



Who are we?

Urology is one of the areas of medicine which combines a global overview of the medical and surgical needs of the patient with a disorder affecting the urinary tract and the male reproductive organs. Its history dates back to antiquity. Today it embraces an extensive number of subspecialties, and harbours experienced professionals, residents, surgeons, private practitioners and researchers.

The European Association of Urology (EAU) has the goal of providing consistent support to urology experts from all over the world and to represent its members in a competent and effective manner. All professionals who are active in the field of urology, including urology nurses, are welcome to join the growing ranks of EAU members.

The EAU is a non-profit organisation and it consists of:

- Executive Committee (members elected by the General Assembly)
- Executive Board (the Executive Committee and the chairs of the EAU Offices)
- EAU Offices

The General Assembly, the most important interface between the membership and the various offices of the EAU, oversees the general operation of the association and passes strategic resolutions, which are, in turn, carried out by various EAU Offices.

The EAU Central Office coordinates the day-to-day activities of the EAU and assists the Executive Committee and EAU Offices in realizing various projects.

The European Academy of Urology is EAU's advisory body. The senior professionals and EAU officials who form this panel offer their expertise and authoritative opinion on a wide range of practical and theoretical issues in European urology.







1972 - Prof. Georgio Ravasini, chair of urology at the University of Padua, gathers prominent urological experts to discuss the formation of a society that would unite, support and encourage European urologists in their work and research.

1973 - The European Association of Urology comes into existence by the decree of the Constituent Assembly at the International Urology Congress in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Switzerland becomes the first home of the EAU headquarters, which is responsible for coordinating day-to-day operations and supporting the initial 259 members.

1974 – The first Annual EAU Congress, chaired by Prof. Ravasini, is held in Padua, Italy.

1975 - The first issue of European Urology, the official scientific journal of the EAU, is published in January.

1992 – Professor Frans Debruyne is elected Secretary-General. He is responsible for the relaunch of the EAU and transforms the Association from a small and select group of urologists into the professional organisation it is today. 1998 – Arnhem, The Netherlands, becomes the new home of the association's headquarters, the EAU Central Office.

Today – The EAU is a well-established scientific organisation which represents over 11,000 urologists, urologists-in-training and urology scientists from all over the world. Led by a team of enthusiastic professionals, the association organises a range of scientific, as well as educational events. It encourages cooperation and exchange of experience with the help of the latest conference and media technologies.



What is our mission?

The mission of the European Association of Urology is to raise the level of urological care in Europe by promoting professionalism and competence among our members.

The EAU aims to:

- represent European urologists and urology nurses and facilitate the continued development of urology and all its sub-specialties
- foster proliferation of the highest standards of urological care throughout Europe
- encourage urological research and facilitate widespread publication of its results
- encourage EAU members to contribute to medical and scientific literature
- establish and introduce common standards for training and European urological practice
- contribute to the formulation of European urological healthcare policies
- raise global awareness about the achievements in European urology

How do we support urology experts and encourage the continued development of urology and all its sub-specialties?

The EAU cooperates with many national and regional urological societies both in Europe and beyond, striving to provide a platform for extensive international cooperation. We cherish our fruitful partnership with these independent professional organisations as their input into various EAU events and projects cannot be underestimated. The success of the Annual EAU Congress and the 'Urology Week' project, would not be what it is without this enthusiastic collaboration.

The modern world of science, in which distances and borders no longer matter, demands that we stay open, flexible and dynamic if we want to keep abreast of global developments. It is one of EAU's priorities to build up a solid and efficient network of cooperation with urological associations worldwide. We create numerous opportunities for collaboration and bilateral exchange of EAU members with their colleagues from different countries in Asia, South-America and the Middle East. We firmly believe that these international training and research programmes will bring benefit to the entire field of urology. The culminating moment of this collaboration is the international "Urology Beyond Europe" day, which is held during the Annual EAU Congress, with all of its joint sessions devoted to the transglobal exchange of experience.

