

14th Congress / 2nd
Global Conference
of the ESC

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Basel in May 2016.

Best wishes,
Johannes Bitzer, Congress President

The title of the Congress “Contraception: from molecular biology to social science and politics” is both a promise and a challenge. This Congress will provide the opportunity to create and maintain multidisciplinary networks between individuals, organisations and continents.



The keynote lectures include:

Molecular biology and advanced technology for contraception
Regine Sitruk Ware, Population Council, New York, USA

This session will explore the continuing demands for research into improving contraceptive technology and to add to our understanding of what is acceptable to users and what influences use in different populations. It will also present new avenues of research and how these may transform contraceptive products in the future.



Sexual and reproductive rights
Rajat Khosla, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland

This presentation will highlight the centrality of sexual and reproductive health and rights in the promotion and protection of women’s health with a particular reference to contraception and abortion since the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) endorsed a Programme of Action that laid out an ambitious population and development strategy. The ICPD Programme of Action was remarkable in its recognition that gender equality and equity, and the empowerment of women and human rights, are cornerstones of population and development. Although this led to a paradigm shift from earlier policies targeting population control to one that places the individual at the centre and respects choice, rights and empowerment inequities in coverage persist both between and within countries.



The history of syphilis – Lessons learned
**Prof. em. Jean-Jacques Amy, Faculteit Geneeskunde en Farmacie,
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium**

This session will examine the natural history, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of syphilis together with some historical aspects in a European setting.

Announcement with detailed programme: www.escrh.eu/events/esc-events/2016.

Register now: www.escrh.eu/registrationform14th



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Call for applications



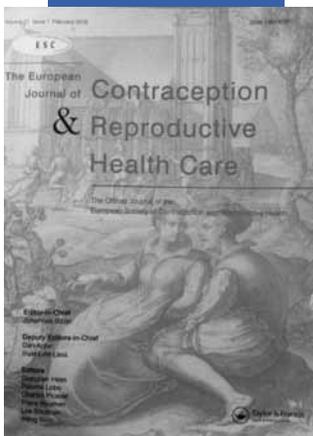
Call for applications for membership of ESC Committees and Groups (other than Board)

Any paid-up ESC member, regardless of professional group, may apply for vacant positions in:

- Internal Scientific Committee
- Expert groups (STI, Abortion, Future of Hormonal and Molecular Contraception, Non-hormonal methods of contraception, Sexual Medicine and Sex Education)
- Website committee

Application forms for membership of other committees and groups are available and circulated on the website. Any questions? Send an email to info@escrh.eu

Membership



Join ESC for 2016!

Join the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health (ESC) for 2016:

www.escrh.eu/user/register

We are delighted to announce that the Journal (European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health Care) is again included in the membership fee (60 euro) without any additional cost. We have listed here a few of the benefits you enjoy as member:

- 6 free issues of the official Society Journal (impact factor = 1,394)
- 3 newsletters
- Members may apply to stand for the Board or Expert Groups (vacancies are announced on the ESC website)
- Members may apply to the ESC for educational grants
- Members get free attendance at the ESC Seminar and substantial reduction to the ESC Congress fee
- Personal access to the ESC website

Affiliation

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Course report



Course report: Swedish national network for sexuality research - May 2015

We wish to thank the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health for enabling us this conference. "Swedish national network for sexuality research" is a group of researchers with different research areas within sexuality perspectives.

The network started as a platform for Ph- students although senior researchers also are members. We have annual meetings with different themes. We also plan for any of the PhD students wishing to present, for example, their research project, discuss a manuscript, research applications. The theme for this meeting was: "How should an application be formed with high standards to receive grants?". We invited Professor Outi Hovatta, Karolinska Institute, as she is a member of a review panel of the Swedish Research Council since many years. This was a highly appreciated part of the program. After Professor Hovatta had finished her lecture we continued with presentations from present PhD students. The meeting was held in Stockholm and lasted two days. The first day ended with a conference dinner where exchanging experiences continued.

