The scientific programme (enclosed) was prepared by the Standing Programme Committee: Raffaelle Geremia (Italy), Jörg Gromol (Germany), Bernard Jègou (France), Serge Nef (Switzerland), Richard Sharpe (UK), Katja Teerds (the Netherlands), Jorma Toppari (Finland) and Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts (Denmark, chair). The programme covered all aspects of testis biology and function, with focus on the basic research and translational topics but also included one entire session directly devoted to clinical andrology.

The Workshop (18ETW) was attended by 163 participants from 28 countries, including 20 internationally renowned speakers, who delivered excellent lectures: David Zarkower (USA), Hubert Schorle (Germany), Brigitte Boizet-Bonhoure (France), Patrick Western (Australia), Ieuan Hughes (UK), Katharina Main (Denmark), Rod Mitchell (UK), Christian Schiffer (standing for Timo Strünker, Germany), Miles Wilkinson (USA), Diego Castrillon (USA), Moira O’Bryan (Australia), Sophie Rousseaux (France), Humphrey Yao (USA), Lee Smith (UK), Severine Mazaud-Guittot (France), Ilpo Huhtaniemi (UK/Finland), Con Mallidis (Germany), Csilla Krausz (Italy), and Frank Tüttelmann (Germany).
Other delegates submitted 100 posters in A4 format ('miniposters'), the authors and titles of which are listed in the enclosed programme. All posters were presented in plenary sessions, which is a unique feature of the European Testis Workshops. This format was highly appreciated by the youngest researchers – who had an opportunity to present their current work and to learn how to present data in a very concise way (5-7 min.) A strong educational value of the Workshop was formally recognised by the University of Copenhagen, which granted it a status of a PhD course and ECTS points.

Besides the intense scientific programme, the Workshop provided good opportunities for networking and having some fun. The social programme included a trip to the Elsinore Castle (pictured below on the cover of the Programme & Miniposter Book) and a festive Workshop dinner, where the participants and a DJ provided entertainment.
The Workshop was evaluated as very successful by the participants. Here are a few comments:

"I want to thank you and congratulate you for a great workshop. To be honest with you, I did not know what to expect because I have never attended any ETW before. It turns out to be one of the best meetings I have ever been to. I particularly enjoyed the interaction and casual environment. "

- Humphrey Yao

"I want to thank you again for the invitation and wonderful hospitality at the ETW and CIS Workshops. It was really a special experience both scientifically and non-scientifically and I appreciate all of the careful planning and hard work that went into it. "

- David Zarkower

"I take a few minutes to warmly thank you for the beautiful meeting you organized in Elsinore. In addition to the remarkable place you chose, the scientific level, especially the speakers you invited for long talk, were really exceptional. All the people from your group were very friendly and helpful, they made this meeting a very nice moment to talk and share about science".

- Pierre Calvel

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