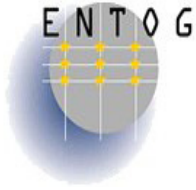


NEWSLETTER

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Dear ENTOG friends,

I have decided to keep our ENTOG newsletter, as it has proven to be (besides our website) an extremely effective way to get us all actively connected in a regular way. I would like to thank all of you who had the opportunity to join us last month in Hungary for yet another successful annual meeting and exchange program, for your presence and for all the enthusiasm you've shown. Thank you Erica Werner for all the great ENTOG work and great achievements you leave behind, which we are all able to regard as an inspiration for further improvement. Let's get to work then!

Nuno Martins
ENTOG President

1 – HUNGARY 2009

To all the colleagues who, this time, were not able to join us in Budapest, we invite you to have a look at the excellent presentations available at our website. We thank all the authors for kindly making this possible. We also hope to welcome you to Antwerp in May, 2010!

We were able to welcome 36 exchange participants, who spent 4 days in various hospitals all over Hungary. We had mainly good feedback about the exchange experience and trainees felt as if they had been offered a great opportunity to learn and reflect about practice and differences to their own country. Three trainees gave a

presentation about their exchange. Benjamin, Enzo and Maria - thank you!

The meeting attracted about 90 participants from all over Europe and we had 21 member-countries present at Council. We were extremely pleased with the active participation from the EBCOG representatives present in the audience – we thank you for your valuable input and hope to receive it again in Belgium.

We learnt about the current status of subspecialty training requirements from both the specialist and trainee point of view. The results from both the ENTOG EWTD survey and Academic training were known. We then heard about the impact of internet and telemedicine on training based upon the US and French experiences. We finished our session focusing on accessibility and training efficiency issues.

On Friday evening we got a taste of Hungarian culture in a lovely Danube boat dinner and sightseeing! Thank you HLOC!

After Council I have the pleasure to introduce you to my Executive:

Secretary General:

Panagiotis Christopoulos (Greece)

Treasurer:

David Rodriguez (Spain)

Member:

Pille Pärasmäe (Estonia)

Member:

Elena Pavlova (Bulgaria).



We all look forward to work together, assuring continuity of the project and making ENTOG even more successful.

The 2011 meeting will be held in late Spring (June). We were very happy

with both offers and presentations - Norway and the UK - but it was decided upon election that the United Kingdom trainees will act as our local organizing committee for this meeting. The topic for this meeting will be: **Simulation and interdisciplinary aspects of training.**

Therefore, this point was referred to EBCOG and we could not have been more pleased with their support and willingness to articulate their spring meeting with ENTOG. This means that in future we will continue to be able to benefit from EBCOG's knowledge and presence at our meeting and share our discussions with them.

The preliminary minutes from Hungary will be sent out and published on the web shortly.

2 – ENTOG ACTIVITY/PROJECTS

We will come back to you shortly with more specific information, but please do visit our site regularly in order to consult the new updates.

- Executive meetings
- Annual exchange and meeting
- Newsletter
- European surveys
- ENTOG publications
- Visitations for basic training (with EBCOG)
- Attendance of meetings (members)
- Long-term exchange program
- EBCOG liaison (gender and recruitment, SCTA, European congresses...)
- US cooperation
- Website
- ENTOG official status
- Recovery of inactive ENTOG member-countries

3 – ENTOG MEETINGS

As the local organizing committees always struggle tremendously with the burden of the late registrations we hope you can try and make all register well in

advance for our next meetings (not yet open)!

- Belgium, 2010, www.ebcog2010.be May, 3rd -7th. **What is the future of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Europe?**
- United Kingdom, 2011
- Estonia, 2012

4 – MESSAGE:MEMBER COUNTRIES

We would like to improve our communication with all of you, but especially with the members' national trainee networks. We may not have been updated about any recent changes in the ENTOG liaison person or other changes in the various executives. Even if you have already sent us this information, we invite you all to resend it to us and including the following data: name of national trainee association and website (if there is one), Executive names and e-mail(s) for ENTOG future contacts.

If you wish to get an automated newsletter (and you don't receive it yet), you can register at www.entog.org_newsletter subscription.

Please contact us with any good ideas or questions at executive@entog.org!

We hope to see many members able to write us over the summer holidays already!



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