

Dear members of the European Society of Gynaecological Surgery,  
Dear colleagues,

Over the past quarter century, we have seen the establishment of endoscopy as the third pillar of gynaecologic surgery. Abdominal surgery, vaginal surgery and endoscopic surgery offer us the wide range of therapeutic options needed to optimally deal with the individual problems of our patients. The spectacular success of endoscopy has been driven by the forces of innovation, the philosophy of minimal trauma and the willingness to look at old problems in the new light of multimodality. We have today at our disposal an armamentarium of technology and techniques ready to deal with every conceivable diagnosis and surgical problem.

What initially started as a selective society for highly experienced laparoscopic gynaecological surgeons, has opened its doors to all Gynecologists with an interest in endoscopic procedures and allied techniques. In 2001 at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European society of gynecologic surgery (ESGE) in Lisbon 21 national endoscopic societies joined the ESGE as a member society. The inclusion of these societies with their special identities, heterogeneous structures, aims and intentions was one of the goals in the last two years. The further development of the ESGE-structures has furthered this goal and the increasing interest in our society is a strong indicator of the successful work that was done by the society recently.

Looking to the future, the success of our society strongly depends on the existence of its own scientific journal. Thus, the implementation of a scientific journal focussing on the unique requirements of our society was one of the major goals. Today, you are reading the third Issue of this journal – the journal for gynaecological surgery, endoscopy, imaging and allied techniques.

This scientific journal is the platform for publication of original scientific work for the members of the ESGE as well as a portal to communicate new and innovative techniques that are essential for the progress which the ESGE symbolises.

Information for its members, communication of new guidelines, recommendation of forthcoming meetings as well as reviews of congresses and discussion of topics are only some aspects of this journal that outline the high impact which could be achieved for the society. The scientific submissions are peer reviewed, organised by the editor, Peter O'Donovan. I want to thank him as well as all the others who made this journal possible with all the work they did and are doing today and in future.



To guarantee this high impact every member of the society is recommended to support this journal by contributing of scientific work of a high standard. The editorial board represents the leading practitioners in gynecological surgery in all European countries will take care for short review times and a peer review process to guarantee this high scientific standard.

The journal *Gynecological Surgery Endoscopy, Imaging, and Allied Techniques* will be the leading journal in its field and I am sure that the society as well as each member of the society will have a large amount of benefit from this journal.

I want to thank all who supported my work in recent years. Without them, the efforts and successes would not have been achieved.

Prof. Dr. D. Wallwiener, President of the ESGE

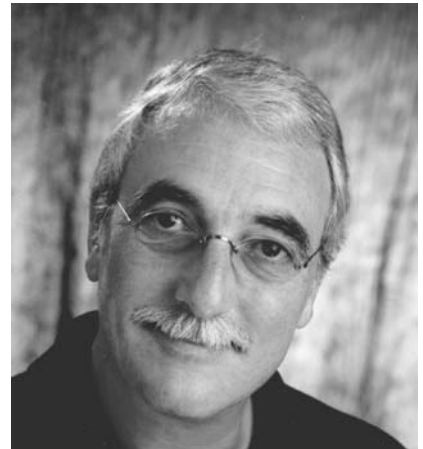
Dear colleagues,

You may have noticed that the ESGE has decided to incorporate the Newsletter of the Society into the scientific Journal. Consequently, you receive both, "Science and News", in one single Journal. In the forthcoming editions, we will report on the society itself, the responsible personalities, new developments in endoscopy, the national societies and all in all on everything concerning the ESGE.

The newsletter will represent a forum for all members of the ESGE but also for people interested in our society.

My request to you: Please contact us, inform us what you think of this newsletter and any ways in which you feel it could be improved. Let us know of any interesting events, developments or other topics of interest that are occurring in your individual country in the field of endoscopic surgery.

