The 6th European Congress of Andrology (ECA) was held in Athens from 29.09 to 01.10.2010.

The Congress was organized by the Hellenic Society of Andrology (HSA) in collaboration with the European Academy of Andrology (EAA). This event had been awarded to HSA unopposedly during the EAA’s general assembly in Rome (2008) for what the then President F. Wu described as a disproportionally high for the size of the country contribution in Andrology over the years.

The scientific programme was organized by a special committee chaired by Profs. J. Toppari (clinical) and A. Meinhardt (scientific) during a two day meeting in Athens (6-7 July, 2009) and included an excellent choice of topics in a fine balance between clinical and basic research interests.

The Local Organizing committee chaired by Dimitrios Adamopoulos with the valuable contribution of Dr. H. Asvestis, President of HSA and a number of able collegues including Profs. R. Angelopoulou and D. Goulis worked hard to offer a Congress scientifically interesting with opportunities of informal exchanges and in a friendly climate.

The programme was designed to include all the suggestions made by the members of the Academy through inter-exchanges with the Committee but also to address hot topics and latest advances during the months preceding the Congress. As a result, the participants were updated about almost all aspects of clinical and basic Andrology.

The Scientific Programme included 4 plenary lectures, 4 postgraduate events, 2 symposium, 2 satellite events, 60 oral and 94 poster presentations. The proceedings of ECA 2010 are available to those interested in the International Journal of Andrology, as a supplementary issue (vol. 34, suppl. 1, 2010).
The Organizing Committee was lucky to engage all top specialists in their respective fields and in this respect the congress was a Universal event particularly since it was attended by almost 300 colleagues from 53 countries representing all continents.

Emphasis was placed on the young Andrologists’ needs to voice their own views by addressing the Congress through a relatively large number of oral presentations as well as of a special session.

The Congress was hosted at the Megaron International Conference Centre very close to the center of the city, so the participants had the opportunity to visit Acropolis and also the new Archaeological Museum, treasuring the remainings of the “Golden Century” of Ancient Athens.

The International Society of Andrology was fairly well represented in ECA 2010. A number of ISA members were registered for ECA 2010, whereas a $1000,00 travel grant was awarded to Dr. Cecilia Pérez (Argentina) and Sunny O. Abarikwu (Nigeria), who participated in the Congress and received their diploma by the ISA officer Prof. Csilla Krausz.

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ISA TRAVEL GRANT AWARD

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Sunay has been awarded the ISA Travel Grant in order to attend to the 4th European Congress of Andrology (Athens, 2004-05-18/22).