This issue newsletter is dedicated to 13th AEPCOS Annual Meeting that was held in Siracusa, Sicily, October 4-6, 2015.

Selma Witchel, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatric Endocrinology at the University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA, Chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee and Enrico Carmina, M.D., Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Palermo, Italy and Executive Director of the Society report on the highlights of the meeting and the future meetings of the Society.

Some pictures of the meeting are also presented thanks to the courtesy of the members of the AEPCOS Board.

FORTHCOMING AEPCOS MEETINGS

• 14th Annual Meeting of AEPCOS Society, Australia, Melbourne, November 10-12, 2016
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The 13th Annual AE-PCOS Society meeting was held in Ortygia on October 4-6, 2015. This historical town was first inhabited by the Greeks and is connected by bridges to Siracusa, Sicily. The venue was Des Ètrangers Hotel & Spa.

The meeting began on the afternoon of October 4th with updates on congenital adrenal hyperplasia throughout the lifecycle. The sessions on October 5th focused on premature adrenarche, PCOS in adolescent girls, puberty, insulin resistance, and novel concepts of ovarian function in PCOS. Dr. Anuja Dokras gave her Presidential Lecture on understanding dyslipidemias in PCOS. Later that day, the talks focused on programming and inter-relationships between reproduction, metabolism, and the environment. Talks on the final day of the meeting were concentrated on long term metabolic consequences, adipokines, gut hormones, and outcomes of clinical trials. Thirteen abstracts were selected for oral presentation. The delightful poster session took place in the evening and was accompanied by a buffet dinner. Dr. Robert Norman was presented with the first annual “Ricardo Azziz Distinguished Career Award”. Roshan Dadachanji, Department of Molecular Endocrinology, National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Mumbai, India and Soumia Brakta, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, Georgia, USA were the winners of the 2015 Azziz Baumgartner Young Investigator Travel Awards.

The meeting closed with the announcement of the 14th Annual AE-PCOS meeting scheduled for November 10-12, 2016 in Lorne, Victoria, Australia. Dr. Helena Teede pointed out that travel to Melbourne is relatively easy from most parts of the world.
13th ANNUAL MEETING OF AEPCOS SOCIETY AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Enrico Carmina, M.D., Executive Director of AEPCOS Society, Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Palermo and Chairman of Local Organizing Committee, has prepared this short comment about the Siracusa meeting and about future activities of AEPCOS Society.

The 13th Annual Meeting has been a big success with about 150 participants from 30 different countries. 40% of participants were endocrinologists, 40% gynecologists and the remaining 20% included pediatric endocrinologists and basic scientists. It appears that AEPCOS Society has become the most prestigious international venue for discussing research and clinical issues related to androgen excess disorders and in particular PCOS. A wonderful weather and an exceptional place (the old island of Ortigia in Siracusa in South East Sicily) offered the right environment for scientific and social activities of the best world experts of the field. Although AEPCOS Society has established itself as a society of experts in this specific field, several young members participated to the meeting.

AEPCOS Society is organizing a half day (afternoon or evening) meeting on a specific PCOS clinical problem for March 31, 2016, in Boston, MA, USA, immediately before the Endocrine Society. As soon as possible we will give information about this meeting.

Next annual AE-PCOS meeting in scheduled for November 10-12, 2016 in Lorne, near Melbourne in Australia. Lorne is located along the Great Ocean Road, in one of the most beautiful parts of Australia. Take the opportunity and come to visit this fantastic country.
PICTURES FROM 13TH AEPCOS ANNUAL MEETING

Teresa Sir Petermann (Chile) at the registration desk with Irene and Enrico Carmina. Selma Witchel, Chairman of Annual Meeting Committee and Anuja Dokras, President of AEPCOS Society
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ROBERT NORMAN RECEIVES THE FIRST RICARDO AZZIZ DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD

From left: Enrico Carmina (Italy), Anuja Dokras (USA), Robert Norman (Australia) and Ricardo Azziz (USA)
From left: Enrico Carmina, Selma Witchel, Anuja Dokras and Bulent Yildiz (Turkey)
FUTURE MEETINGS

- SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTIVE INVESTIGATION, MONTREAL, CANADA, MARCH 16-19, 2016
- ENDOCRINE SOCIETY, BOSTON, USA, APRIL 1-4, 2016
- PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINE SOCIETY, BALTIMORE, USA, APRIL 29-MAY 2, 2016
- AACE, ORLANDO, USA, MAY 25-29, 2016
- EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ENDOCRINOLOGY, MUNICH, GERMANY, MAY 28-31, 2016
- ESHRE, HELSINKI, FINLAND, JULY 3-6, 2016
- EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY, PARIS, FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2016
- ASRM, SALT LAKE CITY, USA, OCTOBER 15-19, 2016
- AEPCOS ANNUAL MEETING, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 10-12, 2016