The 5th international meeting of the International Network for Young Researchers in Male Fertility” was held this year adjacent to the 17th European Testis Workshop (ETW) from April 19th – 20th 2012 outside Stockholm, Sweden.

This year 50 participants from 12 countries were joining our meeting and due to the excellent talks and the active discussions it was a great success for all of us. As we did in former meetings adjacent to the ETW, we organized four invited talks by well-known experts in the field of reproductive medicine and biology (as you can see below). In addition to the invited talks we also gave the opportunity to all participants to discuss the topics in more depth with the experts in an "open panel”.

Our first session focused on germ cells, especially on the process of meiosis and germ cell differentiation, including both the basics and its clinical implication by Dr Thierry Voets, Leuven, and Dr Rod Mitchell, Edinburgh. We then continued with the second session which focused on somatic cells where Dr Katja Teerds and Dr Bernard Jégou pointed out the importance of Leydig cells and Sertoli cells respectively. Many interactive discussions made this meeting fruitful for both the participants and the lecturers.

As board of the “International Network for Young Researchers in Male Fertility”, we would like to thank the ISA and of course our other sponsors (as listed below) for supporting our 5th meeting in Djurönäset, Sweden this year. The ISA support was used for three travel grants to support young researchers as well as to ensure that our conference is affordable for young researchers all over the world! Therefore, we would like to thank again the ISA for the support!
On behalf of the board of the INYRMF

A. Wahlgren, MD, PhD  A. Amaral, PhD  J.B. Stukenborg, PhD

Meeting details

Meeting venue: Djurönäset Conference hotel – Box 1 – SE 139 02 Djurhamn – (Stockholm) Sweden

Dates: 19th to 20th of April 2012

Organizing Committee: Aida Wahlgren, Jan-Bernd Stukenborg, Alexandra Amaral, Mirja Nurmio, Karel De Gendt, Frank Tuettelmann, Martin Blomberg-Jensen, Michelle Welsh

Sponsors: International Society of Andrology, Barn Cancer Fonden, Abcam, Barnforskningen vid Astrid Lindgrens Barnsjukhus i Stockholm, Foundation for Pediatric Endocrinology Research and Education Stockholm, Sweden

Number of participants: 50 participants from 12 countries
Program

**Thursday 19th April 2012**

16.30-18.00 Registration

18.00 Welcome
Aida Wahlgren, Sweden

**First Session: Germ Cells**

Chairs: Jan-Bernd Stukenborg, Sweden & Alexandra Amaral, Spain

18.15-19.15 Plenary Lecture
**Meiosis**
Thierry Voet (Belgium)

19:30 Dinner

**Friday 20th April 2012**

7:30-9.00 Breakfast

*First session, continued*

7:30-9.00 Chairs: Jan-Bernd Stukenborg, Sweden & Alexandra Amaral, Spain

9.00-10.00 Plenary Lecture
**Childhood Cancer and Fertility Preservation**
Rod Mitchell (UK)

10.00-10.30 General discussion about “The germ cells”
Lead by T. Voet & R. Mitchell

10.30-11.00 Coffee

**Second Session: Somatic Cells**

Chairs: Claudia Giachini, Italy & Karel De Gendt, Belgium

11.00-12.00 Plenary Lecture
**The testicular germ cell-somatic cell interaction network**
Bernard Jégou (France)

12.00-13.00 Lunch
13.00-14.00  Plenary Lecture

**Leydig cells: development and function**
Katja Teerds (Netherlands)

14.00-14.30  General discussion about “The somatic cells”
Lead by K. Teerds & B. Jégou

14.30  Closing remarks

15.00  The End -
And Beginning of European Testis Workshop

ISA travel grants: Sathyavathy Anandan, India; Saeed Shokri, Iran; Hamed Vala-Heidari, Iran

Abcam ETW poster award: Luise Landreh, Sweden, Karin Reuter, Germany, Sander Van den Driesche, UK

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