



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2008

Dear Colleagues,

the ESUR Board met in Vienna during the ECR on March 6, 2008. Here is a summary of the different issues discussed at the Board meeting. ESUR members attending our traditional dinner during the ECR enjoyed a delightful evening in the “Augustinerkeller” on March 7, 2008. My sincere thanks go to the companies Guerbet and Bracco, especially to Dr. Plewka and Mrs. Mayer, who enabled me to organize this dinner.

ESUR Symposium 2008 in Munich

Ullrich and Ulrike Müller-Lisse presented the final programme of the Munich meeting, September 11-14, 2008 which is available on the ESUR website now. 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 of the University of Großhadern in Munich. Abstract submission ran smoothly via

the ESUR website. The deadline for abstract submission was extended to May 12, 2008 and resulted in over 130 submitted abstracts.

The address for registration & accommodation is available on the ESUR website as well as via www.esur2008.org. Alternatively, a registration form is available via the organizers which can be filled out and faxed to EUROKONGRESS GmbH +49(0)89 210 98 698. Please note that the reduced registration fee will be offered until June 15, 2008. Also, do not miss the Accompanying Persons’ Programme as well as the social programme which both sound very promising. We look forward to welcoming many of you in Munich in September.

Future Symposia of the Society

ESUR Symposium 2009

ESUR 2009, under the local chairmanship of Georgios Malachias, will be in **Athens** at the Royal Olympic Hotel on **Sept. 9 – 13, 2009**.

The main topic will be “**Urogenital manifestation of systemic diseases**”.

Georgios Malachias and John Anastopoulus from the local organizing committee presented a provisional programme which was discussed further at the meeting of the 2009 ESUR scientific committee during the ECR in Vienna. The ESUR 2009 meeting programme will be available on the ESUR website following the Munich meeting. G. Malachias will be expecting strong local attendance of Greek radiologists in addition to the ESUR membership.

ESUR Symposium 2010

ESUR 2010 is allocated to Bruges, Belgium under the local chairmanship of Raymond Oyen. The main topic will be “**Image guided therapy of the urogenital system**”.

The meeting was planned as a combined meeting with SUR. Unfortunately, the date (second week of September, 2010) is in conflict with the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur. Since the venue has already been booked, R. Oyen does not see any chance to find an alternative date and location. The combined meeting with SUR will probably be moved to 2011. In the future, the head office of ESUR will ensure that dates of future ESUR symposia do not clash with important Jewish holidays.

ESUR Symposium 2011 and 2012

Possible venues for the ESUR 2011 meeting are Croatia under the local chairmanship of Boris Brkljacic and for the ESUR 2012 meeting Portugal under the local chairmanship of Teresa Cunha. The final decision must be ratified during the next General Assembly at the Munich meeting in 2008.

ESUR Symposium 2013 and Beyond

ESUR members who are interested in hosting a possible future ESUR meeting are kindly invited to contact the ESUR Board via the Secretary (www.esursecretary@ecr.org). Also, see “Guidelines for the ESUR symposium organizers” which have been recently uploaded on our homepage (www.esur.org > ESUR Meetings > Future Meetings). The Board always takes into consideration a well balanced selection of meeting venues between different countries of ESUR members.

ESUR Website

The ESUR website is continuously updated by A. Stipsits. Recent modifications include guidelines on preventing NSF in paediatrics and guidelines on Paediatric Uroradiology, both worked out by the ESUR paediatric subgroup under the chairmanship of Michael Riccabona (AT).

Additionally, as previously mentioned, guidelines for the ESUR symposium organizers have been uploaded to the ESUR website (www.esur.org > ESUR Meetings > Future Meetings).

A gallery of past presidents (www.esur.org > About ESUR > Past Presidents) photographs is currently available on the website.

Continuous evaluation of the website visitor statistics has shown good results.

ESUR Secretariat – Membership Fees

The “Call for Dues” 2007 & 2008 is nearly finalized and the overwhelming majority of members have paid their membership fees so far. Although ESUR did not have additional income from the ESUR meeting in 2007 (due to the joint meeting with SUR in Florida), the ESUR finances remains healthy. Therefore, the Board currently feels there is no need to raise membership fees for 2009&2010. Detailed information on ESUR finances will be presented at the General Assembly in Munich. For those members who are delayed in covering their 2007 & 2008 membership fees, a little time still remains to pay your dues and to be entitled to reduced registration fee for the Munich meeting.

During the meeting in Vienna, the Board agreed to become a member of the

European Society of Radiology (ESR) and to pay the membership fee.

Since the last ESUR Newsletter (Autumn and Winter 2007), ESUR counts 19 new members while 4 decided to terminate their membership.

New ESUR applicants will automatically receive new ESUR ties or scarves after paying their membership dues.

For those ESUR members who wish to acquire a new ESUR tie or scarf, these are available through the ESUR secretariat at the cost of €20 per piece.

ESUR Subcommittees and Working Groups

Recently, the ESUR board worked out in consensus (unanimously) “Guidelines to the chairpersons of the different subcommittees and groups within the ESUR” which have already been distributed to the respective chairpersons.

Contrast Media Safety Committee

The guidelines of the CMSC remain popular world wide with translation into many languages including Japanese, Russian, Chinese and Greek. However, recent controversies over the association between NSF and Gd contrast agents have affected the work of the committee over the last few months. Future activities of the CMSC will be presented at the General Assembly of the Society.

Female pelvic imaging subcommittee

Karen Kinkel, chairperson of this committee, reported on the progress of guidelines regarding endometrial and cervical cancer, as well as guidelines on staging ovarian cancer. These will be uploaded to the ESUR website in due course.

Paediatric Working group

Michael Riccabona, chairman of the paediatric working group, reported that the latest “guidelines on preventing NSF in paediatrics” and “guidelines on paediatric uro-radiology” worked out by their group were originally presented in Barcelona at the ESPR 2007. Meanwhile these guidelines are available on the ESUR website (www.esur.org > Nephrogenic Fibrosis) and (www.esur.org > ESUR Committees > Paediatric Working group) respectively. M. Riccabona further reported the group feels the guidelines must be updated regularly every 3-4 years. The ESUR board is very grateful to M. Riccabona and his team.

Working group on Prostate cancer

The ESUR unanimously agreed to initiate a new ESUR working group on “Prostate cancer” under the chairmanship of Jelle Barentsz. The final decision must be ratified during the next General Assembly at the Munich meeting in 2008.

Scientific Collaboration with other Professional Societies

There is close collaboration between ESUR and EAU (European Association of Urology). Recently, Sameh Morcos, Nigel Cowan and Claus Nolte Ernsting represented ESUR at the EAU meeting in Milan in March 2008. Professor Chris Chapple of the EAU board, will be contributing to the scientific programme of the Munich meeting

The Board is committed to maintaining close collaboration with the ISN, the Japanese Society of Abdominal Radiology, the Spanish Society of Radiology and the European Society of Magnetic Resonance imaging.

ESR Subcommittees

The ESUR Board has nominated Lorenzo Derchi for the ESR education committee, Bernd Hamm for the research committee, Gertraud Heinz-Peer for the professional committee and Sam Morcos for the subspecialty committee.

ESUR General Assembly (GA) in Munich

Election of the New ESUR Board as well as election of members to the various ESUR subcommittees (by-laws, membership) will take place at the GA in Munich. Candidates will be proposed in the invitation letter to the GA together with the presidential report no later than 30

days prior to the GA which will take place
on September 11, 2008.

Further details will be distributed during
the first week of August.

Many thanks for reading the ESUR
Newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary/Treasurer ESUR
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