

Report of the first European joint Meeting between EGEUS and the Italian nurses association ANOTE and ESGENA

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The venue for the EUS congress, 14-15 September, was in the Lingotto Congress Centre in Turin, Italy, with the history of being the area for the first manufacturing of Fiat cars many years ago. This congress had a very special occasion because the nurses were holding the first European joint meeting between EGEUS (European Group for Endoscopic Ultrasonography) and the Italian endoscopy nurses association ANOTE (National Association of Operator Endoscopic Assistants) and ESGENA.

The aim of the congress was to share nursing experience in the developing area of the EUS.

The president of the EGEUS was Dr. de Angelis, (Italy) and the president of ANOTE was Patricia Burga, (Italy). Sylvia Lahey, (Netherlands) was the representative from ESGENA.

Sylvia Lahey opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Turin and promoted the role of ESGENA.



Sylvia Lahey opened the conference (2nd from the left)

She had also a poster display about ESGENA.

The nurses were able to participate in the doctors EUS session on Friday, 14th September. Patricia Burga, Jayne Tillet, (Wales, United Kingdom) and Sylvia Lahey attended the faculty dinner in the beautiful and old Palazzo Madama on Friday evening. 70 people were attended this meeting.



Patricia Burga, Jayne Tillet and Sylvia Lahey at the faculty dinner

150 Doctors and 50 nurses were registered for the congress. The countries representative for the nurses meeting were from Norway, Spain, United Kingdom, the Netherlands and many representatives from all over Italy.

There was a medical exhibition of equipment and accessories.

The theme for the nurses program was an overview of:

- EUS History
- Instruments and techniques for diagnostic and therapeutic EUS
- Nurses role in EUS
- EUS in Mediastinal, gastric and colorectal diseases
- Interventional and bilio-pancreatic EUS



Jayne Tillet during her presentation

There was one free paper presented by Arezoo Etezadi from Cardiff, Wales, UK. This was her first presentation which she presented with enthusiasm and passion. The presentation was about: "Manual Cleaning your EUS scopes" and she designed a poster for this procedure. Also ESGENA has used the poster session.

The program was supported with both nurses and doctors speakers. After the lectures there was a possibility for hands-on-training. The organization of the congress was of a high quality. There was a proposal that the next joint meeting of EGEUS will be held in Spain in 2009 and everybody was invited for this EUS congress.

The value of this meeting and future meeting is very important for the training and development of EUS nurses. For taking part in the congress the faculties were presented with a beautiful book about the Egyptian museum of Turin. The museum boast one of the most important collections, in the world after that in Cairo.

I would like to thank dr. de Angelis for inviting us as representatives of ESGENA.

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