



## ENTOG newsletter 18

**April 2009**

Dear all,

Spring is in the air although in some parts of the continent snow seems to be reluctant to give room for flowers and alike.

It is time again to update you all about ENTOG and its activities, although we have noted you are actively using our new website, which is great to see.

Enjoy reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica Werner', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Erica Werner

### **ENTOG XIX event Hungary 8-13 June 09**

The ENTOG executive as well as the local organising committee in Hungary are very active to make this a very interesting meeting.

The Hungarian team has found many departments enthusiastic to receive trainees and to show them what Hungary has to offer. Of course you can add your preference, but of course not all will be able to be placed in Budapest. Also we do not place people from the same country together, as this will

reduce the quality of the experience. Of course everyone will meet again in Budapest for the 'plenary' part.

The social program will start on Thursday evening from with a welcome dinner from 2100h onwards in the Trófea Grill Étterem (restaurant), in Budapest, and all who participated in the exchange program will gather. People arriving for the Friday meeting will also be very welcome there.

The meeting on Friday will be held in one of the renowned Hungarian Universities: Semmelweis University

Full address:

II. Institute for Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Lecture Room  
Hungary, 1082 Budapest, Üllői Street 78/A.

We have attached the preliminary program for your convenience, but of course it can also be found online (do not forget to register/log in if you want to download any documents from the site).

After the Friday meeting the social program will continue with a true gala dinner on a cabin cruiser on the river Danube with many opportunities to talk with the other participants as well as the speakers.

The registration is open and we hope to see the trainees elected by their national networks registering soon for the exchange (max 2 per country due to availability of slots). Anybody interested in attending the meeting itself, can of course register without consulting the national trainee network first. [www.entog.org](http://www.entog.org)-->Hungary-->registration

The registration fee is a flat fee of 65 euro. **Please try all to register prior to May 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 (this is especially important for the exchange program!!).**

On our website you can also find some hotel suggestions with good transport facilities to the venue. In the information section there is a link to the Hungarian website (in English) which I am sure you will enjoy. The social program details will be uploaded shortly.

For the Saturday the Local Organising Committee is looking into an optional tour with an English Guide to the Hungarian Parliament (Budapest) prior to or after the council meeting.

[http://www.parlament.hu/angol/eng/virtualis\\_seta.htm](http://www.parlament.hu/angol/eng/virtualis_seta.htm)

## XX ENTOG event/Antwerp EBCOG congress 2010

Preparations are in full swing, both for the congress itself as well as for the ENTOG session and the exchange program.

The exchange program is aimed to take place in both the Flemish speaking part as well as the French speaking part of the country.

The exchange program will run parallel to the congress due to low activity levels in the departments over the weekend. (dates: 3-6/05/2009)

Our ENTOG session will again be integrated into the congress (Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010).

Our topic of the ENTOG session will be

### **What is the future of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Europe?**

The session will know the following topics

#### **PART I, LITIGATION AND TRAINING**

#### **PART II, SOCIAL CHANGES AND THEIR IMPACT ON PRACTICE**

#### **PART III, OBSTETRICS AND/OR GYNAECOLOGY?**

*MOVING TOWARDS CONJOINT OR SEPARATE TRAINING?*

We hope once again the topics we have chosen will appeal to both trainees and other congress participants (seniors and/or other disciplines).

Our local organising committee (LOC) in Belgium knows representatives from both the French speaking and the Dutch speaking part of the country. They can always use more people still, so if interested to be involved in the organisation of exchange and ENTOG session, please contact ENTOG at [executive@entog.org](mailto:executive@entog.org) and we will be very happy to forward your address to the Belgian LOC.

### **Surveys 2009**

We have two important surveys we will present you in Budapest. Although many countries are very enthusiastic and have answered to the surveys near immediately we are still lacking replies from a few member countries. We hope to see these answers arriving shortly and have sent mails out to remind you. Please help us to give you reliable and useful data regarding the current situation in Europe!.

To recap:

ENTOG EWTD survey: aimed to look into the implementation of the EWTD and the difficulties encountered/ solutions found. We hope to receive three answers in total per country, including university hospitals and smaller hospitals.

The survey can be found on [www.survey.entog.org](http://www.survey.entog.org) (no need to log in first) where you can find some background information regarding the survey too.

