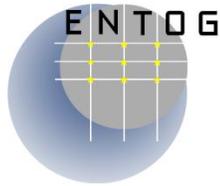


# NEWSLETTER

January 2014



Dear ENTOG enthusiasts,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

It's that time of year when excitement for the next exchange starts to build. Many of you have asked us about the upcoming exchange in Scotland. The Scottish Local Organising Committee (L.O.C.) has been working hard to secure 40 places in hospitals across Scotland. As we have 30 member countries, 1 of which is the UK who will of course not take part in their own countries exchange. That leaves 29 member countries who can send a trainee to follow around local Scottish trainees for a few days from Monday the 5th of May until and including Wednesday the 7th of May 2014. On Thursday the 8th of May we have our ENTOG scientific meeting at the EBCOG conference in Glasgow.

This year, we don't have enough placements to allow every country to send 2 trainees. At least 9 countries will be able to send 2 trainees though and in reality, as every year a few countries don't take part in the exchange, there will be more than 9 countries able to send 2 trainees. We want to make it as fair as possible though. We'd like to suggest that all countries select 2 trainees and make it clear both to the L.O.C. and to the trainees themselves, which one of them is the 1st chosen and which is the 2nd chosen. The 1st chosen trainee has a guaranteed place in the exchange. The 2nd chosen will have a reserve place and will only get notified after the 15th of March as to whether he/she has a hospital placement to go to. Larger countries, with a larger pool of trainees to choose from, as well as countries who are first to register, will be given priority. After the 15th of March, registration will close. In the past, many countries have only registered in the last months leading up to the exchange, but that won't be possible this year, as we want to be sure that all places are filled, rather than saving them for countries of whom we don't know whether they are late or not taking part at all.

Should your country not be taking part this year, we would very much appreciate it if you could let us know, so we can give that place away to someone else instead. We hope though that everyone will take part this year!

The registration form has not been released yet. We will send it out as soon as it is. In the meantime, please start the selection process now. The sooner this is done, the higher the chance your country can send both trainees.

Please could you also ask trainees taking part whether they might be prepared to give a short 5 minute presentation on their experience at the meeting in Glasgow. Three trainees who are happy to do so, will be chosen to present (they will know before starting the exchange whether they will be presenting or not) and they will be given a certificate stating they have given an oral presentation at an international meeting.

Trainees taking part will need to pay for their own travel to and from the hospital, as well as to Glasgow after the exchange to attend the ENTOG meeting. They need to pay and arrange their own accommodation in Glasgow, but accommodation for the exchange days will be arranged and paid for them. A small fee is payable to take part in the exchange. The exact amount hasn't been decided on by the L.O.C. yet. It is likely to be in the region of £50-£75. Attending the ENTOG meeting is free. We would, however, strongly encourage everyone coming to Glasgow to register for the full EBCOG conference. As well as many interesting talks, there will be hands-on workshops delivered by international experts, which are free to take part in for those registered for the full conference. There is a reduced fee for trainees registering for the EBCOG conference of 350 Euros, reduced further to 300 Euros for those registering before the 15th of February.

There is also the possibility still for trainees to submit abstracts to the EBCOG congress. The deadline for submission has been extended to the 15th of February. There will be several prizes, one of which is the ENTOG prize for best presentation on a training subject.

Please have a look on [www.ebcog2014.org](http://www.ebcog2014.org) for more information.

### **EBCOG Fellowships**

EBCOG have very kindly agreed to sponsor 3 European trainees to go on a 3 month fellowship in another European country. The fellows need to arrange their fellowships themselves. It should be in an EBCOG accredited centre or in a country with its own national trainee accreditation system. This is a fabulous opportunity and is open to all ObGyn trainees in Europe. Please have a look at the Fellowship document, sent out together with this newsletter, for more information.

Warm regards,

Maud van de Venne

ENTOG President

