



Note from the President

Dear Colleagues,

The first half of 2021 has been still under the shadow of the COVID-19 crisis but the increasing vaccinations give hope for the future. Despite the lack of possibility of direct contacts and events, the EAA has remained active.

We started the year by setting up a professional office in Budapest and the new team is now well established – as evidenced by increased communications to the membership. We have held online elections and I congratulate Davor Ježek and Rafael Oliva for being voted in as the new EAA Treasurer and the Executive Council member, respectively. We have also renewed some of the EAA Committees and I thank the old and the new colleagues for their service and important contributions.

In May we held a digital meeting of the EAA-Centre Directors. I am grateful to the participants for many useful comments and suggestions. Several interesting webinars have been proposed and will be held later this year. But I am pleased that at least one important event will be held *face-to-face*: the long-planned examination for the certificate of Clinical Andrologist will take place at the second edition of the Budapest School at the end of summer.

The greatest news of this year so far is the positive outcome of our COST-action application ANDRONET – allowing us to create an open network of andrologists in Europe and beyond! My special thanks to Rafael Oliva for coordinating this action. While setting up ANDRONET we shall review the EAA structure and strategy. One of the priorities will be to invite young researchers and our basic science colleagues to join EAA. We shall keep you posted about further developments.

Finally, just a few days ago we learned that the impact factor of our journal *Andrology* has risen. Congratulations to the Chief Editor, Manuela Simoni and the editorial team. I wish the newly appointed upcoming Deputy Editor, Aleksander Giwercman all the best with keeping the torch high!

My best wishes to all of you for a hopefully more social summer break and a productive autumn.

Csilla Krausz

The EAA Office

As we announced separately, the EAA has established a professional EAA Office. Since January 2021 the EAA administration has been taken care of by professional event managers and society assistance providers from *Assisztencia Congress Bureau*, located in Budapest, Hungary. This choice was prompted by their excellent performance in organising the European Congress of Andrology (ECA 2018) and the 1st Budapest School in 2020. The new contact for EAA is Ms Krisztina Csongradi, office@andrologyacademy.net

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New members of the Executive Council and EAA Committees

In January 2021 the EAA members have elected a new **Treasurer, Prof. Davor Ježek** (Zagreb, Croatia), who replaced Prof. Frank Tüttelmann. The vacancy in the Executive Council was filled by **Prof. Rafael Oliva** (Barcelona, Spain), who strengthened the representation of basic scientists in the Council.



Several EAA Committees were also renewed with new members, reflecting their substantial contribution to various EAA activities:

- **Education Committee:** **Maris Laan** (Estonia, the organizer of the EAA Genetics School), **Andrea Isidori** and **Francesco Lotti** (Italy, the organizers of the EAA Ultrasound School) and **Davor Ježek** (Croatia, the organizer of the Zagreb School on Testis Histology).
- **Publications Committee:** **Andrea Isidori** (Italy)
- **International Liaison and Publicity Committee:** **José I. Vinay** (Chile)
- **Male Health Awareness Committee** (responsible for the dedicated website, coordinated by **Andrea Sansone**): **Leen Antonio** (Belgium), **Viktoria Rosta** (Hungary/Italy) and **Dirk Vanderschueren** (Belgium)

New members of the EAA

A warm welcome to our new members, who have joined the EAA since January 2021:



Academician: Prof. **Juan Palou Redorta** (Barcelona, Spain)

Regular Members: **Kristian Almstrup** (Copenhagen, Denmark), **Jonatan Axelsson** (Lund/Malmö, Sweden), **Sudhanshu Bhushan** (Giessen, Germany), **Ettore Caroppo** (Conversano/Bari, Italy), **Judit Castillo Corullón** (Barcelona, Spain), **Marco Cosentino** (Padova, Italy), **Tomasz Drabarek** (Gdansk, Poland), **James Dupree** (MI, USA), **Alessandra Fisher** (Florence, Italy), **Maria Grazia Giudice** (Brussels, Belgium), **Safouane Hamdi** (Toulouse, France), **Verena Höffken** (Münster, Germany), **José Antonio Moreno Sepulveda** (Barcelona, Spain/Chile), **Yousif Rassam** (Münster, Germany), **Antoni Riera-Escamilla** (Barcelona, Spain), **Silver Peeter Siik** (Tartu, Estonia), **Bettina Scheffer** (Münster,

Germany), **Georgios Tsampoukas** (Harlow, UK), **Jolijn Van Cauwenberghe** (Edegem, Belgium), **Tahnee de Vringer** (Rotterdam, the Netherlands), **Margot Wyrwoll** (Münster, Germany).

