

Andronet News

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Dear ANDRONET Members,

Our main annual event is quickly approaching - we are looking forward to the ANDRONET Workshop and the Managing Committee Meeting which will be held in June in conjunction with the 22nd European Testis Workshop (ETW2023), co-organized by the ANDRONET. See the latest details in this newsletter.

We are pleased to confirm that 72 ANDRONET members will be fully supported to attend the ETW in Switzerland. We were though disappointed to see that only a minority of them have been actively participating in ANDRONET work. Hence, we reiterate the call for a **greater engagement** in the Working Group (WG) activities. The leader of **WG3**, Andrea Sansone, is calling again for help in promoting male health among the lay public. Please inform Andrea about any male health promoting activities in your community (andrea.sansone@uniroma2.it).

This edition brings also a short report from the EAA-ANDRONET Andrology School in Budapest, and the usual list of recent publications from the ANDRONET members and notify the Science Communication Coordinator if you have a new article that you would like to share with your colleagues.

ANDRONET's main event in 2023: the Final Agenda



The highly awaited 22nd European Testis Workshop (ETW), co-organized by ANDRONET is just around the corner. The ETW will be preceded by the 15th NYRA meeting. Mark your calendars for ANDRONET events: the **Working Group meetings will take place during the entire duration of ETW, starting on Sunday, June 18 (13:00) and ending on Thursday June 22 (12:15)**. In addition, the **ANDRONET Managing Committee (MC) meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 20 (19.00-20.15)** and a specific **ANDRONET Symposium will be held on Wednesday, June 21 (18.15-19.30)**. ANDRONET will reimburse the travel and participation costs of 72 members, who have been notified and will get their reimbursement via the e-COST account after the meeting.

ANDRONET-EAA Budapest School Report



The 4th EAA-ANDRONET Budapest School on Basic Clinical Andrology and Therapies in Male Infertility was held in Budapest, Hungary on 28 February – 3 March 2023. The first, educational module comprised lectures focused on spermatogenesis, testicular dysgenesis syndrome and testicular cancer, andrological endocrinology and genetics of male infertility, prostate cancer and sexual

dysfunction. The second part was an open meeting focused on the pathogenesis of male infertility and available therapies. The faculty of both modules was composed of internationally renowned speakers, most of whom were members of ANDRONET's extended Core Group. The social programme included an interesting visit to the Semmelweis Museum of Medical History, honouring the Hungarian physician who was a pioneer of aseptic procedures (*pictured*).



Ignaz Semmelweis

The school was a great success, with the capacity attendance of 36 participants from 27 countries. Six trainees and one teacher from the ANDRONET network were reimbursed by the COST.

ANDRONET Press Release via COST

The COST Communication Office released on 13 March 2023 a press information about ANDRONET, which was prepared by our Science Communication Committee (*see the COST website release below*). The information was picked up by several portals, including Alpha Galileo and Medical News of the AZO Network.

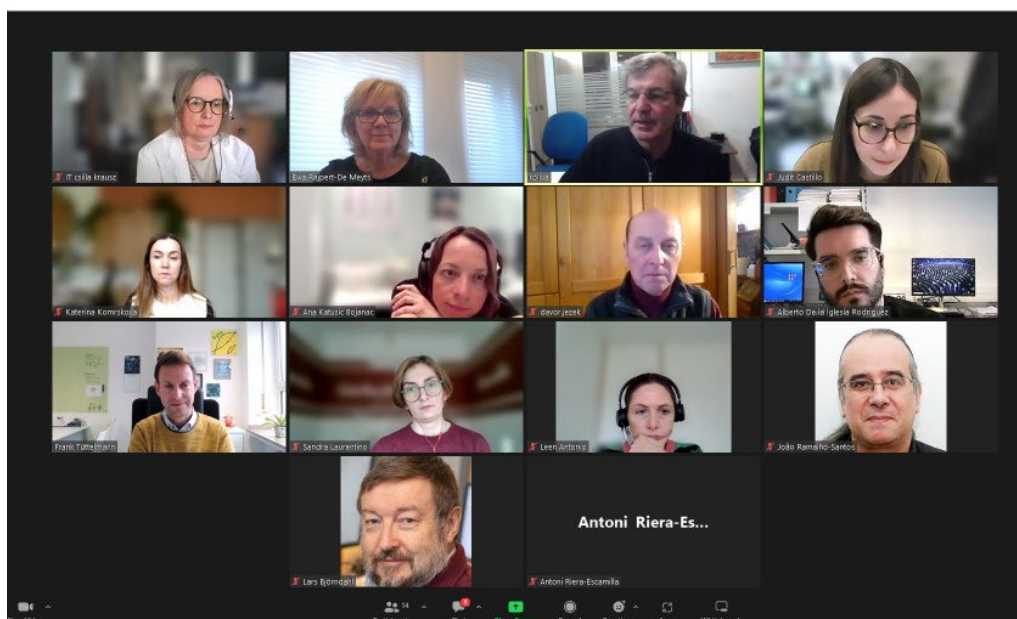
The screenshot shows a news article on the COST website. The header includes the COST logo and navigation menus for 'COST Actions', 'Funding', 'COST Academy', and 'About'. A green button says 'Open call Fund your network'. The article title is 'Why men's reproductive health should not be a taboo subject'. The date is 13/03/2023. The main heading is 'Raising awareness of male health: ANDRONET COST Action to improve research, education, and public awareness in the field of andrology'. The text describes andrology as a medical specialty focusing on male health, including conditions like hypogonadism, testicular and prostate cancer, and erectile dysfunction.

