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12th ESC Congress



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Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure that we look back at a very successful 12th Congress of the European Society and Reproductive Health in Athens, full of highlights. All aspects of the theme "Myths and misconceptions versus evidence on contraception" were addressed in depth thanks to a variety of presentations of high scientific quality by outstanding speakers who provided us with the latest scientific information. Because for many it must have been difficult to choose between the various simultaneous sessions we are happy to be able to publish all keynote lectures as well as the complete plenary and congress sessions on the **webcast**. Relive Athens now! We thank our sponsors for their financial support and for providing us with the latest information about their new products. Some figures: over 1500 participants from 92 different countries attended the congress in Athens. We were honoured to present the ESC Medal to Prof. Em. Egon Diczfalusy and Prof. Willy Peers.

We are pleased to inform you about the award winners of the 12th ESC Congress, Athens, Greece. The abstracts are available on the ESC website.

Young Scientist Award

FC-25 Expression of VEGF, VEGFR, FGF, HIF1a, HIF3a and female sex hormone receptors in pregnancy tumor of the gingiva M. Andrikopoulou¹, I. Chatzistamou², G. Vilaras³, A. Sklavounou³ ¹B¹ Clinic of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Aretaieion Hospital, Medical School of Athens, Athens, Greece, ²Dept. of Basic Sciences, Dental School of Athens, Athens, Greece, ³Dept. of Oral Medicine and Pathology, Dental School of Athens, Athens, Greece

Best Free Communication Awards

FC-12 Effect of Ulipristal acetate on sperm capacitation and acrosomal reaction in human spermatozoa. M.J. Munuce, C. Zumoffen, J. Cicaré, A. Caille, S. Ghersevich, L. Bahamondes University of Campinas, Campinas, SP, Brazil

FC-21 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - genotype evaluation in a Canadian Subarctic Population and impact on vaccine policy G. Zahariadis¹, K. Pabbaraju², A. Wong², S. Wong², L. McDougall², R. Waghay², P. Tilley³ ¹University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, ²University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, ³University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Best Poster Award

P125 Effect of prospectively-measured pregnancy intention indicators on the consistency of contraceptive use among young women in the US C. Moreau^{1,2}, J. Trussell², K. Hall², J. Barber³ ¹Inserm, Le Kremlin Bicetre, France, ²Princeton University, Princeton, USA, ³University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

We hope to see you all back at the First global conference on contraception, reproductive and sexual health in Copenhagen, Denmark from 22 to 25 May 2013!

Johannes Bitzer, ESC President

Katarina Sedlecky, ESC Secretary General

CETA

Committee for Educational and Training Activities (CETA)

The role of this new Committee is, initially, to:

- Ensure that the contents of the ESC workshops is evidence based. The committee has been working on developing a set of new slides and cases, which have all been peer reviewed and have been used at the workshop in Sarajevo in September. These educational materials will be regularly updated.
- Collect educational materials and guidelines from the different European countries and organisations.
- Look for and suggest further educational activities.

A core committee comprising J. Bitzer, M. Kishen, S. Randall and K. Sedlecky was formed in Kaunas in 2011. Their mandate is 2 years, after which the committee membership will be advertised, as with other ESC committees and expert groups.

Board of directors

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Kristina Gemzell Danielsson



Profile of the newly elected Executive Committee Member: Kristina Gemzell Danielsson

I am professor and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Health at the Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden and a senior consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Karolinska University Hospital where I am also the Director of the WHO Collaboration Centre for Research and Research training in Human Reproduction. I am a member of the International Committee for Contraceptive Research (ICCR), Population Council, FIGO's working group on prevention of unsafe abortion, secretary of the Swedish reference group on family planning and president of FIAPAC (www.fiapac.org). I have been involved in the creation of the European Consortium of Emergency Contraception which was launched at the recent ESC meeting in Athens.

My research focuses on endometrial function, embryo implantation, the development and implementation of safe abortion methods, misoprostol in obstetrics and gynecology, emergency contraception and development of new contraceptive methods.

I have been an ESC member for many years, board member for some of those years, head of the expert group of abortion, member of the internal scientific committee and member of the editorial board of our Journal.

I enjoy teamwork in various forms, in the clinic, in the various committees and organisations where I'm involved, in research and within ESC. As we all know - but still have to increase knowledge about - access to effective and safe contraceptive methods and safe abortion methods is a prerequisite for reproductive health, for reducing maternal mortality and to reach the MDG 5. It is thus fundamental to individuals and for society. However, many obstacles have to be overcome before reaching these goals.

I'm now looking forward to being vice president and member of the executive committee. I believe that ESC has an enormous potential in implementation of research, increasing knowledge, improving education, disseminating information and in bringing people together.

I'm looking forward to working together and to seeing you again at the ESC session at the FIAPAC conference in Edinburgh in October and at the 1st Global ESC Conference in Copenhagen next year in May!