EAA-Centre Directors' meeting

On 20 May 2021, we held the first-ever virtual meeting of the EAA-Centre Directors, which normally would have had taken place in Münster before the European Congress of Andrology in December 2020. All Directors or their representatives and the members of the EAA Executive Council participated in the meeting online. New Centre Directors were introduced:

- In Bonn - **Jean-Pierre Allam** took over the responsibilities from **Gerhard Haidl**,
- In Stockholm - **Lars Björndahl** and **Mats Holmberg** took over directing of the centre from **Stefan Arver**.

The Chair of the Accreditation Committee, Jorma Toppari presented an update of the site visits. Several visits originally scheduled for 2020 have been postponed due to the pandemic situation. The visits will tentatively resume in September 2021 and will be held throughout 2022.

The President, Csilla Krausz informed the Directors about the recent activities of the Academy and the upcoming events. Some recurrent Schools, e.g. the Ultrasound School have been temporarily suspended, while others, incl. the Zagreb School in Testis Histology and the School in Genetics have been postponed to 2022. A lively discussion followed, with many useful comments and suggestions concerning educational activities. Several interesting meetings or webinars have been proposed and at least two webinars will be held later this year (see 'Upcoming educational events' below).

Male health- and andrology-promoting initiatives of EAA



ANDRONET COST-action approved!

The European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Committee of Senior Officials has approved the EAA-initiated proposal ANDRONET, with an excellent evaluation score (49/50).

Rafael Oliva (Spain) has been coordinating the application, with the support of *Institut d'Investigacions Biomèdiques August Pi i Sunyer* (IDIBAPS/FCRB) in Barcelona. We are grateful to Rafael Oliva (pictured here during the online meeting of COST coordinators) for his hard work.



ANDRONET has three main objectives:

- improving research coordination and transfer of knowledge in the field of andrology
- supporting professional education of andrologists
- enhancing public awareness of male health and its specific problems

Most of the EAA Centre Directors and other prominent researchers in male reproduction were among the initial proposers. The COST rules restricted the initial applicants to two representatives of each country. However, according to the COST policy, ANDRONET is now open to everyone interested. So please join us and contribute to the action. We look forward to building a great network of andrologists and promoting male health!

News from the MRHI

The Male Reproductive Health Initiative (MRHI), which is supported by ESHRE and EAA, has published a new paper: *Barratt CLR, De Jonge CJ, Anderson RA, Eisenberg ML, Garrido N, Rautakallio Hokkanen S, Krausz C, Kimmins S, O'Bryan MK, Pacey AA, Tüttelmann F, Veltman JA.* A global approach to addressing the policy, research and social challenges of male reproductive health. **Human Reproduction Open**. 2021 Mar 21;2021(1):hoab009. doi: 10.1093/hropen/hoab009. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hropen/hoab009>

News from the Journal

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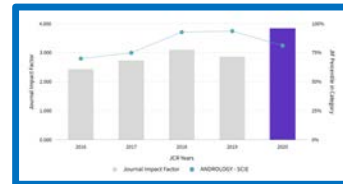
Appointment of a new Editor

The Executive Council of the EAA has appointed **Aleksander Giwercman** as the new co-Editor of *Andrology*. He will start in January 2022 as Deputy Editor. Aleksander Giwercman is Professor in Reproductive Medicine at Lund University and Head of Reproductive Medicine Centre at Skåne University Hospital Malmö (Sweden). He is a towering figure in the field of andrology, with more than 460 scientific publications and numerous science-and education-related posts, including serving on the EAA Executive Council (2006-2010).



