

Andronet News

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News from the Action Chair

Dear ANDRONET Members,

This newsletter marks the beginning of the last year of our COST ANDRONET Action. That does not mean that we are slowing our efforts in bringing together the research community dealing with andrological issues, much to the contrary. We started the year with a joint Cost Innovation Grant proposal submission, stemming from several ANDRONET members, which will hopefully allow us to further develop the interactions built during the Action towards practical implementation.

Now is the time to look ahead to the initiatives where we are involved. The 1st NYRA-EAA-ANDRONET School of Omics is just around the corner. Moreover, the largest ANDRONET-supported event of the year, the European Testis Workshop, is open for registration. Of relevance, up to 100 ANDRONET members actively participating will be financially supported to attend the ETW this year.

Besides the ETW and NYRA meetings, a number of conferences and courses will take place in person and online in the next few months. As usual, you will be able to find them at the end of this newsletter.

Last, but not least, be sure to read the science corner, where you can find the latest publications from ANDRONET members. Congratulations to all and keep on the excellent work!

Rafael Oliva

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23rd European Testis Workshop and 17th NYRA meeting

The early bird period might have passed but participants can still register for the **23rd European Testis Workshop (ETW)** until the 17th of March 2025. Participants can submit miniposters until the 28th of February 2025. The meeting will take place in The Ruwenberg, close to St. Michielsgestel, in The Netherlands between 13th and 17th of April and is co-organised by ANDRONET. This will be our main event of the year and will be a great opportunity to meet colleagues and get up to date with the latest developments in andrological research. Up to 100 ANDRONET members actively participating in the meeting will be eligible for financial

reimbursement by ANDRONET, provided they click the corresponding box during the registration process. Expressions of interest for potential reimbursement by Andronet are still being collected (10 places still are available at the time of edition of this newsletter) and will be assigned on a first come first served basis as the main criteria until the 100 slots are covered.



Find out more about this year's edition of ETW by visiting their webpage:

<https://event.wur.nl/etw2025/home>



Location: The Ruwenberg, Ruwenbergstraat 7 5271 AG Sint-Michielsgestel, The Netherlands

As traditional since 2006, the ETW will be preceded by the **Network for Young Researchers in Andrology (NYRA) meeting**. Now in its 17th edition, the NYRA Meeting is the perfect venue for the next generation of andrological researchers to meet. The meeting will take place in the same venue as the ETW on the 12th and 13th of April 2025 and registration is open until the 21st of February.



More information about the NYRA meeting visit their webpage: <https://nyra-youngresearch.eu/17th-nyra-meeting-12th-13th-april-2025-the-netherlands/>

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1st NYRA-EAA-ANDRONET School

The poster for the NYRA School features the logos of EAA (European Academy of Andrology), Andronet, and NYRA (Network for Young Researchers in Andrology). The central text reads "NYRA SCHOOL Omics of male germ cells" and "Transcriptomics analyses in Andrology research". It includes a DNA double helix, a bar chart, a scatter plot, and a circular graphic with the sequence "AACGGC TAGTTAA ACCGGG". A prominent "Apply now!" button is shown. The event is scheduled for "Copenhagen 24-28th February 2025". Logos for COST (European Cooperation in Science & Technology) and social media handles for @YoungAndrology and Network for Young Researchers in Andrology are also present.

The “Omics of male germ cells: Transcriptomic analyses” school, organised by NYRA together with the European Academy of Andrology (EAA) and ANDRONET, is the first of its kind and will take place in Copenhagen (Denmark) from the 24th to the 28th of February. This initiative aims to prepare young career scientists to the challenging task of analysing transcriptomic data produced from testicular tissue. The participants will be able to learn tips and tricks from ANDRONET members who are experts in the field, in order to avoid common pitfalls and obtain trustworthy data.

Short-term scientific missions (STSM) and Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) travel grants

Funding for **STSMs** is still available for the third grant period (1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025). These grants allow ANDRONET researchers to visit the laboratories of other Action participants and support travelling, accommodation, and other expenses. Importantly, the scientific mission must be finished by the end of the funding period. During the previous granting period five young researchers were able to benefit from STSM grants and expand their horizons by establishing or strengthening collaborations within the ANDRONET network.

