



Editorial

Dear ESC members, Dear colleagues,

Recently, I have been asked, by Peter Erard from our Central Office, whether our members are aware of all the newly established options and opportunities. I must agree that the current feedback we receive from members is lower than we would wish. Still, I am convinced about the need to create as many opportunities as possible for active collaboration with the Society. Moreover, another important consequence of many new decisions, in almost all areas of life, is the establishment of standard rules, which makes all bids and applications accessible and transparent. The opportunity to use the financial, human and logistic resources of the ESC is open to all members.

Allow me to use this editorial as a practical guide for all members on how to make best use of the benefits and offers from the Society. So if:

- **you are planning to organise a seminar in the field of contraception or reproductive health.**
All members are allowed to apply for financial support
(www.contraception-esc.com - About ESC - Rules of Procedure).
- **you are aware of educational material in our field which is a reliable tool for other European regions.** Forward the material or appropriate link to the Central Office and offer it to the ESC web library which will appear on the ESC web site soon (esccentraloffice@esc-contraception.com).
- **you are about to finalise a scientific project or you are aware of interesting data in our field.**
Prepare and submit the manuscript to the ESC journal, a peer reviewed journal with impact factor
(www.contraception-esc.com - ESC publications - Guidelines for authors).
- **you are searching for data in our field.**
Visit the ESC web site and find more than 1.000 abstracts and 30 full power point presentations available from previous meetings (www.contraception-esc.com - ESC events - Past ESC events).
- **you are considering attending the next ESC congress in Prague, April 30 – May 3, 2008.**
Start collecting your data and contribute actively
(www.contraception-esc.com - ESC events - Future ESC events).
- **you are witnessing major progress or a serious problem in your country in our field.**
Write a short summary and share your thoughts with European colleagues in our Newsletter, which is published quarterly (address for submission: esccentraloffice@contraception-esc.com).
- **you have interesting data related to abortions.**
Present your paper during the upcoming seminar in Bucharest, 21 - 22 September, 2007, entitled "From abortion to contraception" (this information will soon be available on the ESC website).
- **you have a proposal which the Society might be interested in.** Just send your proposal to the members of the Executive Committee via the Central Office
(esccentraloffice@contraception-esc.com).

Merry Christmas,
David Cibula
ESC President

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10th ESC Congress

Programme of the 10th Congress of The European Society of Contraception (ESC) 'Non-contraceptive impact of contraception and family planning' 30 April - 3 May 2008, Prague, Czech Republic

The scientific programme covers all aspects of reproductive health and contraception from basic good practice to the most up to date research.

Keynote lectures are plenary sessions of 30 minutes. Leading experts will present specific subjects.

- HPV vaccination
- Risk of DVT with new molecules
- New developments in contraception

Each congress day starts with a plenary session during which no parallel activity is scheduled. An international panel of experts will critically assess the state of scientific knowledge pertaining to a specific topic.

- Non-contraceptive medical benefits
- Sexual medicine for family planning professionals
- Hormones and cancer

Congress sessions (State of the art) : in each of these 6 sessions, three or four experts will provide up to date information on a topic, with plenty of opportunity for questions.

There will be two selected free communications added to each congress session.

- Critical evaluation and clinical management of side effects
- Screening and management of STI in family planning
- Intrauterine contraception
- Do guidelines lead to any change? (WHO special session)
- Induced abortion - An update
- Contraception for women with medical problems

Simultaneous translation into Russian and French will be provided during all plenary sessions, congress sessions and keynote lectures.

Besides the plenary sessions, congress sessions and keynote lectures, you will be able participate in Workshops, fora, sessions of the ESC expert groups, expert meetings, society sessions...

For all information regarding the Society, individual or group registrations, the scientific programme, abstracts, sponsorship, please contact:

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Call for abstracts

The European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health Care is the antenna of the ESC, directed towards the outside world. It is of utmost importance for the Society that it should be recognized as one of the outstanding journals in the field. The number and the quality of the manuscripts submitted, the thoroughness of the peer review and of the editing are key elements in the upgrading of its contents, of its attractiveness and of its impact. The editorial team is devoting all its energies to the task of strengthening steadily each of these steps; the editors are confident that this will result in a rapid and marked improvement of the impact factor. The time, therefore, has come to encourage all members of the ESC to consider submitting their manuscripts dealing with contraception, abortion, sexual and reproductive health, in the first place to the Journal of their Society. We are particularly interested in original research articles, in depth reviews, prospective randomized studies, and historical articles. We are very selective with regard to cross sectional studies and case reports. We welcome the publication of supplements devoted to new products or techniques.