We believe that reinforcing the continued development of urology cannot be achieved without encouraging interdisciplinary cooperation. The EAU covers this important aspect by initiating many ongoing projects such as the European Multidisciplinary Meeting on Urological Cancers (EMUC), an event organised in association with the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) and the European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO). We also co-organize one-time international events, such as the World Health Organisation Consensus Conference on Bladder Cancer, which was held in April 2008.

The EAU understands that the quality of urological practice in many ways depends on the professionalism and experience of urology nurses. The affiliated European Association of Urology Nurses (EAUN) aims to maintain and further improve the high standards of urology nursing in Europe. We encourage all EAUN members to partake in various meetings, exchange and fellowship programmes, and to sign up for free subscriptions to topic-related articles.

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How do we promote the highest standards of urological care in **Europe?**

The Annual EAU Congress

in the field of urology, with the Annual EAU Congress topping the list. This congress is one of the largest urology events in the world and attracts thousands of experts to its venues each year.

Regional EAU Meetings

At the EAU we believe that uninterrupted training is vital for the maintenance of high medical standards. It is especially important for urology experts to be able to present their findings and learn about the achievements of their colleagues on a regular basis. The EAU achieves this by organising an additional series of EU-ACME regional meetings. These meetings allow region-based urology professionals to present their clinical or experimental work

The EAU organises highly esteemed conferences and courses to an international audience. Reputed speakers largely from within the region, but also with an international perspective, are invited to give lectures on the most pressing issues in global urology, contributing to the international perspective of these events.

The EAU Section Office

Modern medicine is the medicine of advanced subspecialisation. We recognize the need to support this trend as medical science continues to gain deeper insights into the human body. It is the aim of the EAU Section Office to develop affiliated specialist sections and form partnerships with independent specialist societies in order to allow European experts to be part of a professional network that covers all urological sub-fields.

The EU-ACME Committee The European Urological Scholarship Programme (EUSP) In 2004, the European Association of Urology and Knowledge shared is knowledge multiplied. The EAU strives to make knowledge accessible. We have the European Board of Urology (EBU is the working group of the European Union of Medical Specialists, developed a number of scholarship and fellowship Section of Urology) joined forces to establish a programmes that aim to support talented and focused new committee: the EU-ACME, which stands for urologists. We believe that we can make a difference European Urology - Accredited Continuing Medical by giving urology professionals and institutions from Education. The committee promotes continuing different European countries an opportunity to work medical education (CME) by encouraging European and share personal and collective experience with urologists to participate in various accredited one another. courses, forums and events which help them to keep pace with the latest in the field of practical medicine. By doing so, experts gain CME credit The EUSP offers the following programmes: points, which are uniformly recognized in all EU • scholarship: up to 1 year for basic, clinical or member states. experimental research • clinical fellowship: 6 weeks to 3 months All EAU events and annual meetings of national • short-term visits: up to 3 weeks urological societies are automatically accredited. • visiting professorships: up to 4 days We believe that a standardised accreditation system makes education more accessible and more attractive, an important factor in maintaining universally high standards. **EU * ACME** ten eleven

How do we encourage urological research?

How do we contribute to medical and scientific literature?

The EAU Research Foundation

Today, hundreds of centres in the EU carry out urology-related trials and studies. For their results to be recognized in the international community and prove beneficial for urological patients, it is very important to sustain the highest level of research. With this goal in mind, our association set up the EAU Research Foundation (EAU-RF), an independent organisation affiliated to the EAU. This research foundation stimulates, coordinates and supervises basic, translational and clinical research by enrolling the help of qualified ICH GCP investigators.

The EAU-RF focuses on:

- forming scientific networks by developing an efficient communication infrastructure between the EAU-RF and high-profile clinical study centres, their satellites and basic science laboratories
- initiating and organising clinical studies and science projects that involve experts from different centres
- setting up, funding and conducting investigatorinitiated trials
- identifying and offering opportunities for research scholarships
- communicating information about these activities to European urologists, the general public and independent sponsors.

