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THE XX CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY in conjunction with THE XI ROMANIAN CONFERENCE OF ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY

This year Timişoara and Romania had the great honor to be the host of Euroson 2008,, under the presidency of Prof. Norbert Gritzmann, President of the European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology – EFSUMB and Prof. Ioan Sporea, President of the Romanian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology - SRUMB. This was the most important event of 2008 for everyone who uses ultrasound as a medical tool.

It was also an opportunity to visit "The Little Vienna" or "The City of Flowers", as Timişoara is called, and to experience Romanian hospitality.

Euroson 2008 maintained the tradition of a balanced program, including a range of postgraduate courses focused on different fields of ultrasound and also the best in diagnostic and interventional ultrasonography, covering the usual broad range of topics. The scientific sessions presented the latest results of international research projects.

The scientific programme of Euroson 2008 included the following educational opportunities

- Congress Sessions based on lectures covering a wide variety of topics in ultrasonography, including new developments and clinical applications in ultrasound including controversial aspects of the current practice in sonography;
- Scientific sessions where one was able to learn about the latest research and state of the art discoveries in ultrasound;
- Scientific poster session where the latest research in sonography were presented in a pleasant visual form;
- Meet the expert workshops where the participants were able to debate ultrasound topics with the experts;
- Lunch symposia held under the sponsorship of the main ultrasound industries.

Specialist postgraduate courses aimed at improving the ultrasound professionalism of physicians already performing basic ultrasonography.

The scientific programme was composed as follows:

- Postgraduate courses – 10 courses, 7 in English and 3 in Romanian;
- Up to Date sessions – 35 sessions;



- Scientific sessions – 19 sessions;
- Mixt sessions (Up to Date and Scientific Sessions) – 3 sessions;
- Meet the Expert sessions – 17 sessions;

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- 3 Lunch Symposium.

All the sessions were held in English, with the exception of the Romanian postgraduate courses held in Romanian and the Hungarian session..

The programme included also the following special lectures:

HANS HENRIK HOLM LECTURE
Hans Henrik Holm - the great inspirer in TRUS - have we gone any further?
Nis Norgaard, Denmark

WFUMB LECTURE

WFUMB Recommendations and Guidelines for the Safe Use of Ultrasound Contrast Agents
Stan Barnett, Australia



DEGUM LECTURE
CEUS in renal disease: What is the clinical benefit?
Hans-Peter Weskott, Germany

EFSUMB LECTURE
Ultrasound has fundamentally transformed vascular medicine
Kurt Jäger, Switzerland

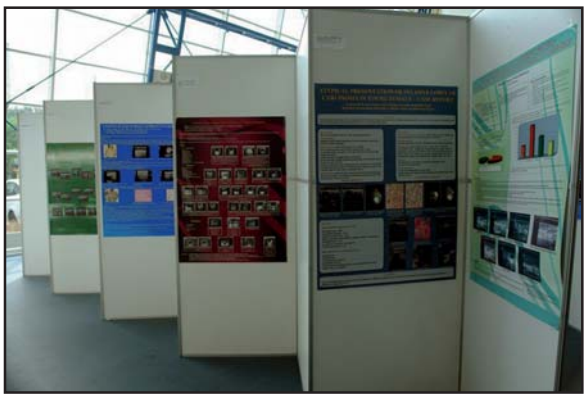
THÉRÈSE PLANIOL LECTURE
Ultrasound contrast agents: from diagnostic to therapeutic applications
François Tranquart, France

GHEORGHE BADEA LECTURE
Sono-Psychology: the context of sonomagics, sonomania, sonophobia, and others
Lucas Greiner, Germany

GHEORGHE JOVIN LECTURE
Three Dimensional Ultrasonography - New applications in hepato biliary diseases
Radu Badea, Romania

Euroson 2008 had a total number of 169 invited speakers and Chairs; 109 were from foreign counties and 60 from Romania.

143 papers submitted for Euroson 2008 were accepted for poster presentation; 151 were accepted for oral presentation and 5 were submitted for the Young Investigators Award Session.



55 papers accepted for oral presentation were submitted by fellows under 35 years old. Due to this they registered free of charge for Euroson 2008, and their registration fees were sponsored by EFSUMB and SRUMB.



The Young Investigator's Session, one of the most interesting sessions of the Euroson, had the following structure:

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS' AWARD SESSION

CHAIRMEN: Norbert Gritzmann (Austria), Ioan Sporea (România)

United Kingdom

AS McQueen, S Elliott, MJ Keir: *Op 17.5 - Ultrasonography for Dvt - How Useful is Single Point Augmentation?*

Italy

F Terracciano, D Siena, A Ippolito, F Perri, V Annese, A Andriulli:*Op 17.4 - Role of 2nd Generation Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasonography (Ceus) in the Differential Diagnosis of Biliary Duct Diseases*

Germany

R Syha, M Peters, H Birnesser, A Niess, A Hirschmueller, H-H Dickhuth, M Sandrock: *Op 17.3- Computerbased Quantification of the Mean Achilles Tendon Thickness in B-Mode Ultrasound Images - Effect of Tendinosis*

Romania

DI Gheonea, AS T Ciurea, F Gorunescu, S Iordache, GL Popescu, M Gorunescu: *OP 17.1 - The Role of Real-Time Elastography in the Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis in Diffuse Hepatopathies*

The Netherlands

RGP Lopata, MM Nillesen, IH Gerrits, L Kapusta, JM Thijssen, CL de Orte: *OP 17.2 - 4D Cardiac Strain Imaging for Diagnosis of Chronic Heart Failure*

15 video cases were also presented at Euroson 2008 during the 2 Video sessions from the programme.

