



Newsletter ESHNR



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President's Column

It is a pleasure to be able to report that the Society not only prospers but is busy and increasingly involved on a number of fronts.

Firstly, though, I have to give heartfelt thanks to Dr Karoly Hrabak for a highly successful and enjoyable 2006 annual meeting in Budapest. The annual meeting is the flagship event of our year and throughout my time in the Society successive Congress Presidents have endeavoured to beat the standard of the preceding year. How Karoly succeeded you may judge well from the report in this Newsletter.

In the same breath I remind you that the 2007 meeting is in Oslo in September. I am sure that Heidi Eggesbo will have taken note of my comments above on the subject of quality!

These are busy times in European Radiology. Last December I represented you at the Annual Leadership meeting in Vienna. This is the point of the year where EAR, now ESR, takes note of the views of its constituent groups and societies. At that meeting we ratified the recommendation to move the new European Society of Radiology to individual membership. This is in many ways a courageous move, made for understandable reasons. It does however mean changes for the subspecialty societies. Previ-

ously EAR was a federation of national and subspecialty societies; this system now comes to an end, which might be thought a negative move from the point of view of our Society. However we are strongly represented in the subcommittee structure of ESR – see the representation elsewhere in this Newsletter – and these representations are being strengthened. We also have the right of nominating to the subspecialty committees of the European Congress, so the Head and Neck Radiology voice in these matters is safeguarded. We are also being asked to support specific educational objectives of ESR. Overall our situation in parallel with our sister subspecialty societies appears good.

We have of course our own educational objectives. We are on the point of launching the ESHNR Diploma of subspecialty interest and we are looking at encouraging visits between departments and other training initiatives, in harmony with the educational drive now being made by ESR. Education is an important issue these days; we have our own ideas but I would be glad to receive your views.

We are not the only people with development issues. Recently I was asked to join the Board of the new European Salivary Gland Society, which is part of an international federation. This is a multidisciplinary society, so



has little conflict with our own interests but its formation is a sign of the direction in which education and international exchanges are proceeding. I am very glad to be joined in the new Society by our colleague Dr Nicole Freling.

And your views! Where are the letters and contributions we invited in the last letter? Logic prompts me to the view that, no matter how we try, those of us charged with the leadership of ESHNR may not have everything right, or thought of everything. This Newsletter is your opportunity to speak your mind!

Space prevents me from developing further on these and other themes. However I have one important message for all members – if you want to hear more about these and other issues, I expect to see you in Oslo!

Stephen Golding

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Memorial Dr Kathlyn Marsot-Dupuch

On 4 September 2005 Dr. Kathlyn Marsot-Dupuch died in a car accident in Palmyre, Syria, during a teaching mission. That day Europe lost one of its foremost head and neck radiologists.

Kathlyn studied medicine in Paris. After finishing medical school in 1974 she specialised in ENT surgery (1974 – 76) and radiology (1977 – 80). Her clinical experience in ENT surgery characterised the way she approached head and neck radiology and this culminated in the annual radiological-clinical head and neck meetings she organised in Paris.

She worked for 20 years at the St-Antoine Hospital in Paris and moved to the Bicêtre Hospital in 2000. During all these years she had a passion for teaching and science: she wanted to understand her work and this triggered countless studies, resulting in an unparalleled number of publications, posters, presentations and prizes. Her dedication to work also attracted many young radiologists, who found in Kathlyn one of the best teachers they could get. Not surprisingly she was involved in the organisation of many courses and meetings and was also one of the driving forces when the Collège d'Imagerie pour la Recherche et l'Enseignement en Otorhinolaryngologie (CIREOL) was founded in 1990. CIREOL eventually became the most important head and neck radiology organisation in France. In 2002 she became a member of the Executive Committee of the ESHNR.

She also always remained loyal to her teachers and all members of the ESHNR will remember the way she honoured Prof. Jacqueline Vignaud at the Annual meeting in Paris in 2004. It is obvious that all her students will respect Kathlyn in the same way. We all realise how much energy Kathlyn put into her work and hence many people will be needed to take over her tasks.



Dr Kathlyn Marsot-Dupuch

17/01/1949 – 04/09/2005

We have lost one of our best colleagues and a good friend: everyone who worked with Kathlyn knew that behind her cheerful and decisive appearance a very kind, honest and committed person and mother existed. She leaves her two daughters Sonia and Samantha and her partner Walter Grauer behind, and our sad memory of the loss we share with them.

Jan Casselman

Executive Committee of the ESHNR

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ICHNR 2006 — Prize winners

Prices for the best papers and the best posters were again offered at Annual ESHNR meeting

Best papers

First Prize (750 €)

« Imaging findings in oval window atresia using HRCT with surgical correlation »

J Goh, TY Tan, SB Yeo

Second Prize (free registration at ESHNR 2007)

« Malignant otitis externa: changing pattern of imaging features associated with ciprofloxacin resistance »

J Bernstein, HJ Holland, JE Kabala

Best posters

First Prize (750 €)

„The spectrum of HRCT findings in postinflammatory ossicular fixation“

Dr. Vincent VandeVyver, Marc Lenmmerling

Second Prize (free registration at ESHNR 2007)

« Role of Imaging in Cochlear Implant – A pictorial essay»