Impact Factor (IF)

The IF of *Andrology* for 2020 has increased to a very respectable **3.842**! We are grateful to the Editors, **Manuela Simoni** and **Marie-Claude Hofmann** for their hard work and dedication! Our journal keeps its position in the top quartile (Q1) in the andrology category. The graph (from *InCite, Clarivate Analytics*) shows the evolution of the IF during the last 5 years.



The top-cited article was the “EAA guideline: Management of oligo-astheno-teratozoospermia” by Colpi GM, Francavilla S, Haidl G, Link K, Behre HM, Goulis D, Krausz C & Giwercman A. *Andrology* 2018;6(4):513-524.

Andrology Award 2020

The Editors of have selected the best paper published in *Andrology* in 2020:

*Araujo TF, *Friedrich C, Grangeiro CHP, Martelli LR, Grzesiuk JD, Emich J, Wyrwoll MJ, Kliesch S, Simões AL, Tüttelmann F. Sequence analysis of 37 candidate genes for male infertility: challenges in variant assessment and validating genes. *Andrology*. 2020 Mar;8(2):434-441. doi: 10.1111/andr.12704. (*joint first authors).

This nice Brazilian-German collaborative study identified several novel candidate gene variants in patients with non-obstructive azoospermia. Congratulations to the winners!



Upcoming EAA-endorsed educational events

■ The 2nd EAA Budapest School and Clinical Andrologist examination



We are glad to announce the second edition of the EAA Budapest School, which will be held as a traditional ‘face-to-face’ meeting on **31 August – 2 September 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and limited travel, only one module will be held: “Basic Clinical Andrology”. After the course, the examination for the title of EAA Clinical Andrologist will be held. The School will provide an update on basic clinical andrology and is highly recommended to all clinicians who would like to obtain the certificate. The main organizers are Zsolt Kopa (Budapest) and Csilla Krausz (Florence). Additional

faculty consists of European experts in the field of andrology.

Registration is open and the programme is available here: <https://easchool.eu/>

■ 30th CeRa Summer Academy in Münster



The Centre in Reproductive Medicine & Andrology (CeRa) is organizing the 30th CeRa Summer Academy, which will take place on **23-27 August 2021** as a Zoom-based hybrid event, with most of the faculty present onsite. EAA members are welcome to join remotely. The workshop is offered primarily to students and postdocs in clinical and veterinary medicine, and natural sciences. The topics cover the basic and clinical aspects of human reproduction. The full programme and further information can be found here:

<https://www.medizin.uni-muenster.de/cera/termindetails/30th-cera-summer-academy.html>

■ Webinars

- ❖ “Basic Semen Examination” (incl. information on the latest revision of the WHO manual) – organizer Lars Björndahl (EAA Centre in Stockholm, Sweden), additional faculty: Christopher LR Barratt (UK), Jackson Kirkman-Brown (UK), David Mortimer (Canada). Date: TBA.

- ❖ **“What if androgen action is disturbed during fetal life?”** – organizer Dirk Vanderschueren (EAA Centre in Leuven, Belgium), additional faculty: Niels Jørgensen (Copenhagen), Frank Claessens (Leuven) and Aleksander Giwercman (Malmö). Date: TBA.
- ❖ **“Emerging Psychological and medical issues regarding gender-affirming paths for non-binary trans people”** – organizer Alessandra Fisher (Florence, Italy). Faculty and date: TBA.

12th European Congress of Andrology (ECA 2022) in Barcelona



The next ECA 2022 will take place in Barcelona, and the dates have been set to **19-21 October 2022**. Please save the dates! The Local Organization Committee is led by **Eduard Ruiz-Castañe**. The Programme Organizing Committee (POC) has been set up and is led jointly by two Chairmen: **Dirk Vanderschueren** (clinical andrology) and **Jan-Bernd Stukenborg** (basic aspects). The first POC meeting is scheduled for 17 Sept 2021. Meanwhile, all EAA members are encouraged to send proposals for topics and speakers directly to the POC chairs or the EAA Office. More information will be placed on the EAA website in due course.