It has been said that "Most of the important papers are published in relatively few journals." We all want the European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health Care to be one of those happy few. Why should you not help achieving this? The editors look forward to receiving your copy.

Jean-Jacques Amy, Editor-in-Chief.

9th ESC Seminar Bucharest, Romania

Dear Colleague,

We invite you to take part in the 9th ESC Seminar which will take place in Bucharest on the 21st and 22nd of September 2007.

The aim of the seminar is to have the opportunity to share current practice and thoughts from around Europe and to learn from them by having plenty of time for discussion.

The theme of the 9th Seminar is **"From abortion to contraception"**.

Three plenary sessions will deal with the main aspects of contraception.

- Medical abortion :
is it still a method for family planning?
- New achievements for contraception
- Summary of the Seminar :
reports on the workshops

Plenary sessions will be followed by ample discussion time and then lead into interactive workshops.

- Workshop 1 : Abortion, safety and risks in 2007
- Workshop 2 : Sex education in your office
- Workshop 3 : How to move from abortion to contraception?

Each workshop will have a leader who will co-ordinate the session and feed back the main points to the whole group during the plenary session on Saturday.

Several poster sessions and free communication sessions will be organised. We would like to invite all those involved in any aspect of contraception to participate actively by submitting an abstract (information will be available soon on the ESC Website). Deadline for abstract submission: 15 July 2007.

We hope that you will be joining us for an exciting seminar in Bucharest.

For all information regarding the Seminar please visit the website or contact:

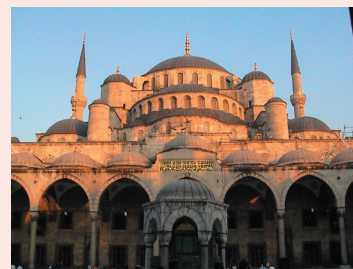
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Society News

Who represents your country within the European Society of Contraception?

During the 9th General Assembly of members, which was held during the ESC Congress in Turkey, a new Board of Directors was elected. The principle is simple: if a country has 10 or more paid-up members, one Board member is elected. If a country has fifty members or more, this country can elect two representatives onto the Board. The new Board is composed of 35 members, representing 28 European countries.



The new Board is involved and supports the daily management of the Society. If you want to know more about who represents your country on the Board, check the list of all Board Members and visit the ESC website (About ESC - structure - Board of Directors).

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WEB LIBRARY on sex education will be available at www.contraception-esc.com as of January 2007

By Olga Loeber, The Netherlands

AIM: The aim of this web library is to make background information and tools available in the field of sex education. At the start we will limit ourselves to sexual health and leave reproductive health and technical information on contraception for the time being. The first step in our plan involves a selection of links to websites with balanced information. Ultimately we hope to have information in as many languages as possible.

DEFINITION: Sexual health is a state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity. Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence. For sexual health to be attained and maintained, the sexual rights of all persons must be respected, protected and fulfilled.

(source: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/gender/sexual_health.html)

To make this web library function optimally we want to hear your needs and comments. Contact the ESC Central Office if you have documents (links to websites, comments about the library, suggestions for new topics /tools) on sexual health education.

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For your agenda



**XVIII World Congress of WAS,
1st World Congress for Sexual Health**

Sydney, Australia
Sunday 15 to Thursday 19 April 2007

The conference theme, Achieving Health Pleasure and Respect captures the essentials of sexual health. This meeting will be truly multidisciplinary and will introduce to participating clinicians, researchers, educators, activists and policy makers to the manifold, diverse and often controversial perspectives of contemporary sexual health.

- The main topics throughout the congress include:
- SEXUAL HEALTH
 - BASIC SCIENCE ON SEXUAL FUNCTION
 - DESIRE DISORDERS
 - AROUSAL DISORDERS
 - ORGASM DISORDERS
 - SEXUAL PAIN DISORDERS
 - SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS
 - CULTURAL STUDIES ON SEXUALITY
 - SEXUALITY EDUCATION
 - ENDOCRINE DISORDERS
 - GENDER DYSPHORIA
 - SEXUAL PARAPHILIAS
 - SEXUAL VIOLENCE
 - ISSUES IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
 - SEXUALITY IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS
 - STUDIES IN HUMAN SEXUALITY
 - SEXUAL ORIENTATION
 - ETHICS

For further information please visit the congress website:
www.sexo-sydney-2007.com

11th ESC Congress
'Culture, Communication and Contraception'
19 to 22 May 2010
The Hague, The Netherlands

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