

ENTOG Newsletter: Winter 2020/2021



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1. **ENTOG e-Strategy Meeting**

ENTOG Executive meets at the beginning of each new term to discuss plans for the upcoming year. Meeting usually takes place in the president's hometown for a weekend. This year due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, ENTOG Executive had its strategy meeting online on 23-25th of October. During the meeting, new plans for the year were discussed. Last year's plans such as expanding ENTOG member countries and trainee opportunities were successfully achieved. New plan of action has been created according to the current circumstances.



2. ENTOG Exchange 2021 in Greece with EBCOG Congress

ENTOG Exchange 2021 will take place in Greece which was decided during the council in 2019. Due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, EBCOG Congress in 2020 was postponed to September 2021 in Greece. ENTOG Council voted and decided to change the dates of the ENTOG Exchange to 31st August until 2nd September 2021, right before the postponed EBCOG Congress (2-4th September). The Exchange website is planned to be launched and the Scientific Programme should be finalised at the end of 2020. ENTOG national representatives of Greece, Dr Anastasios Potiris and Dr Athanasios Douskos, informed the council that 14 hospitals in 7 cities will participate in the 2021 Exchange. The Local Organising Committee was formed. The price for the Exchange and Scientific Meeting/Council will be 150 EUR and for the Scientific Meeting/Council only – 100 EUR.



3. ENTOG Exchange 2022 in Norway

During the ENTOG e-Council, elections for the host country of the ENTOG Exchange 2022 took place. Two member countries applied for the elections: the United Kingdom and Norway. After the voting, it was decided that ENTOG Exchange 2022 is going to take place in Norway. Even though ENTOG Exchange 2020 in Norway was cancelled due to the pandemic, the Local Organising Committee and ENTOG Council are very excited for the ENTOG Exchange in Norway in 2022!



4. ENTOG surveys on training during SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and European Working Time Directive (EWTD) - 10th year follow-up

The pandemic has unfortunately affected training in obstetrics and gynaecology on all levels. To investigate further, ENTOG executive committee launched an online survey at the start of the pandemic. In order to have a better understanding of how training was affected, we sent a questionnaire to all our country representatives. The results of this survey have now been analysed and the report written up. We will share the results of this survey with you upon publication. Through this survey, we hope to identify various obstacles that affected training opportunities during the pandemic and also minimise their impact on training moving forward. We would like to thank everyone who took time to take part in this survey and commend you on all your hard work during these tough times.

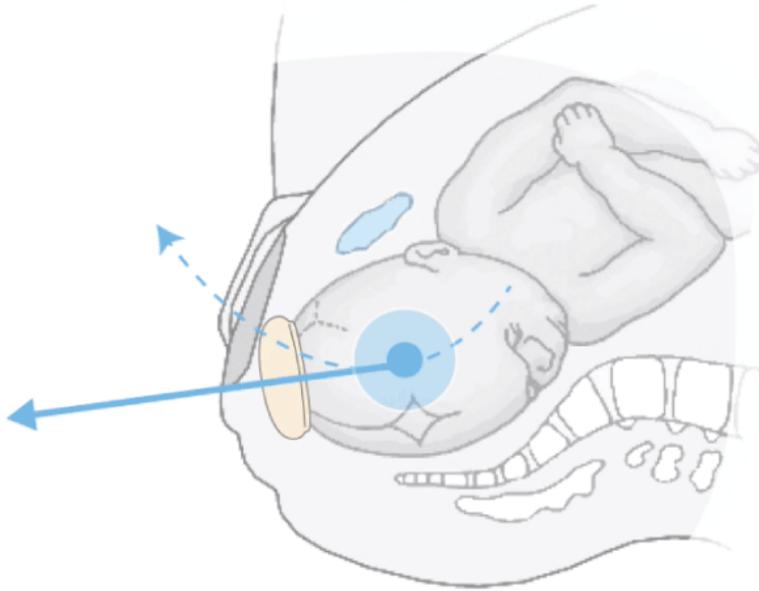
Furthermore, the first ENTOG EWTD survey was completed in 2009. We have conducted a 10 year follow up and repeated the survey this year. We hope to assess whether EWTD was implemented in various training units since the first survey and how it has affected training. The results of this survey are being analysed and write up is in process.

5. Free VAD Courses via Vacca Academy for ENTOG members

During COVID-19 restrictions, Vacca Academy is opening its online Fundamentals of Vacuum-Assisted Delivery course to ENTOG members free of charge.

