



Dear Colleagues,

In recent years, the ESGE developed into an important society. It found a definite status within the group of societies which, world-wide, are dedicated to the minimal invasive surgery in gynaecology.

The most significant occasions which favoured and formed this development have been at first the implementation of a professionally organised Executive Board as well as the construction of a General Board in which nearly all member countries are represented.

A milestone for the development of the ESGE has been the foundation of the Journal, where our members can publish the results of their scientific work as well as present new surgery methods. We suppose that 'Gynaecological Surgery, Endoscopy, Imaging and Allied Techniques' will be listed with Pubmed shortly. Together with the herewith connected allocation of an impact factor, it will even be more attractive for authors to publish in our Journal.

Also the Newsletter, which strives for giving more transparency to the live within the Society, contributed to the fact, that we all came closer.

The European Academy of the ESGE established in the meantime too. It aims at improving the development and at strategic organisation of science and education in operative gynaecology and did already carry out some very successful workshops, as for example on the occasion of the last EBCOG Congress.

By the establishment of the ESGE standards for hysteroscopy and laparoscopy there also could be fixed guidelines for the operative education and certification in Europe.

The award of Grants to young scientists which is connected to the possibility of hospitation at renowned hospitals, as well as the establishment of the 'Junior Platform' contributed to give young colleagues who are still on education, a solid position within our Society.

Numerous persons contributed to the result that the small circle of friends 'Club Raul Palmer' at least grew up to a big well-organised Society where beneath the science also the primary thought of friendship is maintained.

However, the bigger a society, the more it is dependent on the co-operation and participation of even more colleagues from most possible countries.

Thus, we like to invite all to support the Society in its development, to make it well-known in their countries as the society which represents competently gynaecologic endoscopy and gynaecologic surgery in Europe as well as the society which also can support national societies because of its wide-spread offer.

The recent Congress of ESGE in Strasbourg demonstrated that we chose the right way. Lots of participants coming from various countries could profit from a very highly scientific level in all sessions.

The Society lives, grows and keeps on improving its level. Stay with us and support the Society.

Prof. Klaus J. Neis



Klaus J. Neis



The ESGE mourns for the loss of **Prof. Frédéric Van den Brûle**, Professor at the University of Liège and Board Member of the ESGE. In the name of all the members of our Society, we condole with the family on the loss of our colleague and friend. Frédéric passed away on Sunday 24 September 2006.

Sign the Register of Condolences at <http://www.esge.org>

We like to mention that the lifework of Prof. Van den Brûle will be honoured duly within the next edition of the ESGE Newsletter

ESGE Officers

(adapted situation since the last General Assembly in Strasbourg on 6 October 2006)

Executive Board

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 R. De Wilde, Germany

Board Members

The following Board Members are leaving the Board:

M. Canadiani (Italy)
 J. Del Pozo (Spain)
 M. Farrugia (UK)
 J.L. Carvalho (Portugal)

The Executive Board and the Society would like to thank them sincerely for their support and input in the years of their mandate.

New composition of the Board :

Y. Van Belle (Belgium)
 M. Nisolle (Belgium)
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 M. Bidzinski (Poland)
 H. Hassa (Turkey)*
 O. Istre (Norway)*
 J. Seydoux (Switzerland)*
 F. Carmona (Spain)*

The last four Board Members are the new Members (mandate 2006–2010). We take the opportunity to congratulate them with their nomination.

Here you can find their short presentation:

Francisco CARMONA (Spain)

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Head of the Gynaecology Dept. in the ICGON Hospital Clinic in Barcelona.

Associate Professor at the University of Barcelona.

Main fields of interest : surgery for benign conditions, endometriosis, pelvic floor.

Other fields of interest of our Service : gynecologic oncology.



Francisco Carmona

Hikmet HASSA (Turkey)

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Head of the Reproductive Health Center which consist of Infertility-IVF unit, gynecologic endoscopy unit and menopause unit in the Eskisehir-Osmangazi University School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Developed more than 20 Laparoscopy centers in Turkey in 10 years time on behalf of the project conducted by Turkish Ministry of Health & Johns Hopkins University-USA.

Wrote and published the first Turkish-Laparoscopy in Gynecology-book in 1987 and is also one of the editors of Operative Laparoscopy in Gynecology, published in 2004.

Founder of the -Turkish Gynecologic Endoscopy Society- and still working as the President of the society.

Member of the AAGL-Advisory committee and elected representative of Turkey in ESHRE Advisory committee.



Hikmet Hassa

Olav ISTRE (Norway)

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Present working at Endoscopic Unit Ullevaal University Hospital.

Thesis: "The value of transcervical resection of the endometrium in treatment of bleeding disorders" in 1996.

Tutoring for 3 senior registrars for Thesis in Endoscopic Surgery, Preceptor for MSc, 1 Senior Registrar at University of Surrey UK.

50 medline papers, several book chapter in endoscopic textbooks. Lecturer at University and courses around the world.

Honorary fellowship BSGE 2006, Honorary Consultant at St Georges Hospital, London 2006.



Olav Istre

Jacques SEYDOUX (Switzerland)

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Chairman of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics of the Hôpital du Jura.

President of the "Groupement Romand de la Société Suisse de Gynécologie et Obstétrique" since 1999. Member of the Committee "Qualitätssicherungskommission de la Société Suisse de Gynécologie et Obstétrique". This Committee writes the clinical guidelines of the Société Suisse de Gynécologie et Obstétrique.

Special interest: promotion and organisation of the continuing medical education of the members of our medical society.

**Interview by
Prof. Klaus J. Neis with Dr. Živa Novak**

Dear Mrs Novak,

1. **May I ask you at first to tell us some personal things:**

- *Where is your place of birth?*
- *Where did you grow up?*
- *Where did you study?*
- *Where did you start your education?*

All: Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia (Slovenija).

