



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2012

Dear Colleagues,

Wednesday February 29th. The ESUR board met for the spring board meeting. The focus is more and more the work produced by the very engaged and hardworking subcommittees. Indeed, these are the cornerstones of our society. We also are very grateful for the tremendous work done by the local organizing committees, ensuring us the possibility to meet and discuss with fellow colleagues.

The ESUR Members' Dinner again this year was held at the medical and historical location called Stiegl Ambulanz, previously a hospital and now a brewery. The meeting was well attended by over 60 participants.

Thank you to Dr. Ernst Plefka of Geurbet, Ms. Andrea Schindelar and Philip Lengsfeld of Bayer Schering and Volkmar Leisser of Bracco for supporting the dinner.

At the board meeting, the following short messages included:

ESR Diploma

47 candidates from 14 countries took the test at ECR 2012 on Monday, March 5. G. Heinz-Peer has been chosen as an examiner. On the occasion of the JFR congress in Paris (21.-25. Oct., 2011) M. Claudon could report on the last diploma exam. There were very few candidates and all in all the price is too high for the focus group taking into account that this group consists of young radiologists and radiologists from outside Europe. The

reflection of the board is that without a professional status, the diploma "won't fly". It is also definitely in competition with national boards. The next exam will be held in Barcelona/ES, May 25.

ECR Today

The newspaper of the ECR 2012 congress is a good opportunity to advertise the society and its work and this year the ESUR again submitted an article, written by G. Heinz-Peer. Copies were available at the Members' Dinner. If you did not get to read it during ECR it can be downloaded from the ECR webpage http://www.myesr.org/html/img/pool/Thursday_ECR_Today_2012_WEB.pdf. Go to page 28.

Annual Leadership Meeting

The ESR's Annual Leadership Meeting took place in Budapest/HU on Dec. 09, 2011. ESUR was represented by G. Heinz-Peer and B. Hamm. It was reported that the ESR is opening an office in Barcelona/ES, the European Board of Radiology (EBR), to promote the "ESR Diploma" (see above).

ESR General Assembly

H. Thoeny and V. Logager agreed to represent ESUR at the ESR General Assembly at ECR 2012 since G. Heinz-Peer will be a diploma examiner at the same time (see above).

ESOR

G. Heinz-Peer will ask the ESR about possible future GU courses in cooperation with ESUR.

Free society pages in ER

It is a great benefit for ESUR that we have the possibility to publish important topics in European Radiology (ER). We have three pages per year of which the next pages will be the promotion of ESUR 2012, the prostate group guidelines and finally promotion of ESUR 2013 in Istanbul.

ESUR Global Education Programme

S. Morcos gave a short report on the developments of the ESUR Global Educational Programme on Contrast Media. Since its inception in 2009, the concept of “Teaching the teachers”, with support from Bayer and now additionally Bracco, has met with overwhelming popularity and has sent the lecturers across the globe, from South America to Eastern Europe to Asia. Part of the deal with Bayer is that the 7.0 guidelines on contrast media are translated into the respective languages, also paying for a royalty fee if reprints are made. For 2012, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Columbia are planned destinations.

Most recently, 3 courses were held in Brazil, which were well attended and there was great satisfaction with the educational material, which will be distributed electronically to the members of the Rio Radiological Society.

Cooperation with ESGAR

The ESUR has already been invited by ESGAR and will be represented by H. Thoeny, J. Spencer and chaired by G. Heinz-Peer. G. Heinz-Peer will send the official invitation to F. Caseiro Alves as president of ESGAR to participate in our next meeting's joint ESGAR sessions.

SUR/SGR/SAR

Unfortunately, no one from the board will be in Scotsdale/US this year for the SUR congress, though J. Barentsz and H.S. Thomsen will be present. Also, Tarek El-Diasty has been chosen to hold the ESUR Honorary Lecture there. The strategic alliance paper has been revised with the amendments from ESUR 2011 in

Dubrovnik and circulated to the board and future symposia organizers.

Several points to keep in mind for the joint meeting in 2014 in Boca Raton, Florida:

- Enhance the incorporation of ESUR in the program. For this G. Heinz-Peer, M. Claudon and 2 other ESUR members are to be designated.
- Deborah Baumgarten will be president at the time of the 2014 meeting.
- The meeting has no dedicated topic yet.
- Since 2014 is the year in which the ESUR holds a general assembly, it was suggested to hold our General assembly in Vienna at ECR 2014, before the Members' Dinner, instead of in Boca Raton. Dear member please note this important message!

