



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2009

Dear colleagues,

this is my first newsletter!

Therefore I would first of all like to thank all of you who approved my nomination for Secretary/Treasurer of the European Society of Urogenital Radiology. It is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to work for you to the benefit of ESUR. I shall do my best to follow the line of my predecessor Gertraud Heinz-Peer, for all members and fellows of the society.

Also thank you to Mr. Arnold Stipsits from the ESR office for the unique collaboration with the society as well as an excellent administration of the ESUR.

Again this year ESUR had a board meeting during ECR 2009 in Vienna on Wednesday, March 5th.

A summary of the issues discussed follows below. First of all, our sincere thanks to G. Heinz-Peer for organizing the traditional ESUR dinner at ECR 2009. This tradition has taken place since the first ECR in Vienna in 1991. Also, this year, ESUR members could enjoy a

pleasant dinner in the Augustinerkeller Friday evening. The event was well visited despite some members who had not received an invitation in due time. Thanks to the sponsors, Dr. Plefka from Guerbet and Mrs. Maier from Bracco, we hope to invite you all again 2010, so mark your calendar.

Our new President Bernd Hamm gave a warm welcome to all present at the board meeting. The following messages were announced:

- As for ECR: **Boris Brkljacic** was announced chairperson of the 'Genitourinary' scientific subcommittee for the year 2011.

- An **article** about ESUR from B. Hamm was published in the daily congress newspaper 'ECR Today'. He thanked Ullrich Mueller-Lisse for his help with this important manuscript.

- **ESOR** and ESUR are planning to establish courses together. B. Hamm will suggest speakers and topics while the invitations will be sent by Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis (who is scientific and educational director of the ESOR steering

committee). The aim is to increase the visibility of ESUR.

- As the guidelines produced by the society are widely used, B. Hamm would like to see guidelines for CTU and MRU published. He named a **CT & MRU working group** and nominated Nigel Cowan from Oxford as chairman of that subcommittee.

- As for the **EAU** (European Association of Urology commitment), B. Hamm mentioned that the request from EAU for speakers in 2008 came at too short a notice. He asked Sam Morcos to convey this to the organizers and thanked him for staying connected with them.

Regarding the **ESUR 2008** meeting in Munich 2008, U. Mueller – Lisse mentioned that the members and course dinners were fully subsidized by the organization, not by the sponsors. The meeting was a great success as mentioned in the autumn & winter newsletter.

ESUR meeting Athens 2009

Georgios Malachias presented the final programme for the Athens meeting. It is outstanding and every ESUR member should attend the meeting. It will be held September 10-13, 2009 in the Greek capital close to the sea. The main topic is "Urogenital Manifestations of Systemic Diseases". The venue of the congress is the Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens. For

further information please go to our web site or to www.esur2009.org. At this time we have passed the abstract submission deadline. The global economic crisis is also being felt by the organizers of ESUR 2009; nevertheless, G. Malachias is confident that the congress will be a success.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Athens in September this year.

Future Symposia of the Society

ESUR meeting Bruges 2010

ESUR 2010 will be held in Bruges, Belgium under the local chairmanship of Raymond Oyen. The meeting is scheduled for September 9-12, 2010 and the main topic will be "Image guided therapy of the urogenital system". The registration fee will include a free museum pass. Lunch and coffee breaks will be held in the exhibitor area which should please the vendors.

ESUR meeting Croatia 2011

B. Brkljacic will be the local chairman and the venue will be Dubrovnik and nearby locations for the social events. This meeting will be a combined meeting with SUR. The date has been fixed at October 12 – 17, 2011 to avoid conflict with Yom Kippur and other important Jewish holidays. The theme of the meeting has not yet been fixed.

ESUR meeting presentation 2012

This meeting will be held in Edinburgh with Sami Moussa as local chairman, pending confirmation by the General Assembly in Athens.

This marks a change in the previous plans since it has been officially confirmed by T. Cunha that the 2012 meeting cannot be held in Lisbon.

