

Stubendorff wins René Küss Prize

ESTU honours outstanding work on kidney transplant

Dr. Beatrice Stubendorff (DE) won the first René Küss Prize granted by the EAU Section of Transplantation Urology (ESTU) at the 29th Annual EAU Congress in Stockholm.

Stubendorff, the first recipient of the award, was cited for her work on the timely detection of organ rejection by identifying new biomarkers found in urine. Küss's daughter, Mrs. Sophie Morello Küss, attended the event and personally presented the prize at the end of the ESTU section meeting on April 12.

ESTU created the prize in honour of René Küss (1913-2006), one of Europe's transplant experts and pioneers. He performed the first renal transplantations in the early 1950s and perfected the retroperitoneal placement of the donor kidney into the iliac fossa and anastomosis to the iliac vessels, which remains the standard kidney transplant procedure up to this day. Küss also founded "La Société Française de Transplantation" in 1971, the first scientific society dedicated to transplantation medicine in Europe.

The ESTU will award the prize annually during the Annual EAU Congress and winners will give an extended presentation of their topic, which will be part of the ESTU section meeting.

The ESTU, one of 12 EAU Sections, promotes initiatives on clinical, basic and translational research in all fields of renal transplantation and aims to integrate all specialists involved such as urologists, nephrologists, microbiologists and transplant coordinators, among others.

More information on René Küss can be found in the 20th Volume of the EAU's De Historia Urologiae Europaeae: René Küss (1913-2006) – A transplant pioneer in Paris. This publication is available in the webshop on Uroweb.org (section Publications/De Historia Urologiae Europaeae).

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ESUT experts join Moroccan course on NMIBC

Moroccan Association of Endo-Urology, ESUT collaborate in management of NMIBC course in Ifrane



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The Moroccan Endourology Association collaborated with the EAU Section of Uro-Technology (ESUT) and the Algerian Private Urologists Association to organise the First Winter Week-end on New Debate in Endo-Urology held last February 22 to 23 in Ifrane, Morocco.

The meeting was supported by King Mohammed VI, the Governor of Ifrane, and the President of Al Akhawayn University. The faculty included C.C. Abbou, J. Rassweiler, J. De La Rosette, P. Laguna, B. Djavan and A. Hoznek, and their participation have contributed to the success of the programme which offered insightful educational courses, new discussions, and a discovery of the host country's culture as well as its fine arts.

The venue, Al Akhawayn University, is a landmark and beautiful building located near the city centre and is also known for its international English-language academic curriculum. The university offers well-equipped conference rooms.

The meetings, which started from 8 am to 7 pm, carefully examined a range of topics in the treatment of stones and BPH.

Prof. A. Hoznek spoke on new aspects of stone disease treatments and with his vast experience in stones disease presented insights and led a dynamic discussion with the audience. The other speakers were Dr. M. Chakit, S. Gueticha, H. Kouicem, C. Djéffal from Algeria and K. Tazi, A. Kasmaoui and M. Lezrek from Morocco.

Prof. C.C. Abbou led the debate on BPH treatment, while Dr. R. Nicolas from EDAP lectured on the holmium enucleation procedure for BPH, which he said is better and cheaper than other lasers. The last day programme focused on the ESUT lecture about bladder tumour.

Why have we chosen non muscle invasive bladder tumour as topic? Bladder tumours are the second urology cancer among men in Morocco and Maghreb. Majority of these tumours (70%) are in the infiltrating stage or are locally advanced due to a delay in diagnosis or the under-staging during the first resections.

With this in mind, the organisers chose the management of bladder tumours as main theme, including the rapid technical innovations that have been done in managing non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC). Profs. Claude Abbou and Bob Djavan moderated the session, with Prof. Jean De La Rosette speaking on the current role of new endoscopic imaging technology such as NBI, SPIES, and OCT in treating NMIBC. The use of this technique in the diagnostic resection of bladder tumours, guided by Hexvix cystoscopy, has significantly improved the time-to-recurrence which led to a trend towards improved bladder preservation.



Prof. Abbou receives an award

Prof. Djavan lectured on using new techniques for a better en-bloc resection in managing NMIBC. This technique is useful in tumours less than 1 cm to obtain a good histological study, oncological results and better staging for special treatment and with less tumour recurrence. Finally, Prof. Laguna spoke on instillation therapy in NMIBC, a lecture highly appreciated by many of the participants.



Prof. Djavan receives an award

The social programme offered the participants and faculty members the chance to discover Ifrane's popular destinations and local products. They also enjoyed music during the gala evening.

The next day all the delegates participated in a marathon in the Vitel forest, promoting friendly relations amongst all participants.

Symposiums

A symposium on the medical treatment of stones was led by Prof A. Hoznek, while a lecture on water quality and stone disease was given by Prof. Brahim El Mekroum, head of the Department of Research, Development and Deontology of the Mineral Waters Oulmes Morocco. The last symposium tackled new paradigms of medical BPH treatment led by Prof. R. Rabii, which provided an overview on new therapies and a discussion of the EAU's BPH guidelines.

The Moroccan Association of Endourology wishes to again organise the Winter Weekend Debate on New Urology in partnership with the ESUT and Maghrebian associations.



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I would like to thank the European Association of Urology, particularly the ESUT members, namely Professors Jens Rassweiler, Jean De La Rosette, Bob Djavan and Pilar Laguna for their support and expertise.



From left: Dr. Hoznek, Prof. Abbou and Dr. Djéffal



The faculty of the First Winter Week-end on New Debate in Urology in Ifrane

EAU Section of Uro-Technology ESUT-course on technical innovations in management of non-muscle invasive bladder cancer

- Introduction: Current role of new endoscopic imaging techniques for diagnosis of non muscle-invasive bladder cancer (NBI, SPIES, OCT) - J. De La Rosette (Netherlands)
- TUR B for non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer - what is standard? - J. Rassweiler (Germany)
- Technique and future role of en-bloc resection in the management of non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer - B. Djavan (Austria)
- Instillation therapy - what is really necessary? - P. Laguna (Netherlands)

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