The board decided to implement a feedback mechanism on the basis of speakers' evaluation at our future meetings. H. Thoeny has volunteered to draft such documents.

Finally, it is a great pleasure to announce that M-F. Bellin has been appointed to be chairman of the scientific subcommittee “Genitourinary” for the ECR 2014 program.

ESUR/SUR joint meeting in Dubrovnik/HR 2011

Thank you so much for this wonderful symposium! A great job was done by the organizing committee and even the weather was great (Boris's concerns, thankfully, were unfounded!). Both ESUR and SUR met the challenges presented by organizing between two societies and the experience gained hereby is put to note by Boris Brkljacic for future organizers.

ESUR Edinburgh 2012

The website is up and running, please go to www.esur2012.org for more information, including abstract submission, hotels and program. The meeting is to be held September 13th – 16th and abstract submission deadline is 31st May.

This is the 19th ESUR Annual Symposium and will be a combined meeting with the

7th Annual Scientific Meeting of BSUR (British Society of Urogenital Radiology). It will be an occasion for members of both societies to enjoy the wonderful historic settings of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, which was established in 1506 when it was granted a Royal Charter by King James IV of Scotland.

The main topic will be “Imaging and Management of Stone Disease” and will also cover the usual topics and debates in urogenital imaging. The local organizer and Chairman of ESUR/BSUR 2012 is Sami Moussa, Edinburgh/UK, who is looking forward to welcoming all to Edinburgh in September 2012.

ESUR Istanbul 2013

The local organizer is A. Turgut. Posters and flyers are currently in production and there will be two pre-congress courses organized locally, as well as reduced fees for residents (€150).

A. Turgut will present further details at the symposium in Edinburgh.

ESUR 2015 (25 years anniversary)

A proposed program was sent by H. Thomsen and presented by V. Løgager. The idea is to have a different format, it would be longer and every subcommittee or working group shall have their own session. It could then finish off with a birthday party. This ESUR 2015 in Copenhagen will be proposed by the board for the final approval through the General Assembly in Edinburgh. Do remember to reserve the dates Sept. 16 to 20, 2015 for this special event.

Report from ESUR Subcommittees and Working Groups

ESUR Contrast Media Safety Committee (CMSC)

The first draft of the guideline book version 8.0 has been circulated to the members of the committee. A plan for the update of the Internet version of the guidelines has been agreed upon with the executive director of ESUR and will be fleshed out in close cooperation with H.S.

Thomsen. Due to the many languages it has been translated into, the task will take some time to complete.

The first draft of the NSF guideline paper is almost ready for feedback from the members of the committee. It will be a short update focusing on the most important issues.

The 2nd edition of the book “Contrast Media: Safety issues and ESUR Guidelines” is sold out, reports the publisher Springer Verlag. Judith Webb and H.S. Thomsen will edit the 3rd edition and Springer Verlag has agreed to publish it. Authors have been invited but some replies are still pending. It is scheduled to be released no later than RSNA 2013.

Since Peter Aspelin has retired from Karolinska Institutet and also resigned from the CMSC, Peter Leander, Georg Bongartz and Michele Bertolotto were selected among 10 potential candidates. They have all accepted to join ESUR and the committee. The members who have not paid their dues yet have been reminded to do so and thus be “in good standing”.

The next meeting of the committee is expected to take place in Copenhagen when the 2nd guideline paper during this term “Acute non-renal adverse reactions” by Olivier Clement and G. Heinz-Peer is ready for discussion. The chairman is not aware of the state of art for that paper. Conclusion: The committee is active. There is a plan for the rest of the current term.

Female Pelvic Imaging working group

This group has now published four guidelines in European Radiology (<http://www.esur.org/Female-Pelvis.55.0.html>).

On ovarian cancer suspected and staging of, and on staging of cervical and endometrial cancer. The intention of the group is to move forward to guidelines on imaging of common benign diseases as well as keep pace with scientific developments in cancer imaging for future updates of existing guidelines.

The group had a meeting during ECR in March and planned for future meetings. In Edinburgh, the focus is on imaging of endometriosis. The group hopes to soon bring forward guidelines on imaging of maternal abdominal pain in pregnancy led by Gabriele Masselli.

The group is discussing a proposal from Drs Bazot and Thomassin-Naggara (Paris) to test a new MR imaging classification of adnexal masses called GIRADS.

The group was deeply involved in the 2011 meeting since female imaging was one of the main topics.