ITC travel grants are also available for the third funding period. These cover conference attendance, up to 1000€, of early career researchers (PhD students or post-docs < 8 years) from ITCs. The deadline for applying for one of these grants is the same as for STSMs and also in this case the conference must take place within the third granting period (i.e. until the 31st of October 2025).

For more information on the topic of STSMs and ITC travel grants please visit <https://www.andronet.cat/stsms/> or contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator Dr. Davor Jezek (contact information available on the webpage).

News from ANDRONET members

The German Society for Andrology (DGA) met in Cologne for their annual meeting from 14th to 16th November 2024. The meeting included several presentations by Andronet members. This

year's DGA research stipend was awarded to ANDRONET member Dr. Leonie Herrmann from the Institute for Reproductive Genetics of the University of Münster.

Science Corner

Recent ANDRONET publications

The list below includes articles published since the previous Newsletter, covering the period from September 2024 to the end of January 2025, and a few not listed before. If you want to share your latest publications, please notify the Science Communication Coordinator or post the reference on the ANDRONET Slack.

Important: if you are a contributor to an article that is co-authored by other ANDRONET members, or if you have benefited from an ANDRONET travel or STSM grant kindly acknowledge the ANDRONET COST Action CA20119 support.

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Call for Junior Research Group Leaders:

The Münster Medical Faculty, through its Interdisciplinary Centre for Clinical Research (IZKF), is recruiting several Junior Research Group Leaders. This is directed at researchers who have completed their PhD no longer than 6 years ago (with discounts given for parental leave and long term illness, for example). The positions come with a very attractive funding package. Considering Münster's strong focus in Andrology and Male Infertility research (as can be attested by the many ANDRONET members), this call is highly suitable for establishing a new research group in this field. Interested candidates should contact one of the Münster-based senior ANDRONET members prior to submitting an application, namely the Science Communication coordinator Sandra Laurentino (sandra.laurentino@ukmunster.de), who will be happy to coordinate efforts and assist in preparing a strong application in order to maximise the chances of success.

Deadline for applications: 10th March 2025. More information here: <https://www.mezizin.uni-muenster.de/en/izkf/foerderung/izkf-junior-research-group.html>

Event Calendar

12th February 2025, 14:00-18:30 (CET)

EAA Webinar – Essentials of infectious and inflammatory disorders in andrology

This webinar will be hosted by the Giessen and Bonn training centres and a link to the Zoom room will be sent to EAA members ahead of the meeting.

4th March 2025, 11:00-12:30 (CET)

Webinar - Publishing Research from your COST Action on Open Research Europe

COST Actions can submit their network outputs to Open Research Europe (ORE), the European Commission's Open Access publishing platform for research. If you want to know more, you can join an introductory webinar with representatives from ORE, who will present this platform in detail and answer any questions.



Registration and more information here: <https://bit.ly/4avOcyj>

4th – 6th March 2025

EAA Budapest School

The EAA Budapest School, in its 6th edition, is co-organised with ANDRONET and will gather renowned names in andrology for 3 days. Registrations are still open.

More information on the meeting, as well as programme and registration, can be found here: <https://asszisztencia.hu/easchool/welcome.htm>

Budapest, Hungary



29th March – 1st April 2025

ASA & ICA 2025

Under the motto “Five decades of inspiring discoveries for Men’s Health”, the joint Congress of the America Society of Andrology & International Congress of Andrology meeting will take place this spring in Washington, D.C. in the USA. The registration is still open.

<https://ica-asa2025.com/>

Washington, D.C., USA



9th May 2025

International Workshop – Andrology and Reproductive Medicine

The EAA Latvian Andrology centre iVF Riga Holding is organising this workshop, focusing on male reproductive health. The workshop will be held in English and will include participants from all over Europe. CME points will be granted to participants.

For more information visit:

<https://ivfriga.lv/en/participation-in-projects/the-international-workshop-andrology-and-reproductive-medicine/>

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