



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2010

Dear Colleagues,

as in previous years, the ESUR board met in Vienna during the ECR on March 6.

Our main focus is of course the international urogenital work in the academic world, concentrating on education and quality. Therefore, the guidelines and the symposia create the most amount of work for our active members and also the board. I will give a short summary of issues discussed at the board meeting.

Firstly, the ESUR Members' Dinner was held at The Rathauskeller on March 05 with over 60 members in attendance.

We had a pleasant evening and the opportunity to talk with our fellow members. Gertraud Heinz-Peer personally thanked Dr. Ernst Plefka/Guerbet, Mrs. Christine Maier/Bracco and Mrs. Andrea Schindelar/Bayer-Schering for sponsoring the evening.

We are so sorry for any inconvenience the changing of date back and forth may have caused.

The short messages from our President Bernd Hamm were as follows:

We have 3 free pages in ER ("European Radiology" journal) every year. Here we would like to publish our newest guidelines (this year "female pelvis" and "adnexal mass") as they are released as well as advertising the annual ESUR symposium. This year, in an article in "ECR today", B. Hamm highlighted the activities of our society. Hopefully, you have read this. If not, it can be downloaded from the ECR webpage (go to www.myesr.org > Past Congresses > ECR 2010 > ECR Today – Daily Congress Newspapaer > Friday, March 05 > turn to page 28).

We have the following members as delegates in ECR committees:

Rosemarie Forstner in Education
G. Heinz-Peer in Subspecialities
Marie-France Bellin in Professional Organizing

Harriet Thoeny in Research and
Nigel Cowan as Chairman in the "Genitourinary" group for the ECR 2012.

As for the new journal, “Insights into Imaging”, we proudly inform you that Peter Reimer, Charikleia Triantopoulou, Ferdinand Frauscher, Lorenzo Derchi and G. Heinz-Peer are members of the editorial board. The first issue of this journal was distributed at the ECR 2010.

ESUR symposium 2009 in Athens

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the symposium was not only a great scientific success but the organizer George Malachias could present a fine positive financial balance.

ESUR symposium 2010 in Bruges

Raymond Oyen presented the final program for the Bruges meeting. The meeting is scheduled for September 9-12. For details, please go to www.esur2010.be. The topic is “Image Guided Therapy”. The lovely old city with everything in walking distance, beautiful canals and museums and the great program will surely set the stage for yet another great ESUR symposium. So be sure to get your registration in due time!

ESUR symposium Croatia 2011

The date is set for October 12-17. The theme of the symposium is “Female pelvis”.

The local chairman, Boris Brkljacic, presented more details for the meeting including presentation of the venue in

Dubrovnik with a beautiful ocean view. The planning is ongoing and more can be heard at the general assembly in Bruges this year.

ESUR symposium Edinburgh 2012

The date is set for September 13-16. The local chairman, Sami Moussa, presented proposals for the venue which also will have to be approved at the general assembly this year in Bruges.

As for future symposia 2013 and 2014

Ahmet Turgut presented Istanbul, Turkey and Nicholas Grenier presented Boudeaux, France as possible venues for the coming years.

The board agreed on updating and clarifying the “Guidelines for the organizers of an ESUR symposium”. This is available on the ESUR webpage.

Furthermore, we wish to make a budget planning template to help the local congress chairperson as well as a graphic template for posters and flyers to support an “ESUR corporate identity”.

ESUR is assisting the ESOR Galen

Course on “Urogenital Radiology”. The meeting will be held June 18-19, in Tallinn, Estonia. On this occasion, we will promote our society by showing our logo on the first and last slide of the urogenital presentation.

ESUR Website

For the past 2 years, the ESUR website has averaged 3,000 to 4,500 unique users per month. L. Derchi reported that the call for scientific cooperation on the ESUR website had been successful in searching rare cases, Arnold Stipsits will contact the SUR for a broader publicity on this.

Especially for iPhone users: please note that you can download the contrast media guidelines on your iPhone for free! Search for "ESUR" in your iPhone Application Store and download the app "RadCompanion". Thank you to Dr. Anouk Stein for this.

ESUR secretariat

At present, we have over 200 paying members and the overall financial situation is very good. We have had an amazing turnover of contrast media guidelines, especially in reprints. Still, to have an active and well running society we must encourage young radiologists with an interest in urogenital radiology to become members. One way will be to promote the awards for posters and presentations and waiving the winners' fees.

Therefore, the board has decided the following for ESUR award winners:

-3 awards can be won. For best Members' Session, Best Oral and Best Poster Presentation. For each award, there are 2

"honorable mentions" for a total of nine winners.

-All 9 winners are exempt from paying registration fees at the NEXT ESUR symposium. This cannot be carried over to later symposia.

-The 3 first place winners are also invited to the course dinner for free (without partner).

- This information is now implemented in the Guidelines for "Organizers of ESUR symposia".

- To see our current working groups, go to www.esur.org > ESUR Committees.

The ESUR president has been invited to the KSUR (Korean Society of Urogenital Radiology) congress but unfortunately cannot attend. As we would like to build bridges, Sam Morcos on behalf of the ESUR, will ask Professor Kim if a Korean colleague would like to hold a lecture in Bruges.

Sam Morcos, who participated in the abdominal radiology course held in Orlando in Florida, February 21-26, 2010, reported that the SUR and SGR may merge. This will have no influence on the "Strategic Alliance". Also, we would like to congratulate him for "Best scientific presentation (free papers)" at the SUR scientific session February 21, 2010, with the title: **"Comparing the effects of the ionic macrocyclic gadolinium contrast agent gadoterate to that of the non-ionic**

linear chelate gadodiamide in rats with reduced renal function””.

ESUR will support one ESOR fellowship program in the Charité in Berlin. The board, though, must know the name of the applicant.

ESUR Global Education Program on Contrast Media

S. Morcos is working with Phillip Lengsfeld of Bayer Schering on the “ESUR Global Education Program on Contrast Media”, an education program soon to “roll” over Europe. The ESUR board has agreed to support the initiative of introducing an ongoing educational programme under the auspices of the society to promote the safe use of contrast agents worldwide. All companies that manufacture contrast agents were invited to support this programme, but only Bayer Schering (B-S) has agreed to offer unconditional financial support and help with the logistics of organising the education meetings.

The programme objectives:

- i Enhance the knowledge on the safe use of CM worldwide.
- i The programme will be based on the ESUR Contrast Media Safety Committee guidelines and free of any commercial promotion.
- i It will focus on common issues concerning the safe use of CM in the general population and in

special patients groups such as renal impairment, pregnancy, lactation, etc

The programme initially will target colleagues from Eastern Europe and later colleagues from Africa Asia and Latin America. The invited radiologists representing each country should be competent in the English language and will be responsible for teaching their country colleagues in suitable local meetings. They will use the lectures of the ESUR translated into local languages for this purpose. The first meeting will be held in Istanbul on 1st of May and will be attended by representatives from Turkey, Russia, Poland, Romania and Kazakhstan. The ESUR board appointed SK Morcos, G Heinz-Peer and M-F Bellin as the moderators of this programme.

The ESUR is grateful to Bayer-Schering for supporting this educational programme and special thanks go to Dr Philipp Lengsfeld of Bayer Schering for his cooperation and hard work in setting up this programme.

Finally, we must thank A. Stipsits for the supportive engaged work with the ESUR! And so, dear all, I hope to see many of you in Bruges for the symposia and general assembly this year!

Yours Sincerely,

Vibeke Løgager MD

Secretary /Treasurer ESUR

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