Look at this newsletter as your forum, where you can actively participate in the life of the ESGE. Contributions are very welcome to the following email address: [kjneis@klinikum-saarbruecken.de](mailto:kjneis@klinikum-saarbruecken.de)



Kind regards,

Klaus J. Neis, Editor

## The Central Office, a pivot in the day-to-day management of the ESGE

*Peter Erard, Administrative Co-ordinator  
Rudi Campo, MD, ESGE Secretary*



At the occasion of the 9th ESGE Congress (Paris, 2000) the Board decided to outsource its membership administration to a professional medical society management company in Brussels (Orga-Med). Since then, the complete administration, practical organisation and co-ordination of the society has been centralised :

- incoming and outgoing correspondence
- telephone availability for members
- membership administration
- active search for new members
- preparation and follow-up of Executive and Board meetings
- administration of the Board election procedure
- financial follow-up and reports
- website up-dates
- administration of the national member society project
- administration of the educational project
- mailings
- fund raising
- contacts with other international societies
- relation with the industry

Three senior staff members are taking care of the day-to-day affairs: Peter Erard, Ria Maes and Ann Watzet. Peter and Ria have a scientific education and Ann has a public relation and communication background. The Central Office reports to the ESGE Executive Board through the Secretary, Dr. Rudi Campo and the President, Prof. D. Wallwiener. Weekly meetings at the central office on Wednesday with the Secretary ensure the communication and prepare the action plan for the coming week.

The concept of centralising all society related information implicates that the central office has the responsi-

bility to filter the incoming information, to forward it to the involved official(s), to execute the related tasks and to ensure the efficiency by an active follow-up. It looks like an evident statement but the complexity of dealing with information and communication of an expanding and dynamic society is a daily challenge. Besides the hard copy correspondence, more than 6000 incoming emails per year reach the office. All of them deserve an answer. Most of them demand action and follow-up.

Besides centralising the administration and information, the central office ensures the continuity of the work disregarding the changing mandates of the Executive Board. The ambitious educational projects, the intensive communication with the national societies and the expectations of the members will deserve the maximal support and attention from the office in Brussels in the coming years.

### List of ESGE member societies

- Czech Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy and Pelvic Surgery
- Swiss Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy
- Slovene Society of Reproductive Medicine
- Turkish Society for Gynecological Endoscopy
- Hungarian Society of Gynaecological Endoscopists
- Dutch Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy and Minimal Invasive Surgery
- The Society of Gynecological Surgery in Finland
- German Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy – AGE (Germany)
- Polish Society of Gynecological Endoscopy (PSGE), part of the Polish Association of Gynecology
- Hellenic Society of Operative Hysteroscopy and Laparoscopy in Gynaecology
- Hellenic Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy
- Sociedad Ibero-Americana de Endoscopia e Imagenología Ginecológicas
- Workgroup for Gynaecologic Surgery of the Austrian Society for Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- Russian Association of Gynaecologists – Endoscopists
- British Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy
- Portuguese Section for Gynaecological Endoscopy
- Spanish Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy SEN-SEGO-SEGE
- Società Italiana di Endoscopia Ginecologica (SEGi)
- Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (VVOG, Belgium)
- Croatian Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy
- Société Française d'Endoscopie en Gynécologie (SFEG)
- Groupement des Gynécologues Obstétriciens de langue Française de Belgique (GGOLFB)
- Icelandic Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology

## Structure of the society

### Executive Board

D. Wallwiener, Germany (President)  
 M. Bruhat, France (Past President)  
 J. Dequesne, Switzerland (Vice President)  
 R. Campo, Belgium (Secretary)  
 K. Neis, Germany (Treasurer)  
 G.B. Melis, Italy (Ass. Secretary)

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 C. Rasmussen, Sweden  
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R. Lachat, Switzerland  
 Co-opted member to the board to establish  
 a professional Treasury

E. Zullo, Italy  
 The 13th Congress Secretary

F. van den Brûle, Belgium  
 The 12th Congress Secretary

### Special Interest Groups "SIG's"

Are meant as topic related working groups:

- Hysteroscopy (Elected Chairman:  
 Y. Van Belle, Belgium)
- Sterility/Infertility
- Pelvic floor disorders
- Foetoscopy
- Colposcopy
- Oncology
- Teaching
- Office Endoscopy

