot topics in the various fields of urogenital imaging. However, before installing this new facility, which is expensive, the board agreed to conduct a survey amongst ESUR members which would include the following questions:

- a.) How often do you visit and use the website?
- b.) Have you noticed any changes?
What are your preferred items?
- c.) What do you expect from the website in the future?

This survey will be sent via email by the ESUR secretary in due course. This topic will be revisited again in Vienna March 2008 when the results of the survey will be available.

ESUR Secretariat – Membership Fees

ESUR is a very stable and growing society both in financial and membership terms. The “Call for Dues” 2007 & 2008 is in progress and most of the members have paid their membership fees so far. For those who are late in paying the membership fee a reminder has been sent recently. Additionally, via this newsletter I would like to encourage those who have not paid to send the payment soon. The new ESUR ties are available now. New ESUR applicants will automatically receive this tie after paying their membership dues. For those ESUR members who wish to buy one, it was agreed upon to be sold at €20 per piece.

Guidelines for the ESUR symposium organizers

The guidelines for the ESUR symposium organizers have been revised by the board. It is indicated that the three best scientific papers of the members’ session at ESUR symposia will be awarded in the opening ceremony and the winners will receive free registration at the next meeting plus a certificate. The two winners of the “Young Radiologists’ and the three best posters will also receive free registration as well as a certificate of merit.

There will be no fixed policy of publishing in Abdominal Imaging. The guidelines will be given to the chairman of the organising committee of the ESUR symposia.

ESUR Subcommittees and working groups

a. Contrast Media Safety Committee:

The new guidelines 6.0 booklets have already been published. The layout and design were praised. It was agreed that at congresses only single copies would be given away free of charge. Extra copies will be charged at 15 Euros/copy.

Currently the NSF issue is a hot topic and new guidelines on this subject will be issued in the near future.

b. Female pelvic imaging subcommittee:

K. Kinkel reported that the subcommittee has been subdivided into two groups one is dealing with the cervix and chaired by Corrine Balleygueir and the other is dealing with ovarian cancer under the chairmanship of Rosemarie Forstner and John Spencer.

Guidelines on Imaging of cervical and endometrial cancer, and ovarian masses will be finished soon. The finished guidelines will be displayed on the website.

c. Pediatric group:

The board is very grateful to Michael Riccabona and his colleagues who have been very engaged in setting up pediatric imaging guidelines. Finalised guidelines should be displayed on the website and published in European Radiology. A joint endorsement between the ESUR and European Society of Paediatric Radiology would enhance the impact of the guidelines. M Riccabona will be responsible for the quality of the produced guidelines on behalf of the ESUR.

d. CTU-group:

The CTU-group under the leadership of Aart van der Molen and Nigel Cowen has presented a draft report on CTU-guidelines at the Cairo meeting. They are still working on producing a final report on this topic.

**Michael Riccabona – Editor of
ESUR pages in European
Radiology**

The ESUR board thanked M. Riccabona for agreeing to take over Mike Collins' role of editing the ESUR pages in European Radiology.

**ESR Subcommittees and ESOR
(European School of Radiology)**

Sam Morcos will continue to represent ESUR in the Subspecialty Subcommittee, to be followed by Bernd Hamm when he becomes the president of the society.

Regarding the offering of a fellowship in urogenital radiology in collaboration with the ESOR is currently under consideration. The conditions of offering the fellowship should be defined. List of departments which would be interested to offer fellowship will be published, with the name of the contact person.

Scientific collaboration with other professional societies

Collaboration between ESUR and European Association of Urology (EAU) is currently under negotiation with promising outcome. The ESUR has been asked to nominate up to 3 speakers for the EAU meeting in Milan, March 26 – 29, 2008. Likewise, speakers from EAU will contribute to the scientific programme of the in Munich 2008, meeting.

Many thanks for reading the newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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