



European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Autumn & Winter 2011

Dear Colleagues and members of ESUR!

On behalf of ESUR, I am glad to bring a warm thank you to Boris Brkljacic and his team for a very successful and well organized symposium in Dubrovnik, Croatia in October this year. In numbers we were approximately 390 participants from around the world.

This was the third international urological meeting organized in Europe. The previous meetings were held in Zürich (1996) and Genoa (2002). In 2007 we were in Florida where we expect to return in 2014 (see below). We are looking forward to the next joint meeting.

Thank you to the SUR board, the scientific committee and the many contributors and participants. Many thanks to the local organizing committee: [Liana Cambj-Sapunar](#), [Josip Ćurić](#), [Maja Hrabak](#), [Ana Hrkać-Pustahija](#), [Renata Huzjan-Korunić](#), [Gordana Ivanac](#), [Marko Kralik](#), [Damir Miletić](#), [Goran Roić](#), [Diana Slavić Arapović](#) and [Vinko Vidjak](#). Again we enjoyed the scientific sessions and local culture and history. I think this special blend is unique for our society!

The winners of this year's ESUR awards are listed below. Congratulations! All winners and honorably mentioned submitters are awarded with a certificate and free attendance to the next year's ESUR symposium.

The Members' Session award winners 2011

#V Panebianco (IT) – 3T DTI fiber tracking in the depiction of periprostatic nerve before and after nerve-sparing prostatectomy

#J Spencer (UK) – The impact of MR imaging in characterization of adnexal masses after transvaginal US

#J Belfield (UK) – Comparison of MRA and CT in assessing potential living renal donors

BEST POSTER PRESENTATION 2011

#AC Tsili (GR) – Diffusion-weighted MR imaging of normal and abnormal scrotum: preliminary results

Honorable mentions POSTER PRESENTATION

#D Antunes (PT) – Tamoxifen gynecological side effects: the role of imaging

#YM Kim (KR) – US imaging of scrotal tumor & pseudotumor: a pictorial review

BEST SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2011

#J Takahama (JP) – 1H magnetic resonance spectroscopy of malignant uterine endometrial lesions at 3T

Honorable mentions SCIENTIFIC SESSION

#MA El-Ghar (EG) – Non-invasive image-based approach for early diagnosis of prostate cancer

#M. Breen (IR) – Quantification of abdominal aortic calcification in renal transplant recipients in the ABC-HART study

Future symposia of the Society

ESUR symposium 2012 Edinburgh

The dates are set to be September 13.- 16., 2012. Sami Moussa is holding the local chairmanship of this symposium with the main topic “Renal and Female Imaging”. Flyers have already been produced and distributed and the website will soon be up and running. A link from www.esur2012.org will soon be established. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be May 31, 2012 and the deadline for early registration June 30, 2012.

ESUR Meeting Istanbul 2013

For 2013, the site is Istanbul and the local chairmanship will be held by Ahmet Turgut. The main topic suggestion is “Oncologic Imaging of the Urogenital System”. The dates will be set in September.

ESUR Meeting 2014

In 2014, the ESUR should have a joint session with SUR (soon to be merged with SGR and hereafter named SAR) in the USA in Boca Raton, Florida, March 23 – 28, 2014.

ESUR Meeting 2015.

Since 2015 is the 25th anniversary of the founding of ESUR, a possible destination for this could be Copenhagen, the “birth place“ of ESUR. Then it might be a 4 day meeting held in the middle of September and with a focus on the work done by the various ESUR Committees (Contrast Media, Pediatric Imaging, Female Imaging, CTU/MRU and Prostate Imaging.) Therefore, the new date for Bordeaux may be 2016 or later. According to our bylaws, these locations are to be decided on at our next GA in Edinburgh.

ESUR news from the President

ESUR relations with other societies

Many ESUR members are very active also in the work of ECR: Lorenzo Derchi is chairperson in the Communication and International Relations Committee and also chairperson in the working group on ultrasound where also Michel Claudon, Carlos Nicolau and Spyros Yarmenitis are members. Bernd Hamm is member of the Congress Committee, Boris Brkljacic is chairperson of the Finance Committee in the Executive Council, sitting together with Gabriel Krestin (1st Vice President) and Lorenzo Derchi from Communication and International Relations.

In different research committees, we have Harriett Thoeny, Nicolas Grenier, Olivier Clement and Anwar Padhani. Also in different education committees Rosemary Forstner, Dragos Negru, Lorenzo Derchi and Stephen J. Golding. And don't forget our GU subcommittees every year!

Many of you might know about the European Diploma of Radiology that has been introduced this year at ECR. This Diploma had 47 candidates from 14 countries and a pass rate of 79%. For the future, 2 per year are being planned. L. Derchi is deeply involved in introducing this diploma as the chairperson of the Self-Assessment Subcommittee.

We are now cooperating with ESGAR. This year the ESGAR meeting in Venice had a ESUR session where H. Thoeny, G. Heinz-Peer and B. Hamm contributed to the meeting. In return, S. Halligan, C. Zech and Y. Menu were the ESGAR speakers/moderators in Dubrovnik.

The fruitful cooperation with EAU, ongoing since at least 2008, this year ESUR was represented at the meeting in Vienna by L. Derchi, P. Schlemmer and myself (very interesting to join our clinical colleagues and face their challenges in the everyday work). The cooperation will continue at their Paris meeting in 2012 where ESUR will be represented by G. Heinz-Peer, C. Alt and F. Cornud.

