

# EAU Section of Urological Research

<http://www.uroweb.org/sections/urological-research-esur/>

## What is the ESUR?

### A brief history

The EAU Section for Urological Research was founded more than 25 years ago by a small group of scientists as the European Society for Urological Oncology and Endocrinology (ESUOE). Distinguished European scientists, including Fouad Habib, Marinus Blankenstein, Dominique Chopin, Jack Schalken and Albert Brinkman were among the founders of the society.

From the start, the idea was to bridge basic and clinical research. To that end, the board has since been composed of laboratory scientists and those who were interested in clinical translation. These meetings attracted the attention of more researchers and it was decided after several years to extend the activities of the society.

The society was renamed as the European Society for Urological Research. During the presidency of Helmut Klocker and Frans Debruyne's leadership at the EAU, a memorandum was signed between ESUR and the EAU. ESUR became more integrated in the activities of EAU and this was particularly positive for the organisation of its meetings and its financial stability.

During the 24th Annual EAU Congress in Stockholm in 2009, ESUR became an EAU Section, and joined the EAU Section Office. This is particularly important because of the rather limited non-commercial support of scientific organisations in Europe. In this way, ESUR could work to benefit a larger number of urologists and urology-affiliated scientists.

## ESUR today

Today, ESUR meetings provide top-quality content in the field of research. Speakers are selected on the basis of their contributions, scientific standing, and innovative approaches. ESUR has an ever-increasing number of participants and the meeting participants are drawn to the meetings' scientific content.

ESUR also contributes to the Annual EAU Congress and prepares a programme together with the EAU Section for Urological Oncology (ESOU) and the European Organisation for Research and Treatment in Cancer (EORTC). We have established the prestigious Dominique Chopin Award and each year honour a scientist who has considerably contributed to the European science in Urology.



## Our Role within the EAU

Most of our researchers are engaged in oncology research. However, ESUR also welcomes scientists in other areas. The section covers a number of subspecialty topics like non-malignant diseases and emerging fields such as tissue engineering. Both researchers with PhD and MD degree participate in ESUR activities and are represented in the Board.

### Our mission

ESUR aims to promote basic and clinical research in the field of urology and related areas. We act as a platform for researchers in different disciplines, in order to improve the coordination of experimental research.

## Projects & Activities

### Partnerships

In recent years, ESUR has intensified partnerships with European Union projects and also has identified truly translational topics for its section meeting at the Annual EAU Congress. We are committed to increasing our cooperation with the EAU Section for Urological Oncology (ESOU), for instance by exchanging speakers.

We have a partnership with the ARTP (French Organisation for Prostate Cancer Research) which supports our meeting by donating an award (the "ARTP Prize") at the ESUR meetings.

ESUR is committed to research training and it collaborates with EU-funded projects. In 2012, the Marie Curie programme PRO-NEST actively participated in the ESUR section meeting in Strasbourg. Together with PRO-NEST, ESUR offers an interaction platform which should lead to the initiation of new, biology-based clinical studies.

### ESUR Meetings

Our bi-annual meeting is traditionally organised in the autumn. The 10th meeting, for instance, takes place in cooperation with PRO-NEST and the ARTP from 25 to 27th October in Strasbourg, France. We expect to welcome around 200 participants. Details of the latest meeting, including the scientific programme can be found on: <http://esur.uroweb.org>.

ESUR has also organised successful meetings with the SBUR (US Society for Basic Urological Research), known as the World Congress on Urological Research. A successful World Congress was organised in September 2011 in Innsbruck.

## Who Are We?

The role of the ESUR board is to coordinate the section's scientific activities, monitor its policies, select speakers for the meetings, and to select the Dominique Chopin awardee.

Board members are responsible for scientific activities and for communication to EAU. The ESUR Chair is a member of the Section Office of EAU. In 2012, ESUR Chair Prof. Culig became a member of the EAU Scientific Congress Office.

### ESUR Board Members

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### ESUR Expert Groups members

#### Honorary Members

1986: Prof. Dr. P. Robel, FR  
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#### Chopin Prize Winners

2008: Prof. Jan Trapman, NL

2009: Prof. Norman Maitland, GB

2010: Prof. Natasha Kyprianou, USA

2011: Prof. Tapio Visakorpi, FI

2012: Prof. Craig Robson, GB

## Engaging the Section

If you are interested in the activities of ESUR, send us an e-mail at [esur@uroweb.org](mailto:esur@uroweb.org). You will be added to our mailing list, which informs interested parties of upcoming events and scientific research-related opportunities. If you would like to contribute to, or be considered for a position within ESUR, you can e-mail your curriculum vitae, including your most recent contact details to the same address.

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