Short-term scientific missions (STSM)

Three STSM fellowships were granted in 2023: **Sara Di Persio**, currently at the Centre of Reproductive Medicine in Münster (Germany) visited the Almstrup Lab at the Department of Growth & Reproduction, Copenhagen University Hospital (Denmark); **Ida Sofie Weber Strand**, a PhD student from the National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark, is visiting the Chalmel Lab at Rennes University (France); and **Ana Planinic**, representing Zagreb University (Croatia) will visit Rod Mitchell's lab at the MRC Centre for Reproductive Health, the University of Edinburgh (UK) in autumn 2023.

Meetings of the Extended Core Group

Since the beginning of 2023, the extended Core Group (Ext. CG) of the leaders and co-leaders of all ANDRONET Working Groups and Committees have been meeting monthly (14 February, 21 March, 18 April). The meetings are held using the ZOOM platform and are organized by the Coordinator, Rafael Oliva. A screenshot from the March meeting is shown below.



REMINDER: Travel grants for members from ITC countries

If you are an early career ANDRONET investigator from one of the “Inclusiveness Target Countries” (ITC) you can be eligible for a travel grant, worth up to 2000€. These grants are earmarked to cover the expenses of active participation in any relevant scientific conference (excluding the upcoming ETW). The applications including motivation and the CV should be submitted to the Grant Awarding Coordinator, Davor Ježek (davorjezek@yahoo.com) before the **deadline: June 15, 2023**. More information is available on the ANDRONET website: <https://www.andronet.cat/stsms/>

Science Corner

Recent publications of ANDRONET members

We highlight here selected publications that are relevant to the Action's objectives and can help you decide on specific collaboration projects with other ANDRONET members. If you want to share your latest publications, please notify the Science Communication Coordinator.

Reminder: if you are a contributor to an article that is authored by ANDRONET members from another centre or country, or if you benefited from an ANDRONET travel grant, kindly remember to acknowledge ANDRONET COST Action with the following sentence: "This publication is also based upon work from COST Action CA20119 (ANDRONET) supported by European Cooperation in Science and Technology (www.cost.eu)".

WG1. Biomarkers of Infertility /Androgenetics

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Event Calendar

17 – 18 June 2023

15th Meeting of the Network of Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA), Caux Palace, Montreux, Switzerland

Info: <https://nyra-youngresearch.eu/15th-nyra-meeting>

18 - 22 June 2023

2nd ANDRONET Workshop and 22nd European Testis Workshop, Caux Palace, Montreux, Switzerland

Info: <https://etw2023.org/>

25 - 28 June 2023

39th ESHRE Annual Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark

Info: <https://www.eshre.eu/ESHRE2023>



25 - 29 September 2023

32nd Summer Academy in Andrology and Reproductive Biology, CeRa, Münster, Germany

Info: Ursula.Rueschhoff@ukmuenster.de

1-3 October 2023

28th Symposium of Biology and Immunology of Reproduction, Chateau Liblice, Czech Republic

Organizer: Kateřina Komrsková

Info: <https://www.sbir.cz/>

9 - 13 October 2023 (To be confirmed)

2nd ANDRONET-EAA Training School in Basic Semen Analysis, Stockholm, Sweden

Attention: Full travel reimbursement available for five ANDRONET members

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