2. **Which were the reasons for you to come to perinatology?**

Ljubljana University Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology is well known for gynaecologic oncology surgery, and in the last years for endoscopic surgery. Many come from abroad to learn. When I started my training there were more than 8000 deliveries (5500 now). Ljubljana was starting its role as a third level perinatal centre, neonatal intensive care unit and *transport in utero* had to be instituted. It was good to be in a team of enthusiastic colleagues. Slovenia now, with 17 000 deliveries, perinatal data base of more than 100 data for each mother-baby pair for all deliveries since 1987, and free basic insurance for all pregnant women, is a perfect perinatal model. Perinatology is a scientifically fascinating and at the same time humanly deeply moving subject.

3. **You are President of the Standing Committee for training and assessment of the EBCOG**

a) *Would you please explain the current position and function of the EBCOG?*

Many hard working people have the credit that EBCOG has gained the influential status as it now has. I cannot mention them all; let me just mention Professor Van Assche, the past president and the actual president Professor Dunlop. National societies of obstetrics and gynaecology, each having two delegates, form the Council of the European Board and College, and the Section represents our specialty in the UEMS. EBCOG also has the Executive Committee and standing committees. Collaboration with four affiliated subspecialties, ESGO, ESHRE, EAPM and EUGA is extremely valuable for EBCOG. The main goal of EBCOG is to improve health of women and their children. The

means are harmonization of training, visiting and accrediting departments for training (Standing Committee for Hospital Recognition), issuing the journal *European Clinics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology*; promoting CME/CPD; organizing European Congresses (this year it was in Turin, in 2008 it will be in Lisbon), discussing important issues (patient safety, research, guidelines); EBCOG has connections with other societies (e.g. FIGO) and political bodies (e.g. presentation of preterm delivery problem to the group of members of the European Parliament). ENTOG is European Network of Trainees of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, very active, collaborating with EBCOG; its exchange programmes and meetings are very successful. It is impossible to say everything in this place so please see the president's newsletter and more at <http://www.ebcog.org> and <http://www.entog.org>.

b) *Would you please explain the meaning of the Standing committee and the projects which have been realised?*

Professor J J Lansac was the chair of SCTA for many years. He and his group did all the hard work. They prepared important documents on training programmes and logbooks, which are now-adapted-used in many countries. They also organized editing several volumes on important topics in obstetrics and gynaecology. We just continue their work; representatives of ESGE, EFC and ESC have joined the SCTA and contribute much to the work. This was best seen at the recent 19th European Congress in Turin, organized by EBCOG, led by Prof Chiara Benedetto, where *Hands on training*, organized by ESGE, EFC, ISUOG and others were always overbooked! Dr Angelique Goverde was very active in organizing *Training the trainers course* through RCOG for EBCOG that took place at the end of August 2006.

c) *What is your mission? Would you please give us a statement as President of the Standing Committee?*

To recommend and support best ways of structured training and assessment. Much has changed in recent years: theoretical knowledge is growing fast, many procedures are now performed on an outpatient basis, endoscopically, skills are difficult to obtain. There is less time that trainee and trainer spend together also because of working time directives. Patients demand more. The process of training is continuously changing and new ways to achieve the best results are emerging. Learning of skills on laboratory models/ computer simulations

etc is becoming a necessity. Mentors (tutors, trainers) are extremely important. Gynaecologists in Europe work in very different circumstances and all contribute their experiences: so we learn from each other.

4. ***Your mission has lead you throughout the world. I am sure, you got to know lots of fascinating personalities. Who were the persons who impressed you the most and who maybe also took some influence on your way of life?***

I admire people who are passionate in their fields of interest, work hard, are stubborn, do not impose their opinion on the others, do good for the others, and even if they invent something extraordinary or become celebrities they remain modest and enjoy simple things in life. There are many in our and other professions; I have worked with some, met some or read about some, but it would be injustice not to mention all and the list would be too long.

5. ***At least, would you also tell us about your private interests and hobbies?***

Skiing. I try to do my best regarding ecology for future generations.

Mrs. Novak, we thank you very much for this interview and wish you all the best for the future.

yours sincerely

Prof. Klaus J. Neis



Živa Novak

Events organised by the ESGE

16th Annual Congress of the ESGE
 « Towards ideal surgery for women –pre- and post
 operative hormonal treatment »

Portoroz, Slovenia
 5–8 September 2007

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Events organised by National Societies or others

Excellence in Surgery with Outstanding Technology
 17–19 November 2006
 Thessaloniki, Greece
 Info: info@airmarit-erasmus.gr
www.erasmus.gr

Recent Advances in Gynaecological Surgery
 RCOG/BSGE meeting
 7–8 December 2006
 Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London
www.rcog.org.uk

Course (in French) on pelvic surgery:
 De l'Anatomie endoscopique à la maîtrise du pelvis
 13–15 December 2006
 Liège, Belgium
 Info: colette.gerday@chrcitadelle.be

13. Praktischer Kurs in Gynakologischer Endoskopie
 1–4 March 2007
 Davos, Switzerland
 Info: surgery@iss-sic.ch
www.sggg.ch

Endoscopy for beginners and advancers
 9 March 2007
 Banska Bystrica, Slovakia
 Info: www.ssge.sk
 2nd Congress on Gynecological Endoscopy
 5–7 April 2007
 Cesme, Izmir, Turkey
 Info: www.globalturizm.com.tr, www.jed2007.org

10th Congress of the European Society of Contraception
 "Non-contraceptive impact of contraception and family planning"
 Prague, Czech Republic
 30 April–3 May 2008

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- Euro 125 All other members

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