



## European Academy of Andrology News

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### Call for the Deputy Chief Editor of *Andrology*

The Publications Committee invites applications for a new co-Editor of *Andrology*, for a four-year term, starting from January 2022. The new editor will start as Deputy Editor and after two years will become the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal for further two years.

The deadline for applications is **1 March 2021**.

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### Elections to the Executive Council

We kindly remind you about the upcoming election for the Executive Council, which was announced in the January Newsletter. We have one candidate for the post of EAA Treasurer: **Davor Ježek** of Zagreb, Croatia, and three candidates for one regular seat at the Council: **Dirk Vanderschueren** of Leuven, Belgium, **Rafael Oliva** of Barcelona, Spain and **Jan-Bernd Stukenborg** of Solna (Stockholm), Sweden. See their biosketches in the attachment. The electronic voting will be held using NemoVote, and will be open for three days only, between 16th and 18th February 2021. The instructions with links will be sent to all EAA members a few days before the voting opens.

### EAA website

The official EAA website at [andrologyacademy.net](http://andrologyacademy.net) is being updated. The interactive member section will be open soon. Following the recent simplification of the membership rules the members list will be refreshed shortly.

### New EAA Office

For those of you who have missed our previous Newsletter – it is our pleasure to inform you that since January 2021 the administration of the EAA has been taken over by professional event managers and society assistance providers from *Assisztencia Congress Bureau Ltd.*, located in Budapest, Hungary. This choice was prompted by their excellent performance in organising the previous European Congress of Andrology (ECA 2018) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Budapest School in 2020. Any enquiries concerning EAA should be directed to the new Office, and not to the Officers.

Please note the new contact for EAA (c/o Ms Krisztina Csongradi): [office@andrologyacademy.net](mailto:office@andrologyacademy.net)

EAA Secretary, on behalf of the EAA President and the Executive Council

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## Candidates for the Executive Council of the EAA

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- **Candidate for EAA Treasurer**

**Davor Ježek** graduated in 1988 from the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, and obtained titles of M.Sc in Medicine in 1991, and Ph.D. in 1994 at the same University. He trained subsequently at the Institute of Pathology, University of Innsbruck and University Hospital Eppendorf, Hamburg (1994-1997). He is a senior scientist and full professor at the Department of Histology and Embryology, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. He is currently the head of Center of Excellence for Reproductive and Regenerative Medicine at the same University, funded by the European Union, and is the project leader of three international projects, and collaborator on another project, all funded by the EU. Davor Ježek is one of the founders of the University Integrated Graduate Study of Medicine in English (Head of Studies) and also holds the position of Vice Dean for International Cooperation. He participates in numerous graduate and postgraduate courses and has a permanent collaboration with the Universities of Georgia (USA) and Hamburg (Germany).



His main areas of interest are the histology and embryology of the male gonad and male infertility. He has published more than 150 original papers and numerous chapters in scientific and professional books. His book "Human Testis: Normal Morphology and Pathology", published by "Springer" (London, 2013), has been downloaded from the website more than 48,000 times. Davor Ježek is a director of the Andrology Training Center of the European Academy of Andrology (EAA) in Zagreb and organizer of an EAA international school "Testis Histology and Pathology for Clinical Andrologists and Embryologists". He is a member of numerous domestic and international scientific and professional societies. Prof. Ježek is currently a member of the Executive Council of the EAA.

- **Candidates for the Executive Council**

**Dirk Vanderschueren** obtained his MD, his certification in internal medicine (endocrinology) and his PhD in biomedical sciences respectively in 1984, 1989 and 1994 at the University of Leuven, Belgium. Currently he is full Professor of Medicine and a research group leader in the Laboratory of Clinical and Experimental Endocrinology at the same University. He is also a clinical andrologist, head of clinic and director of the Leuven European Academy of Andrology (EAA) - accredited andrology training center, as well as an EAA academician.



His primary research area of interest is the mechanism and the impact of sex steroid action, with special focus on non-reproductive organs in animal models and humans, and he obtained several national and international grants. He is a regularly invited speaker at major international and national meetings on topics such as male hypogonadism, osteoporosis and sex steroid action. He (co)authored more than 400 peer-review articles in international journals (*H index of 73*). Dirk Vanderschueren is also past president of the Belgian Endocrine Society as well as The Research Foundation – Flanders. Currently he is a member of the Research Council of the Leuven University.

**Rafael Oliva**, MD/PhD is Full Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Barcelona and Senior Consulting Geneticist, Hospital Clinic in Barcelona, Spain. He is a team leader at the Molecular Biology of Reproduction and Development at the Institut d'Investigacions Biomèdiques August Pi I Sunyer (IDIBAPS).



He graduated as Medical Doctor in 1984 at University of Barcelona and obtained his Ph.D. in Medicine at the same University in 1986. He trained as a post-doctoral fellow at Department of Medical Biochemistry, University of Calgary, Canada (1986-1989) and then worked as Staff Scientist at the Human Genome Center, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories, Berkeley, CA, USA (1989-1990). He returned to Spain in 1990 and was promoted from Associate Professor (1990-2001) to Full Professor in 2011 at the University of Barcelona. His research interests are in genetics, epigenetics, genomics and proteomics of the sperm cell and germinal cell line in normal development and in male infertility, with focus on the mechanisms involved in the chromatin structure function and transitions.

Rafael Oliva is a member (Academician) of the European Academy of Andrology (EAA) and European Society of Human Genetics. He has served on editorial boards of Systems Biology in Reproductive Medicine since 2008, Asian Journal of Andrology since 2010 and Andrology since 2012 (following the board of International Journal of Andrology 2009-2012). He is currently the spokesperson of the Scientific Committee of the European Testis Workshop Committee.

**Jan-Bernd Stukenborg** is currently Associate Professor and Senior Researcher at the Department of Women's & Children's Health at Karolinska Institutet and University Hospital, Sweden. He studied biology at the Westphalian Wilhelms University (WWU) in Münster, Germany. In 2005 he obtained his M.Sc. title after a joint project at the Center of Reproductive Medicine and Andrology (CeRA) in Münster, and University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA. In 2009, he received his Ph.D. in reproductive biology at the WWU in Münster. In 2010 he moved to Sweden as a post-doc at the Paediatric Endocrinology Unit at Karolinska Institutet, and in 2017 he became a group leader at Childhood Cancer Research Unit in his current Department.



His main research interests include biology of germ cell differentiation, prenatal gonadal development, use of pluripotent stem cells in reproductive biology, environmental/medical treatment related disruptions of male fertility and fertility preservation techniques. He is currently the research project manager of Nordic Centre for Fertility Preservation (NORDFERTIL; a consortium of 8 Nordic and Baltic countries, [www.nordfertil.org](http://www.nordfertil.org)), with the main aim of preserving future fertility and hormonal functions in young boys with disorders and treatments threatening testicular function. Dr Stukenborg is author or co-author on 67 publications. He is an Academician member of the European Academy of Andrology (EAA) and since 2015 has served on the EAA "International Liaison and Publicity Subcommittee".