As for the ESUR2012 meeting there will most likely be one workshop and one lecture session devoted to endometriosis, led by Marc Bazot. More topics will be included in general and urological sessions.

The main functions have been:

- Promotion of female imaging within ESUR,
- Guidelines development and review,
- Programme development for ESUR and ECR.

The group has grown and offers the opportunity for collaborative research, training of juniors and colleagues through visits and mentoring as well as input and/or organization of stand-alone educational meetings. The group calls upon colleagues to take on specific roles to lead the group in research and training.

Prostate Cancer Group

The prostate guidelines are now available in European Radiology Volume 22, Number 4 (2012), 746-757. A great job is done by a large group of engaged uro-genital radiologists worldwide! The classification system PIRADS is based on experts' opinions and must now prove its worth in validated reader studies. Software programs are needed and must be validated. To ensure quality, a certified education will be needed as well as technical guidelines and requirements of equipment used.

"The prostate guidelines" document is the basis for the ACR for implementing PIRADS in the US, where J. Barentsz is co-chair of the steering committee.

Also, this group is standing at the doorstep to a load of research to do. Welcome in.

Paediatric Working Group

This working group chaired by M. Riccabona has been working on issues concerning US contrast media in children, neonatal genital imaging -what to do and when, renal biopsy in children, CT in children with urolithiasis and nephrocalcinosis. Updating protocols and recommendations.

There is an upcoming ESPR meeting in Athens May 28 to June 01 where this group has a session: Uroradiology task force and also they created a session for the Edinburgh meeting: Paediatric imaging.

This is a small group working with important issues and in some ways in a gap between specialty societies but nonetheless a great opportunity to get involved in the cross field of urogenital radiology and pediatrics if any one feels up for this issue.

CTU/MRU Working Group

The ESUR upper urinary tract imaging group met at ECR 2012 in Vienna. Some important changes to its organisation were made. Clinically based subdivisions were formed with responsibilities allocated as follows:

1. Renal cell cancer. Peter Hallscheidt & Harriet Thoeny.
2. Upper tract urothelial cell cancer. Nigel Cowan and Olivera Nikolic
3. Radiation issues relating to CT urography. Aart van der Molen.
4. Stone disease. Richard Cohan and Francois Cornud.

Documents relating to each of the above clinical areas were planned.

A workshop on CT urography in Edinburgh at ESR 2012 is scheduled, with the help of Tarek el Diasty, Olivera Nikolic, Jeff Newhouse, Chris King, Nigel Cowan and hopefully Prof M N Ozman.

This group is looking for active members who perform and report on Renal CT, unenhanced CT and CT urography on a day to day basis in their routine clinical practice to participate in the group for the future. Please approach the chairman (Nigel Cowan) if you wish to participate.

NEW Testicular working group

It was decided that there should be such a group. G. Heinz-Peer and the office will contact Jonathan Richenberg and invite him to found such a group, suggest a list of members and commence to produce respective guidelines.

Also we wish to make amendments to guidelines for organizers of symposia to facilitate this work.

Update ESUR website

L. Derchi reported on statistics and developments on the ESUR website as well as two new publications from M. Riccabona/pediatric working group and J. Barentsz/prostate working group. Springer allowed only one link to be published for free as for now. Please go to www.ESUR.org for the latest news, guidelines, upcoming meetings and other activities of interest for our society.

Here you will find a webinar course of F. Cornud on Imaging Prostate, see the "Links" section (<http://www.imagerie-tourville.com/4.aspx?sr=3>).

Membership Update, Financial Report

Our membership status is currently over 160 paying members and finances are good as always. Although there is quite a surplus, it should be considered that the ESUR will have no income in 2014 as this is a joint meeting with the SAR to be held in Florida/US. A surplus could be kept as a reserve fund in case a symposium is a financial disaster. If you take away the guidelines (being our main source of income) and the symposium surplus, all that is left is the income from membership fees. A continuing surplus could be used to enhance the society's link to the young presenters and all good ideas for this are

very welcome, prepare with ideas for our general assembly in Edinburgh.

The next board meeting will be held in Edinburgh on the occasion of ESUR 2012.

Dear friends and colleagues, thank you for reading this newsletter.

As you know this society has a substantial impact on urogenital radiology and contrast media issues not only in Europe but worldwide.

This could not be done without the many engaged and hard working members - YOU!

Hopefully you all come across potential new members to join us, do encourage them, because there is more to be done.

Kindest regards
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Secretary/Treasurer
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