The structure of the EAU-RF ensures that the foundation can be run efficiently and all of its complex goals can be achieved. The foundation's activities are managed by the joint efforts of the Clinical Research Committee, which deals with clinical studies and registries, the Basic Research Committee and the Scholarship Committee. The EAU Central Research Office offers comprehensive support at all stages of the initiated studies.

EAU History Office

Since ancient times, practitioners around the world have been performing urological procedures. This ancient knowledge is accumulated in the science of today. This ancient knowledge has been carefully stored and improved on, and is still a large part of the science today. Here at the EAU we strongly believe in the necessity to record and preserve the history of European urology for the generations of medical experts to come. Our History Office keeps records of old techniques, instruments, major events and significant figures in European urology and we work hard to stimulate the interest of experts and the general public in this fascinating subject. The series Historia Urologiae Europaeae contains captivating accounts of European urological history. It is essential to put the subject of urology into context. This office looks at the influence that urology has had on art and fiction, thereby providing an alternative view of the topic.



How do we promote European achievements in urology worldwide?

EAU publications

Today, the modern printed and electronic media provide numerous opportunities to communicate information almost instantaneously and to a large number of people. We take pride in making the best use of these technologies and supply our members with the most interesting, relevant and up-to-date material. The EAU produces several publications that aid us in this challenging task.

European Urology, the official scientific journal of the EAU, is a world-class publication with a high impact factor. In the process of its production we enrol the help of dedicated urology professionals, whose insight into the subject matter earns the journal a very high reputation among urologists worldwide. European Urology publishes peer-reviewed original articles and topical reviews on a wide range of relevant issues. We never cease to strive to improve on the success of our journal, updating its features and enhancing its layout in order to remain innovative, keep pace with the rapidly evolving world of medicine, technology and surgery.

We endeavour to provide the best clinical guidance in research and education for more than 20,000 readers worldwide. *European Urology* is EU-ACME accredited and is available in print and online.

European Urology Today (EUT) is the official newsletter of the association, and covers a wide range of urological topics, informing the reader about the latest EAU news. Conference announcements and reports can also be found on its pages. EAU members actively contribute articles regarding recent study results, technical developments, fellowship experiences and many other relevant and interesting themes. EUT is published six times a year in full-colour newspaper format and is distributed to approximately 13,000 addresses worldwide.

The online *Surgery in Motion* section, produced under the supervision of a urological expert, provides surgeons with a channel to demonstrate both new and common surgical techniques applied to various interventions.

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The contributions selected for this section come from the most experienced surgeons and recognized institutions around the world. In this section, you can access both the full length version of the article and the video which explain and demonstrate these interesting approaches.

The EAU-EBU Update Series is a quarterly educational publication issued as a special supplement to European Urology.

European Urology Video Journal (EUVJ) is produced by the EAU Video Committee on a quarterly basis. Each issue includes a DVD with 45 minutes of high-quality footage showing surgical procedures and techniques. The author's commentary and a step-by-step description of the recorded surgery can be found in the accompanying brochure. The EAU makes every effort to provide unique material with a high educational and informational value.

EAU web site

Here, at the EAU we place high priority on communicating information on-line, as it is the fasted and most efficient way to reach out to all our members and partners. The EAU official web site, www.uroweb.org, has a well-structured and attractive design. It is easy to navigate and one can find anything they need to know about the association, its structure, its projects, and the latest developments in the field of urology.



All publications are electronically available for our members here.

The web site is now developing into a modern interactive platform that will serve as a source of specialized and general urological information, as well as a meeting point for professional discussions, co-operation and collaboration. A special web site, www.urologyweek.org is dedicated to creating more awareness among the (European) public of urology, the work of the urologist and urological conditions.