We had a total of 1098 participants registered for Euroson 2008, from 43 countries from which 929 were participants and 169 were invited speakers and Chairs. 119 participants were under 35 years old.

The distribution of the participants by country is in the following table:

Nr.	Country	Number of participants
1	Argentina	2
2	Australia	3
3	Austria	10
4	Azerbaijan	1
5	Belgium	1
6	Bulgaria	30
7	Brazil	2
8	China	3
9	Croatia	10
10	Curacao, Netherlands Antilles	1
11	Czech Republic	3
12	Denmark	17
13	Egypt	1
14	Finland	5
15	France	13
16	Georgia	1
17	Germany	28
18	Greece	1
19	Hungary	9
20	Israel	7
21	Italy	39
22	Japan	1
23	Democratic Republic of Korea	1
24	Latvia	42
25	Lithuania	3
26	Macedonia	1
27	Moldova	17
28	Norway	6
29	Poland	13
30	Portugal	1
31	Romania	757
32	Russian Federation	17
33	Serbia and Montenegro	4
34	Slovakia	1
35	Spain	3
36	Sweden	4
37	Switzerland	10
38	The Netherlands	3
39	Turkey	7
40	Ukraine	1
41	United Kingdom	17
42	USA	1
43	Uzbekistan	1
	TOTAL	1098

761 participants were registered for the postgraduate courses, 74 for the Meet the Expert sessions and 173 exhibitors were also present at Euroson 2008.

EUROSON 2008 – PARTICIPANTS

	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
CONGRESS	929
INVITED SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS	169
POSTGRADUATED COURSES	761
MEET THE EXPERT	74
EXHIBITORS	173
TOTAL	2106

The registration area at Euroson 2008 was organized with the help of 44 medical student volunteers.



The following awards were granted during Euroson 2008:

EFSUMB AWARDS

Young Investigator's Award

Richard G.P. Lopata – Nijmegen - The Netherlands
"4D Cardiac Strain Imaging for diagnosis of chronic heart failure"

First Prize

Jordan Genov – Bulgaria
" Factors Influencing Complete Tumour Destruction, Local Tumour Progression And Survival After Radiofrequency Ablation Of Metastatic Liver Tumours

Second Equal Prizes

Anca Ciurea – România
"Sources of error in breast US elastography"
Florin Brezan – România
"Septo-Optic Dysplasia (Demorsier's Syndrome) – A Case Report"

SRUMB AWARDS

"GHEORGHE BADEA" PRIZE
The Ultrasound Formation Center from Timişoara for organizing Euroson 2008

"GHEORGHE JOVIN" PRIZE
The Emergency Ultrasound (FAST) work group for organizing the first national training module in this field

"FLORIN MIRCEA" PRIZE for young author
Ofelia Moşteanu – Changes in hepatic haemodynamics due to primary liver tumours

SRUMB prize for the best presentation in the video session
Alina Popescu – Ultrasound aspect of an intussusception of a colonic inflammatory fibroid polyp

SRUMB prize for the best oral presentation
Mihai Sorin Iacob – Ultrasound abnormalities in the digestive tube pathology in infants

SRUMB prize for the best oral presentation
Dan Ionuț Gheonea - The role of real-time elastography in the non-invasive assessment of fibrosis in diffuse hepatopathies

The Local Organizing Committee and The Romanian Society of Ultrasound invited also the participants to enjoy the special social events prepared for this meeting:

SATURDAY, 31st OF MAY 2008 - CULTURAL TIMISORA

Organ Concert at the Catholic Dome in Unirii Square followed by a guided tour of the Corneliu Baba Collection in the Art Museum of Timişoara.





SUNDAY, 1st OF JUNE 2008 - OPENING CEREMONY OF EUROSON 2008



Followed by Cellissimo" Quartet - Cello Concert and Welcome Cocktail in the Foyer of the Opera House

MONDAY, 2ND OF JUNE 2008 - EUROSON 2008 FAREWELL PARTY AT HEAVEN DISCO CLUB



The meeting was accompanied by a large medical exhibition where the most important ultrasound machine manufacturers and medical companies were present.



For all who were interested, Euroson 2008 brought "the ultrasound world to our hands".

Prof. Ioan Sporea, MD, PhD
President of SRUMB
Co-President of Euroson 2008