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Reports from EAA-endorsed events



European Congress of Endocrinology 2021

This virtual Congress took place on 22-26 May 2021. The EAA has a close collaboration with the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE), including participation in the preparation of the

White Paper: ***Hormones in European Health Policies: How Endocrinologists can contribute towards a healthier Europe***, which was formally presented at the ECE.

The EAA was well represented at the Congress:

- **Niels E. Skakkebaek** (Denmark, *Honorary Member of EAA*) was honoured with the highest ESE award, **European Hormone Medal**, and presented a lecture *“Is human reproductive health sustainable in the 21st Century?”*. Congratulations on the well-deserved award and the outstanding lecture!
- **Rosario Pivonello** (Italy) was awarded “Clinical Endocrinology Trust Lecture” dedicated to Cushing syndrome.
- **Joint Session ESE – EAA Clinical Guidelines on male-specific endocrine conditions**. The session was chaired by Giovanni Corona and Csilla Krausz. Three recent EAA guidelines were presented:
 - **Vincenzo Rochira** (Italy) *“Management of bone health in male”*
 - **Dirk Vanderschueren** (Belgium) *“Investigation, treatment and monitoring of functional hypogonadism in males”*
 - **Michael Zitzmann** (Germany) *“The Klinefelter Syndrome”*
- **Aleksander Giwercman** (Sweden) delivered a Meet-the-Expert talk: *“Outlook for male fertility preservation”*
- **Daniele Gianfrilli** presented *Amico Andrologo* in session on *“Large and inspiring European prevention programs”*.



N.E. Skakkebaek



The first-ever digital European Testis Workshop (originally scheduled for Sant Feliu de Guíxols, Spain in May 2020) finally took place as a digital event on 30 May- 3 June 2021. The ETW was directly preceded by a virtual meeting of the Network of Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA). The main organizers of the Testis Workshop were **Rafael Oliva** and **Judit Castillo** (Barcelona). The Permanent Programme Organizing Committee put together an outstanding scientific programme. Most of the lectures and oral presentations were presented live and were followed by lively discussions.



The EAA supported the meeting grants for the EAA members is a unique feature of European supported the session on Genetics chaired by Csilla Krausz and Frédéric Chalmel, with Frank Tüttelmann giving the plenary lecture (*a screenshot from this session is shown*).



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Event Calendar



23-27 August 2021

The 30th CeRA Summer Academy, Münster, Germany (*hybrid*)

Organizers: M. Schubert, S. Schlatt & S. Kliesch, Centre of Reproductive Medicine & Andrology

Information: <https://www.medizin.uni-muenster.de/cera/termindetails/30th-cera-summer-academy.html>



31 August - 2 September 2021

The 2nd EAA Budapest School in Clinical Andrology, Budapest, Hungary (*on site*)

Organizers: Zsolt Kopa and Csilla Krausz

Information: <https://eaaschool.eu/>



21 October 2021

SIAMS-EAA-ISA International Pre-Congress Symposium, Bologna, Italy: *Tips & Tricks in the Management of Couple Infertility*

Main Organizer: Giovanni Corona

Information: <https://eaaschool.eu/>



23-26 March 2022

The 45th European Symposium on Hormones and Cell Regulation: "Sex and signalling: The molecular basis of sex and gender medicine", Mont Ste Odile, France

Organizers: Ilpo Huhtaniemi and Adriana Maggi

Information: hormones-cell-regulation.eu



19-21 October 2022

12th European Congress of Andrology (ECA2022)

Organizers: Eduard Ruiz-Castañe and Fundacio Puigvert

Information: TBA (*updates:* www.andrologyacademy.net)



December 2022 – dates to be announced

Symposium on the Genetic Landscape of Male Reproductive Health, Münster, Germany tentatively combined with the 2nd EAA School in Androgenetics,

Organizers: Jörg Gromoll & Frank Tüttelmann

Information: malegenetics2022@ukmuenster.de

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