Kristina Gemzell

Workshop

ESC Workshop

ESC is continuing with educational activities: workshop in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

In order to improve and facilitate knowledge and use of contraception and reproductive health care in the countries of Europe, ESC planned a new workshop, which was held from 27th to 30th September 2012, in Sarajevo. A low contraceptive prevalence rate in many Balkan countries was a motive to invest in education of young colleagues from this region. The workshop gathered participants from surrounding countries, like Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Monte Negro and FRY Macedonia. We hope that this workshop will have a significant effect in improving the provision of contraception according to current guidelines, and repeat the success of previous workshops.

1st Global ESC Conference

First global conference on contraception, reproductive and sexual health, 22-25 May 2013

It is a great pleasure and honour to announce the 2013 conference of The European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health as a global event in Copenhagen: www.escrh.eu/events/esc-events/2013



The First global conference will be the first of its kind. The 2013 conference will be a dynamic meeting with exciting scientific and social interactions with professionals from all over the world! It will focus on empowering women and all aspects of sexual and reproductive health.



An international Council representing professional organisations as well as individual opinion leaders will, together with the ESC Scientific Committee, ensure a high educational and scientific level with clear clinical translation.

Please reserve 22-25 May 2013 in wonderful Copenhagen.



Careful attention will be given to the social program and activities for accompanying persons to help them and yourself enjoy the highlights of Copenhagen City and its surroundings.

Our aim through this congress is to open up new and global avenues of research and inquiry to promote sexual health care with focus also on regional differences, cultural and political diversities as well as new technologies.

Pivotal aspects will be the environmental and demographic benefits of well planned training, diagnostics and therapeutics approaches to sexual reproductive health. The Congress will consist of **informative sessions, interactive discussions and symposia** that will be conducted by opinion leaders sharing the latest discoveries in all aspects of the field according to the ESC tradition.

The Organising and Scientific Committee invite all those involved in any aspect of contraception, sexual and reproductive health care to actively participate by submitting abstracts, either for oral or poster presentation. **The deadline for abstract submission is 15 December 2012.**

We hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you at the First global conference on contraception, reproductive and sexual health in Copenhagen in May 2013. All efforts are devoted to making this conference a most successful and rewarding event.

Sven O. Skouby
President of the Congress

Johannes Bitzer
President of the ESC

14th ESC Congress

14th ESC Congress, 21-24 May 2014

Dear colleagues

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the 13th Congress of the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health will take place in Lisbon from 21 to 24 of May, 2014.



The main objective of Reproductive Health is that the population has a safe and satisfactory sexual life as well as the capacity to decide when and how often to have children. Despite the enormous progress in the access to safe contraception, it is estimated that more than 120 million women throughout the world wish to avoid pregnancy but do not practice effective contraception.



There are many reasons for this: the healthcare services do not provide adequate support, information and methods of contraception are still not available in many places or, options are limited. Portugal was one of the last countries to legalize abortion and since then the mortality and morbidity regarding abortion is decreasing. We are an example of how a society can change.

At the Lisbon 13th ESC Congress whose theme is "Challenges in Sexual and Reproductive Health", we propose to present and discuss the latest scientific information and knowledge regarding contraception as well as to promote the right of each individual's access to adequate health services and to be informed of methods of family planning.

Lisbon is a city that combines the charms of olden times with modern state-of-the-art facilities. Here, you can enjoy visits to historical monuments, exciting cultural events, superb traditional cuisine amidst all the comforts of a modern city.

The proverbial warm and spontaneous hospitality of the city's inhabitants together with its gentle climate will combine to offer you a very warm reception to what promises to be a highly productive and very enjoyable and successful meeting.

Save the date of this event and come to Lisbon....

Best wishes,
Teresa Bombas

14th ESC Congress

14th ESC Congress, 2016

Dear friends and colleagues, dear members of ESC

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to invite you to Basel in May 2016 for the 14th ESC Congress. It was a close voting and our friends from Budapest would of course also have deserved to organise this meeting. But there are still years to come.



Basel has some very attractive characteristics with respect to our Congress.

The city is small but very multicultural and it builds a linguistic, social, economic and cultural link between three countries (Switzerland, Germany, France). Almost everybody speaks English. The local airport is very close to the city and is well connected to all European Cities. For those further away Zurich is a very international destination and a train leaves directly from Zurich Airport to Basel on a very regular basis.



The University of Basel is one of the oldest of Europe. Erasmus was here, Nietzsche, Wagner and many others. The old town is very well preserved with old buildings and a very romantic atmosphere. You can walk everywhere without any security problems. You can take a boat trip on the Rhine River and enjoy the view of the old town from the water. Why not make a short trip by public transport to Germany or France. There are regular buses going. Do not miss the famous museums of Basel which are internationally known. And enjoy the food, which is one of the best you can get anywhere.

Basel is small but as we now small is very often beautiful. I am sure that we will have a very friendly and familiar Congress, trying to deal with and discuss all the different aspects of contraception and sexual and reproductive health. As the title indicated we will try to bring together specialists from basic science with specialists in social sciences, we want to make researchers meet with practitioners, young doctors, nurses, midwives with old fellows etc.

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I am looking forward to meeting you all in Basel.

Johannes Bitzer, President of the ESC



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