Involvement with ESOR courses

The ESOR (European School of Radiology) organized a course titled “Urogenital Cross-Sectional Imaging” April 28-29, 2011 in Barcelona, with many speakers from the ESUR (R. Forstner, L. Derchi, R. Pozzi-Mucelli, C. Nicolau, B. Hamm, G. Heinz-Peer).

We have a collaboration with the Korean and Asian Society of Abdominal Radiology with a very active urology radiologic group. Especially professor Sung. Their next meeting will be held in Taiwan in March 2012.

The ESUR Global Education Program on contrast media is an ongoing success. The most recent courses were held in November 2011 in Brazil and Indonesia (Jakarta) with G. Heinz-Peer and S. Morcos lecturing, and in Taiwan with M.F. Bellin and H. Thomsen lecturing. ESUR is thankful to the sponsors Bayer and Bracco. Without their help the educational program “Teach the Teachers” would be impossible.

As another advantage our booklet with our contrast media guidelines have been translated into more languages.

As for the alliance with SAR (Society of Abdominal Radiology): the new society being created by merging the SUR with the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists (SGR) also has implications for the alliance with ESUR. The Society of Urogenital Radiologists in Europe hereby wish our friends all the best with the merger of these two societies.

ESUR finance and membership

The society’s finances are as good as the years before. The number of members in good standing is comparable to the numbers from 2 years ago. A better overview with more reliable information will be presented at ECR 2012, when most members will likely have paid their fees (please check that you did pay your fee! If you are in doubt please contact the ESUR Executive Director Arnold Stipsits). Also,

do remember to tell both your young and less young colleagues about our society. The selling of the contrast media guidelines is still a substantial income to our society.

ESUR website

The website is well visited, the number one destination by far are the guidelines. Remember the call for scientific cooperation. Also, there are regular NEWS updated and added to the website, so check the web on www.esur.org.

ESUR subcommittees

Report from ESUR
Subcommittees/Working groups

- Contrast media safety committee

The guidelines have now been translated into 13 languages (Czech, English, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Turkish). The version 8.0 is planned for the end of 2012 or early 2013. The committee will also begin to slightly reorganize itself to make room for new members. The chairman, H. Thomsen, will continue in this position. The 3rd edition of the book “Contrast media: safety issues and ESUR guidelines” is expected to be released in 2013.

- Female pelvis group

John Spencer is the new chairman of the group. Karen Kinkel is still very active in the group, which has grown strongly in recent years and must be congratulated on her success. After the four guidelines published in European Radiology on gynaecological cancer, the next will be on „Imaging of maternal abdominal pain in pregnancy“. The group’s future focus will be on imaging of benign gynaecological disease.

- Paediatric Group

This group, chaired by Michael Riccabona, has published the 2010 recommendations on imaging for assessment of paediatric reno-vascular hypertension and imaging in paediatric urinary tract trauma in Pediatric

Radiology, with one additional publication on the way (EJR).

The group is now working on publishing the “Recommendations 2011” on imaging in paediatric cystic kidney disease and childhood renal transplantation; two dedicated additional review papers on these topics under publication.

Finally, there is an ongoing project on promoting ultrasound contrast agent application and approval for children. More information on this can be retrieved from the website “Report on meeting of representatives of ESPR, ESUR, WFUMB / EFSUMB, GRP, ECR, AIUM and SPR with Bracco during the IPR in London, May 9th 2011 on paediatric approval for SonoVue®”, with two respective publications on the way, as well as a joint statement (“open letter”) of the ESUR, ESPR, EFSUMB, GPR, WFUMB, and ECR ultrasound group to the EMA asking for their support.

In the pipeline for 2012: renal biopsy in children and neonatal genital imaging (particularly in females).

- Prostate Cancer Group

The ESUR prostate MR guidelines will be published a.s.a.p. as a “Special Report” in European Radiology. With this the first step towards standardization is taken. Also, the American College of Radiology is using the ESUR PI-RADS reporting system as the basis for the final development for final PI-RADS criteria. The ESUR is complemented by the ACR for their excellent work. Jelle Barentsz with one other European will be in the ACR PI-RADS steering Committee together with James Brink, Mitch Schnell and Jeff Weinreb.

-CTU/MRU working group

The ESUR urography working group has been rebranded as the Upper Urinary Tract Imaging group to include renal cell and urothelial cell cancer, stone imaging, radiation and contrast issues related to upper tract disease. Peter Hallscheidt and

Harriet Thoeny are leading on renal cell carcinoma, Aart van der Molen on radiation and contrast issues, Francois Cornud and Richard Cohan on stone imaging, Claus Nolte-Ernsting on CT urography related manoeuvres and Ullrich Mueller-Lisse and Nigel Cowan on urothelial cell carcinoma. The next aim of the group is to produce guidelines on these subjects by the next ESUR meeting in Edinburgh in 2012. A meeting is scheduled for the group from 10:30 – 12:30 on Saturday March 3 in Vienna.

Others

The first workshop on prostate imaging organized by Geert Villeirs in Ghent has been very successful and the next one will be organized in Rome in 2012. Please go to www.prostatemricourse.com.

Although this letter might reach you in the holidays, I hope you will take the time to read this, recall the memorable time we all have had together, see the pictures on the webpage and look forward to be seeing your friends and colleagues at the future meetings.

I hope to see you all soon.

Best wishes
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