

## The European Association of Urology (EAU)

A vibrant network of urological professionals



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Founded in 1972, the European Association of Urology (EAU) is now entering its fourth decade, a period marked by growth in its membership. With the goal to create a dynamic network of medical professionals, membership has been extended and is now open to urologists-in-training, urological scientists and to related disciplines in Europe and abroad. Moreover, the EAU has increased the number of EAU activities that could be of benefit to other medical professionals.

With the crucial goal to enhance patient care, the EAU's core mission is to act as the representative body for all European urologists, thus facilitating the continuous development of urology and all its subspecialties. In order to maintain the high standards of urological care throughout Europe, the EAU stimulates urological research and helps disseminate the results. Another key goal is promoting contributions by its members to medical and scientific literature, thereby highlighting European urological achievements. The EAU also focuses on establishing training and urological practice standards and helps contribute in defining European urological health care policies

### A centralised structure

The EAU's governing structure is the EAU Board composed of an Executive Committee (EC) and the chairs of the EAU Offices. Chaired by the Secretary-General Per Anders Abrahamsson, the EC oversees the implementation of all programmes and activities. Constituting the current EC are Chris Chapple, Manfred Wirth and Walter Artibani.

Over one hundred European urologists are involved in the boards of the EAU Offices and Committees who all meet periodically to assess the strategies and plans mapped out within the EAU. An administrative body, the EAU Central Office - located in Arnhem, The Netherlands - supports the EC and the EAU offices. An Executive Management team supervises the EAU Central Office with the Operational Manager (Jacqueline Roelofswaard) directing and organising all operational affairs of the EAU Central Office and the Business Manager (Maurice Schlieff) implementing the financial and business plans.

### Active representation

The General Assembly, held annually as the official meeting for EAU members, coincides with the EAU Annual Meeting. All active EAU members can exercise their vote at the General Assembly where decisions are made by a majority of votes from all who are present. The General Assembly also votes or approves new and honorary members of the EAU, elect members of the EC and nominates new board members.

### Fulfilling key tasks

Education and postgraduate training are essential tasks of the EAU. With the aim to promote quality urological education across Europe, the EAU's education programmes are easily accessible and affordable to all European urologists and urologists-in-training. Strategies and goals for education are developed, organised and supervised by the European School of Urology (ESU), the EAU's official education office. The ESU organises courses during the annual EAU congress and in collaboration with the European National Urological Associations.

A key task of the EAU is to support scientific activities. Research fellowship programmes are funded through the European Urological Scholarship Programme (EUSP). Recently, the EAU has also set up a Foundation for Urological Research which aims to serve as a dynamic link between the industry on one hand and scientific and medical research communities on the other hand.

### Communicating achievements

*European Urology* is the EAU's official scientific journal, widely disseminated and highly regarded by readers. The EAU Video Committee is the editorial body responsible for the European Urology Video Journal, which distributes selected new videos on urological diseases and techniques.

The official EAU newsletter, *European Urology Today*, publishes a range of information on European urology and activities as well as specialised information provided by affiliated European urological associations and organisations. Finally, the EAU maintains dedicated Internet sites such as Uroweb ([www.uroweb.org](http://www.uroweb.org)), which provides general information resources to members, and Urosource ([www.urosource.com](http://www.urosource.com)) which offers a wide database of urological and scientific information.