The network board - Magdalena Mattebo Ph.D., Uppsala University, Sweden

Projects / courses

Call for projects and courses first half year 2016

The ESC provides funding to support a project or course related to sexual and reproductive health within Europe. Deadline for this application period: 30 June 2016.

Info and application forms: www.escrh.eu/education/grants

ESC Board



ESC Board representation

The Central Office advised each country about the number of Board Member vacancies. Application forms were available on the ESC website. Closing date for applications was 15 March and e-voting for each country (if applicable) will be arranged in April.

The (paid-up) members of the following countries will be invited to vote using the ESC website in April: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, UK. The other countries do not have vacant positions

12th ESC Seminar Religious beliefs



12th ESC Seminar – How can we use better understanding of religious beliefs to promote contraceptive use?

Favourite session of the 12th ESC Seminar participants (according to the evaluations) was the session on “How can we use better understanding of religious beliefs to promote contraceptive use?”.

I was pleased and honoured to chair this session. In my preparation for the session I realised that unfortunately I know very little about different religious beliefs, which are shaping cultural values and norms. The majority of health care providers, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, have experiences with integrated patients and less with non-integrated ones. But with the flow of refugees and immigrants the situation in Europe is changing rapidly.

All three lectures about religious beliefs on family planning in Christianity, Islam and Judaism revealed the different backgrounds and perspectives and reminded us that the knowledge of differences is the first step in successful promotion of contraceptive use. I believe that the session has opened our minds for future exploration and understanding of cultural diversities in our communities.

The current situation in Europe should motivate us to increase the knowledge and awareness of different beliefs and cultural traditions to understand and accept the differences and not to be, as health care providers, frustrated due to our own lack of knowledge and understanding. The future in multi-cultural Europe is challenging for all of us working in the field of reproductive health care in adapting our services to refugees and immigrants.

Bojana Pinter, Slovenia

Course report



Course report: “Civil and Criminal Liability of Medical Practice” on 26-27 November 2015

This two-day scientific conference was a national and international twin-conference of the Regional Reproductive Healthcare Research Group of the Hungarian Academy of Science in Szeged, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of Szeged, the Courthouse of Gyula, the Békés County branch of the Pro Familia Hungarian Scientific Society and the ESC-HU.

Internationally acknowledged professionals presented their experience from Austria, Romania, Serbia, Portugal, United Kingdom and Hungary in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology and forensic medicine as well as in the field of civil and criminal law. After the opening ceremony and plenary lectures the Congress continued in two parallel sessions.

The lectures in session A related to the tasks and responsibilities of the Forensic Medical Committees in Hungary and in some neighbouring countries and medical or forensic protocols in case of sexual violence and sexual abuse, among others. The lectures in session B related to the present situation of criminal abortion in Europe; other interesting presentations covered the topics of septic shock and ethical allegations in obstetrics and gynaecology in Arad County, Romania. In this session the speakers have explored other interesting topics, e.g. short term and long-term psychosocial consequence of sexual abuse and neglect in adolescents.

Melinda Vanya, Hungary

GA 2016



General Assembly 2016

All paid-up members for 2016 will be welcome to attend the General Assembly (GA)

Date: Thursday, 5 May 2016

Time: 17:15-18:15

Place: Congress Center Basel, Messeplatz 21, 4058 Basel, Switzerland.

The final agenda will be available on the ESC website from 20 April 2016.

Every Woman Every Child



Every Woman Every Child

World Contraception Day achievements and ongoing activities have been accepted by United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and officially listed to advance the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health.

Every Woman Every Child is an unprecedented global movement that mobilises and intensifies international and national action by governments, multilaterals, the private sector and civil society to address the major health challenges facing women, children and adolescents around the world.

The movement puts into action the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, which presents a roadmap to ending all preventable deaths of women, children and adolescents within a generation and ensuring their well-being.

See more at:

<http://www.everywomaneverychild.org/about/what-is-every-woman-every-child>

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