The EAU Urological Guidelines aim to provide urologists and urological nurses access to the best contemporaneous consensus view on the most appropriate management currently available in order to help them with their day-to-day practice. These are the most comprehensive international guidelines covering urological practice, dealing with all the subspecialty aspects. The EAU Guidelines Office oversees the production of guidelines and clinical practice recommendations. The work is carried out by renowned experts. Where possible, the principles of evidence-based medicine are used to provide a powerful background. In other circumstances the recommendations reflect the consensus opinion of expert panels if this is the best evidence available. The quidelines have been translated into many different languages. They are upgraded every 3 years. The EAU and EAUN Urological Guidelines are available both electronically and in print as full text prints as well as short "pocket" versions.



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What is our role in standardizing European urological training and practice?

EAU Education Office and the European School of Urology (ESU)

Education is one of the most important contributors to progress in the field of urology. We believe that by creating extensive educational opportunities for European urologists and bringing their knowledge to a universally high level, we can contribute to the establishment of top-class standards in training and practice.

The EAU Education Office working through the European School of Urology (ESU) strives to provide every practicing urologist and urologist-in-training in Europe with a comprehensive up-to-date overview of all contemporary urological issues. Each year, post-graduate ESU training courses on general and advanced, clinical and research urology take place during the Annual EAU Congress. In addition, hands-on training courses are organised by the EAU affiliated European Society of Urological Technology (ESUT).

The EAU organises and funds the widely popular ESU Courses. The programme is usually customised to meet the needs of participants and region-based organisers. The courses, which last up to two days, are always very

intensive and focus on the heart of the subject matter. Due to the growing demand and high attendance numbers of our courses, the ESU now organises various training sessions at all national congresses in Europe.

The ESU stand-alone initiatives include the annual European Urology Forum in Switzerland, an educational event which focuses on the most recent developments in urology. The ESU also organises large- and small-scale master classes in collaboration with the EAU and the European Board of Urology (EBU, see www.ebu.com). The masterclass is a prime venue to scrutinise current practices and survey the latest therapies that are still being tried or tested in various medical disciplines.

The annual ESU-Weill Cornell Masterclass in Urology is a collaborative programme between the ESU and Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York (US). An American–European faculty covers paediatric urology, infertility, oncology, stones and female urology, amongst others. Annually held at Salzburg's impressive Schloss Arenberg, participants enjoy full sponsorship including accommodation, travel and registration fees.

We steadily keep up with the technological process. It is the only way to meet the very high expectations of urology residents and young professionals. Specifically, but not exclusively, for our junior members, the ESU is developing the Virtual European School of Urology, that will allow its participants to access on-line EU-ACME accredited training.

EAU residents

As part of its European Residents Education Programme (EUREP), and in collaboration with the European Board of Urology (EBU), the ESU organises a number of courses and educational activities designed for senior urology residents. The course offers a series of teaching modules, followed up by an optional EBU examination. We encourage all European urology residents to take part in these events and offer them financial support - which covers the costs of registration, travel and accommodation - and free access to courses.



How do we help formulate urological healthcare policies?

Political commitment

The European Commission considers public health one of its top priorities. Every effort is made to prevent human illness and disease and to obviate sources of danger to human health. The European Commission recognizes the importance of close cooperation with scientific experts, whose extensive knowledge in this subject matter is invaluable.

As the leading European organisation of urology professionals, the EAU takes an active part in collaborating with the EC, for we share similar goals and objectives in promoting good mental and physical health. Through this collaboration we aim to prove our expertise and

longstanding reputation, as well as raise our profile with third parties in the market. We also make a significant effort to attract EU funding, as it allows us to conduct better and more extensive research and to raise awareness about urology-related health issues among the general public in Europe.

The EAU takes an active stand with regard to global health issues. We cooperate with the World Health Organization, the coordinating authority on international public health within the United Nations system, by offering our expertise, research data and organisational help in all urological matters.



"Basic research, clinical studies and education come together in the EAU Research Foundation to create new opportunities"

Prof. Peter Mulders, chairman of the EAU-RF

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