ESUR symposia: future meetings 2013 and beyond

The board is looking into different proposals and ESUR members who are interested in hosting a possible future ESUR meeting are kindly invited to contact the ESUR Board via the administrator (esursecretary@ecr.org) or go to our home page and follow www.esur.org > ESUR Meetings > Future Meetings. The board will choose a balanced selection of meeting venues in different countries for the benefit of our members. In 2015 the society celebrates its 25th anniversary. All good ideas for how to celebrate the birthday are most welcome. Just contact the ESUR secretary.

ESUR Website

This is constantly updated by A. Stipsits and the number of visitors is increasing. The latest figures (from April 2009) showed 3.170 unique visitors, the highest number ever. Over half of the

visitors went to the new contrast media guidelines (version 7.0). This was an increase of 21% from the month of March 2009. The guidelines are now available in a non-downloadable version for free. It is however still available as a booklet at a favourable cost and can be ordered via the ESUR head office. Generally, a single copy costs €10 including postage and handling. Each additional copy costs €5. Lorenzo Derchi suggested improvements to the website, e.g. by collecting and presenting unusual and interesting cases. L. Derchi volunteered to work on the “cases of the month”.

Cases shouldn't be made only available to members but to everyone (e.g. following a short registration to a restricted area). L. Derchi also showed that the guidelines are the most popular part of the ESUR website, making it vital to put as much effort as possible into presenting and advertising them through the ESUR website.

ESUR secretariat

We have approximately 200 members and only few have not yet paid their fees for 2009 and 2010. We can say welcome to over 20 new members for 2009. All new members receive a 4GB memory stick engraved with the ESUR logo as a welcome gift. Extra memory sticks or ties for members are available through the secretariat at a cost of 20 Euro a piece. The

finances are healthy as always with a 2-year membership fee of 50, 75 (trainees) or 150 Euros, according to status. All ESUR members should encourage at least one colleague to join ESUR within the next year.

ESUR sub-committees and working groups and their guidelines

There has been great activity in the groups and their work has been very much appreciated.

It has been agreed to publish a short version of guidelines (which have been published as an original article) on our ESUR pages in the journal “European Radiology”, which are limited to 2 pages per year. To this end, K. Kinkel and J. Spencer will be asked to summarize their findings from the female pelvic group.

Guidelines and working group report (Contrast media safety committee)

The contrast media book was finalized November 2008 and published in February 2009. The new guidelines version 7.0 were available from January 2009 and from March on the homepage. The guidelines will also be translated into various languages (possibly French, Italian, Russian, Greek and Japanese). The goal is to find the guidelines of the Contrast Media Safety Committee in various languages on the ESUR webpage. This

will bring more readers to our web-page and thereby increase the interest in ESUR.

Paediatric working group

Michael Riccabona reported that 2 technical papers will be finished in time for Athens and that a 3rd paper titled “Functional MRI in children for kidney disease” and in cooperation with US and UK groups will be coming up.

Jelle Barentsz is chairman of the new working group “**Prostate cancer**” which has just started with members from different countries.

Any other business

L. Derchi described several aspects of the project to develop a **self-assessment program** as well as the problems he encountered when in Vienna in February with Webges and Richard Rettenbacher, managing director of the company. The system was not ready as planned, though L. Derchi did have the opportunity to work with Benjamin Ohr of ESR on the cases and their form. L. Derchi will keep the board updated on the program’s progress. The ESUR is proud to inform you that **Henrik S. Thomsen** will be the first European to receive “Lifetime Achievement Award 2010” from the SUR. He will receive the award during the annual award ceremony at their next meeting in Orlando Florida, February 21-26, 2010 (for more information, go to <http://www.uroradiology.org/meetings/fut>

[ure.html](#)).

See you all in Athens and bring a potential
new member!

Yours sincerely,

Associated Prof. Vibeke Løgager

Secretary/Treasurer ESUR

June 2009