Dr. Sanjay Vaid

ESHNR Representation on EAR / ESR

Education Committee: Professor Dr. H. Imhof

Professional Development: Professor Dr S. Golding

Research Committee: Professor R. Hermans

Leadership meeting: Professor Dr S. Golding, Prof. Dr. H. Imhof



Meeting report

17th ICHNR; Budapest

The 17th International Congress of Head and Neck Radiology (17th ICHNR) was held on 28th-30th September 2006, at the Hotel Gellért, Budapest, Hungary. This elegant hotel dates from 1918 and lies on the right bank of the River Danube at the foot of the hill named after Bishop Gellért (famous for propagating Christianity in Hungary). Interestingly local folk lore records that Gellert Hill was used as a meeting place for witches, suggesting that this has always been a popular location for conferences of all sorts. The hotel has been described as 'Hungarian in its design with a slight Oriental touch' and is certainly a stunning site, both from the exterior and, by virtue of the numerous sculptures, ceramic mosaic tiles and tinted glass, from the interior.

The location of the conference hotel in the centre of Budapest enabled the delegates to enjoy both the conference and some of the main attractions of this beautiful city (including the nearby fashionable shopping district). The immediate outlook from the hotel is on to the famous Danube bridges. Joined to the hotel and accessed by an original lift (with attendant service) is the historical Gellert Bath, a series of hot spas, large indoor and outdoor pools (the largest of which included a substantial wave generating machine; ideal to make the Australian speakers and delegates feel at home).

ICHNR meetings have always been designed to provide a combination of comprehensive teaching (underlying anatomy, standard techniques), state of the art reviews and presentations of original work and the Budapest congress, once again, managed superbly to achieve these aims.

Newer technologies featured prominently in the programme. The pre-congress course on the Thursday morning for example thoroughly covered cone beam CT. In the afternoon there were further presentations on the multidimensional use of CT and a thorough series of presentation on image guided interventions in the neck. During the course of the day there were presentations from experts from four continents (Asia, Australasia, Europe and North America) and it is this breadth of expertise that consistently gives the ICHNR its strength and appeal as an educational and scientific forum.

It is worth noting that in addition to the usual comprehensive treatment of MRI and CT, ultrasound is beginning to feature more prominently in the congress, a trend that continued in Budapest. Dr Ahuja (Honk Kong, China), for example, presented excellent and logical analyses of ultrasound of neck masses (Thursday afternoon) and of lymph nodes (Friday afternoon), while the difficult subjects of the role and evidence based justification for ultrasound guided interventions in neck lymph nodes and thyroid lumps were elegantly considered by, respectively, Dr Richards(London, UK) and Dr Borges (Lisbon, Portugal).

As ever the congress delivered top quality on the anatomy based presentations. This is the sort of thing the society is particularly good at and indeed is the sort of thing the specialty of head and neck radiology particularly requires. The uniformly high standard of presentation makes it harsh to try and select particular presentations to mention but perhaps this can be justified for some of those who travelled particularly long distances to explain difficult subjects to the delegates, notably Dr Whyte (Perth, Australia; temporal bone anatomy, Saturday morning) and Dr Chong (Singapore; cranial nerves in oncology, Friday afternoon).



Proffered papers are always an important part of the congress and it was a delight to see the high number of presentations and the wide range of subjects covered, which mirrored the breadth of the didactic presentations. The high quality of the work and style of presentations was noteworthy but, probably most important of all, there was a wide geographical spread of the speakers, again covering four continents. It was particularly pleasing to see the delegates who had made the long journey from Asian countries. Their contribution to the congress was extremely valuable.

The social programme was excellent throughout. Particularly unforgettable was the gala dinner afloat on the night time river Danube. Equally unforgettable was the trip from the hotel to the boat on the local tram as part of a large crowd of fifty or more delegates.

Enormous congratulations must be offered to Dr Karoly Hrabak, congress chairman, his team and the faculty for organising a hugely successful, hugely enjoyable and high quality conference.



The hotel Gellert at night



Indoor pool, Gellert Bath



Would like your ESHNR membership free?

The Executive Committee has been reviewing our membership. The society is well represented across Europe. New members are coming forward at each annual meeting and we are now attracting Associate Membership from radiographic technicians, dental radiologists and similar.

However the Committee have identified some pockets of Europe where there are many head and neck radiologists but we do not have strong representation. There is no logical reason for this.

What can you do? Introduce three new members and we will cancel your membership dues for the following year!

Membership applications forms are available on the website or from our Secretary, Dr Martin Mack (details below). Prospective new members must have a significant commitment to head and neck imaging. They need to complete the application form, then obtain your sponsorship for their application and to send the form to Martin Mack, who will do the rest.

Please send your new nominations in groups of three to the Secretary with a covering letter indicating that you want to take advantage of this scheme.

New members are elected at the Business Meeting at the annual scientific meeting each year. If your nominees are elected successfully you will hear from the Treasurer!

This is your Society; help it to grow and develop!

How to contact us

Members may use the contact facility on the website, www.eshnr.org; messages are automatically transferred to the Secretary, and will be forwarded to appropriate members of the Committee.

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Please join the annual meeting of the ESHNR!

Registration is still possible




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20th Annual Meeting and Refresher Course
6-8 September 2007
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Precongress tour 3-6 September



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