Academic trainee survey designed and carried out by the Network of Academic Trainees in the UK, and supported by ENTOG to look into academic training facilities across Europe. This survey is not available on line but for your convenience attached to the newsletter. We hope to see one answer per country, filled out by the trainee network.

### **ENTOG elections**

Already mentioned in the previous newsletter; there will be ENTOG executive elections in June 2009 for the following posts

- o President (not standing for re election)
- o Secretary general (eligible for re-election)
- o Treasurer (eligible for re-election)
- o Member (eligible for re-election)

All ENTOG executive members excluding the president have indicated to consider standing for a post in the executive again. This is regarded very important in view of the continuity of ENTOG activities. It may be important to stress that current members may stand for a different post than their current one.

However, we would very much like to see 'new blood' in the executive too and hope to see many trainees interested to stand for one of the posts. Feel free to get in touch with us to enquire after (the content of) a post.

All posts do assume a two year term.

If you want to stand for a post, please mention this already to us at our executive address ([executive@entog.org](mailto:executive@entog.org))

For more information (and criteria for eligibility) also visit our website at [www.entog.org-->home-->statutes](http://www.entog.org-->home-->statutes).

### **Long term exchange program**

At the moment we have 13 departments interested in to accept foreign trainees through our long term exchange program.

The departments have different conditions for such an exchange and this will have to be checked individually. If the opportunity would exist to participate in the on call rota, of course fluency in the native language of the country is a must. But of course fluency in the national language will always be of great advantage.

We are currently verifying the contact details and the specific areas of interest the departments want to offer.

As mentioned earlier the current list will be online before the next council meeting.

Of course we would be very interested to include more departments still and if you know your department would be interested in the program and is accredited for training by EBCOG/national accreditation system, let us know!

As mentioned earlier, ENTOG will facilitate to match trainees and departments by means of the website but is currently not able to support in any other way (organisation/financial).

If you have any experience training abroad already, we would be very interested in hearing your story, including preparations, pitfalls and comments. The stories will be uploaded on the same page of the site and therefore offer others some help and guidance before they go.

So please, send *your* story to [executive@entog.org](mailto:executive@entog.org) or [webmaster@entog.org](mailto:webmaster@entog.org)

### **Gender and recruitment**

This committee has started up formed by Pille Pärasmäe (Estonia), Kerstin Rhiem (Germany) and Prof A. Templeton (UK). It looks specifically into gender problems in our specialty and the question why less young doctors are choosing Obstetrics and Gynaecology as their specialty. The committee is in the process of clarifying its goals and aims and we will hear from them shortly.

### **Non attending ENTOG members**

As explained before we have noticed not to be in touch with all members as much as we would hope to be. With some we have lost contact with the trainee network altogether and they therefore do not come to our council meetings at present. The relatively short duration of training and the changing (hospital) email-addresses with different rotations are amongst the causes.

We are looking for the trainee networks from Iceland, Italy, Poland, Romania.

If you can help us to get in touch with these trainee networks again, please contact us at [executive@entog.org](mailto:executive@entog.org)

### **Website**

Everything mentioned in the newsletters and more can be found on our website. It will include the latest updates on our ENTOG programs like for the Hungary meeting. Please make sure to log in if you want to download any documents! Have you noticed you can send any other European trainee an email, just by going to our member list!

ENTOG executive will drop some European questions on the forum and looks forward to your opinion, but of course you are able to do so too! (Again, after logging in)

### **Other developments: ENTOG (ongoing) projects**

Just to summarise our current projects and involvements

(Also see [www.entog.org-->projects](http://www.entog.org-->projects))

- EBCOG executive : Erica Werner
- Hospital visitation liaison person: Panagiotis Christopoulos
- Visitations: all ENTOG executive members
- SCTA : David Rodriguez and Erica Werner
- Antwerp 2010 congress
  - Management committee: Erica Werner
  - Scientific committee: Nuno Nogueira Martins
- SCTA/the Academy: David Rodriguez/ Pietro Gambadauro/ Erica Werner
- Website: the Webmaster
- Gender and recruitment committee: Pille Pärasmäe/Kerstin Rhiem
- US liaison person: Pille Pärasmäe
- Longer exchange programs: ENTOG executive (in liaison with SCTA)
- EWTD survey: Pille Pärasmäe/ Erica Werner