The Fundamentals class delivers the comprehensive theoretical foundations of VAD, including the best-practice Vacca 5 Steps technique. The course is accredited for 7 continuing professional development (CPD) hours and is the prerequisite to Vacca Academy practical workshops. The course can be completed at your own pace and instruction is varied with videos, readings, workbooks and short tests. Students earn a certificate upon successful completion of the course.

Register now to start your Fundamentals of Vacuum-Assisted Delivery course while the free offer is open. Click here to register [registration URL: <https://www.vaccaacademy.com/entog-2020>].



6. New Project: Multicentre Research Groups

We are excited to have introduced a new project during ENTOG e-Council: Multicentre Research Groups! The main purpose of the project is to encourage and promote multicentre research working groups within Europe. Every Ob&Gyn trainee who would like to search for fellow investigators, can register their project on ENTOG website. The project will then be visible to all ENTOG members who can contact the main author (or the research lead for the project) to collaborate.

Platform Objectives:

- Facilitate multicentre research projects.
- Improve the scientific publications of Ob&Gyn trainees.
- Foster professional links between colleagues at European level.

As a project contributor, you will participate in project meetings, where the group's objectives, distribution of tasks and sharing of authorship will be defined. You will be able to collaborate on the project protocol, the approval of the ethics committee, data collection, and the write up of the articles as well as presentation of the results.

The details of the project are described below:
<http://entog.eu/multicentre-research-groups/>

Who can apply and what does it involve?

1. Any European trainee in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
2. Having approval of the Head of the Department in their unit
3. Having received relevant ethical approval to conduct the study
4. Have a Senior Advisor guide
5. Commit to collaborating with the group until project completion (this may include protocol development, gaining ethical approvals where relevant, data collection, data analysis, write up and dissemination of the results).

What are the goals of the working groups?

- Develop and conduct a study within one year.
- Present the results in the next ENTOG Scientific Meeting.
- Publish at least one study article in an international journal

All members of the group will receive a certificate of participation in the work group, describing their role within the group and the presentations made.



7. EURAPAG Congress in 2021

European Association of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology

Due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, 15th European Association of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology (EURAPAG) Congress has been postponed to 9-12th of June 2021. EURAPAG Congress will be a hybrid meeting and the number of on-site participation will depend on the Dutch public health regulations. The 2nd Pan European Trainees' Congress will be completely virtual on Friday 11th of June 2021 parallel to the scientific program with small scaled learning in workshops, a stump-the-professor session and a keynote lecture. ENTOG will have a lecture on "Learning PAG in Europe: trainees perspective" in the session "Improving adolescent health by education,

collaboration and research". Please do join to be part of our session. If you would like to present your research, please submit your abstract. Abstract submission is re-opened and will close on 31st of January 2021! Keep in mind that ALL abstracts and posters will be published in the European Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. For more information regarding the congress, please visit www.eurapag2021.eu



8. ESC Course in Belgrade in 2021

The European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health is inviting you to join the ESC Course on Modern Contraception that will take place in Belgrade on 18-19th of April 2021. This advanced training course offers an opportunity to innovate knowledge of modern contraceptive methods and enable clinical consultations on contraception, including difficult and complex patients. It uses the ESC training improvement programme and related tool that is complementary to the WHO teaching course (www.fpctraining.org). Places for a number of participants are limited. More details about the content of this advanced training tool can be found on the website of ESC <https://escrh.eu/education/training-improvement-programme/>

9. COVID Research run by Imperial College London

The covid-19 outbreak will affect thousands of pregnant women globally and evidence is currently limited on its impact on pregnancy and neonates. There is a need to rapidly collect clinical experience of COVID in pregnancy and the neonates to inform the global community about the natural history of the disease and guide improvements in clinical care and public health. A global registry is created by researchers at the Imperial College London and ENTOG has been successfully appointed as a partner organization (along with ISUOG and FIGO).

This is a great opportunity for all trainees to get involved in an international research collaboration and become principal investigators at their centres. All those that contribute data to the project will have group authorship, under ENTOG. Furthermore, certificates of involvement will also be provided by the research team in London.

We invite and encourage all ENTOG members and country representatives to participate in this study. To get involved, trainees can simply register their interest at <https://pan-covid.org/> and can also email pan-covid@imperial.ac.uk for support.

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