

EFC NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2015



Dear Member Countries

The EFC are still working hard to promote the best possible standards in colposcopy throughout Europe and summer is the time to up-date our member states about what the EFC has accomplished over the last 12 months and to let you know our plans for the future. In this Newsletter you will find:

- ✚ A letter from the administrative secretary Liz Dollery
- ✚ A letter from the Secretary, Simon Leeson
- ✚ A report from the Chair of the Education Committee, Pekka Nieminen



A letter from the Secretary

Staring out of my study window at 9pm, the sun is just about to sink into the Irish Sea and the castle at the opposite side of the estuary gains a darkened hue. The summer evenings are such a tonic. Furthermore the school holidays have just started and so my usual sack-full of emails has dropped to a manageable trickle of this and that. Is this a time to take it easy perhaps? Absolutely not. See what the EFC is all about in this second half of 2015 and beyond.

We are developing the programme for our 4th satellite meeting in Brussels on 6th and 7th November. We will tackle how to provide recognition of advanced colposcopy courses, assessing the effectiveness of learning for colposcopy, reviewing the availability of colposcopy training programmes, looking at excision margins, considering the development of European colposcopy guidelines, quality indicators, considering patient support groups and finishing with reports from new member societies.

We have 2 visits to Istanbul planned in 2016, with a session at EBCOG in May and, of course, our next EFC congress on October 5-8. Later this year an extended visit to Latvia is planned where the EFC will be central in helping to set up a quality assured screening programme in the context of trained colposcopists and we are working with Moldova to help introduce a screening programme

Finally the Education Committee is also helping EBCOG provide questions for a European examination for obstetrics and gynaecology.

Simon Leeson

Secretary of the EFC

A letter from Liz Dollery

With regard to the EFC Secretariat – that is me, Liz Dollery – you need to know about changes which will take place after the Congress in Istanbul next year. I will

be retiring from the EFC and, in order that the EFC continues to run smoothly, and to ensure continuity, the Executive Board have approached an established Association and Congress Management Company to provide the necessary resources to enable the EFC to continue to run effectively and efficiently. The Triumph Group, whose headquarters are in Rome has agreed to work together with the Executive Board to take the EFC forward and assist it to grow and prosper. In October 2016 the Triumph Group will become the permanent secretariat for the Federation.

Triumph Benelux is a branch office in Brussels and this office will serve as the headquarters for the European Federation for Colposcopy. The Triumph Benelux Office will become the dedicated location for receipt of mail and telephone calls. Dedicated phone lines with voice mail will be established for the main EFC line and a relevant email address. The new secretariat will be the link for the Executive Board and Member Countries.

So, I will say goodbye to you all in Istanbul next year but, until that time arrives, please continue to contact me if I can be of assistance with any queries or problems.

Best wishes

Liz Dollery

EFC Secretariat

4th Satellite Meeting in Quality Standards in Colposcopy Brussels 6-7 November 2015

In July the officers of each Member State should have received an invitation to send one representative to the 4th Satellite Meeting in November this year. The Executive are hopeful that as many European countries as possible will be represented in Brussels. Past Satellite Meetings have been most successful and it has proved invaluable to have opinions and information from all over Europe, which the Executive have been able to accumulate and analyse. We look forward to welcoming somebody from your country. Triumph is kindly organising the meeting and you can register by the link in the invitation which you should have already received or try the following:

<https://ssl.triumphgroup.it/cmsweb/Login.asp?IDcommessa=TRBE15001&Lang=EN>

Email address: efcsatellite2015@thetriumph.com



7th Congress of the European Federation for Colposcopy Istanbul, Turkey – 5-8 October 2016

Plans for the congress in Istanbul are progressing well. The preliminary programme can be found on the website and will be informative and stimulating. You can find details of the meeting on the official website www.efc2016.org and should you require further information about the Congress please contact the PCO who are Figur Congress & Organization who will be happy to assist. Email address: info@efc2016.org The Executive Board look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful city of Istanbul.



A Report from the Education Committee

The Education Committee has been quite active. We have already set the criteria for EFC Basic Colposcopy Courses and thereafter organized a number of these basic colposcopy courses. During the last 12 months the EFC Education Committee has been involved in organizing courses in Tallinn (Estonia), Zakopane (Poland), Riga (Latvia), Kotka (Finland) and Oslo (Norway). All of these courses have been very successful and the feedback has been good. The Education Committee is also preparing scientific evaluation of the

learning and teaching during these courses. The initial results will be presented at the Brussels meeting in November.

The Education Committee is very willing to help to organize courses in new locations and if any member country is interested, please send a proposal to the Committee.

Currently EFC are preparing the criteria for EFC Advanced Colposcopy Courses. The first draft will be presented for evaluation at the Brussels meeting, and in the future EFC will offer advanced colposcopy training as well as basic colposcopy training.

The Education Committee is very excited about next year's EFC meeting in Istanbul and is naturally involved in preparing the scientific programme for that congress. EFC continue to work in close collaboration with EBCOG.

Pekka Nieminen

Chair of the Education Committee

Looking forward to seeing you in Brussels and/or Istanbul soon and long life to our colposcopy community



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