### Internal Commissions "IC's"

Are aimed to improve the functioning of  
 the society:

#### *Congress organisation*

J. Dequesne, Switzerland

#### *Newsletter*

K. Neis, Germany

#### *Education, training and accreditation*

M. Bruhat, France	Coordinator
J. Keckstein, Austria	Laparoscopy
Y. Van Belle, Belgium	Hysteroscopy

### *Prizes and grants*

P. O'Donovan, UK  
 Y. Van Belle, Belgium

### *Relation with national and international societies*

*Website* R. Campo, Belgium

### *Journal*

P. O'Donovan, UK  
 D. Wallwiener, Germany

### *Medico-legal aspects*

M. Bruhat, France

### Honorary Members

I. Brosens, Belgium  
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 M. Mintz, France  
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 K. Semm, USA  
 H. Van der Pas, Belgium



## The 13th ESGE Congress in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I invite you all to participate in the 13th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (ESGE) that will be held in Sardinia (Italy) from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2004.

The venue of the Congress (Chia Laguna Resort, Domus de Maria, Cagliari) has been chosen among the beautiful areas of the whole isle of Sardinia, near Cagliari, well known all over the world for the lovely natural countryside, the colours of the sea, wonderful beaches but also rich in history, traditions and folklore.

The quality of the scientific programme granted by the scientific Committee of the ESGE is very promising and innovative. In line with the previous annual meetings, the programme will cover topics of contemporary developments of gynaecological endoscopy, and in par-

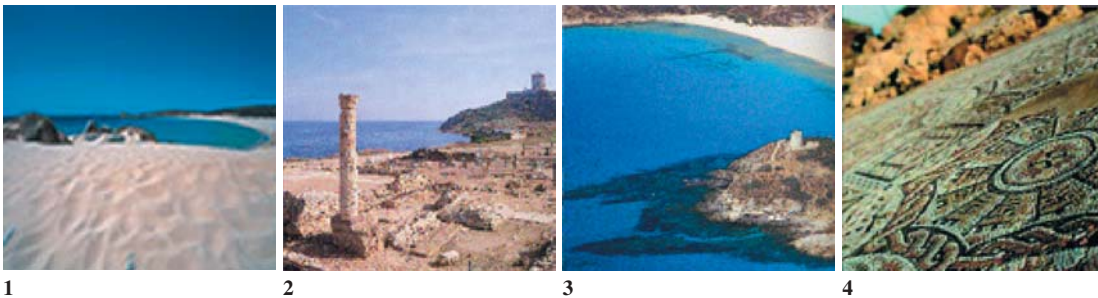
ticular on the evolution of surgical techniques to improve woman's health and reproductive function.

An expert meeting on the uterus will provide information on the state of art through lectures and plenary sessions presented by experts in the field. The lectures will be oriented to give the classification of functional and anatomical anomalies of the uterus, to show the new imaging techniques on the uterus, and to draw the best approaches to uterine pathologies.

The expert meeting on the uterus will also be focused on the psychological, social and legal impacts related to conservative or radical surgery of the uterus.

However, other different sessions of the congress will be held on interesting gynaecological topics, such as sterility, oncology, endometriosis, new endoscopic devices, colposcopy, contraception, medical therapy and prevention of gynaecological diseases.

Sessions of live surgery will be organized during the meeting, whereas a practical course will be held before



1 Chia sea and beach, Domus de Maria (Cagliari)

Archeologic area of Nora (2, 4, 6), near to Domus de Maria and other images of Chia's sea and beaches (3, 5).

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8 The door of the University of Cagliari, Via Rettorato.

the Meeting at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of Cagliari

The faculty will come from all countries of Europe and some speakers from outside of Europe will be invited.

The Italian Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (SEGi) in collaboration with the other Italian Societies of Obstetrics and Gynaecology will cooperate with the ESGE and with Prof Gian Benedetto Melis, the President of the Congress, for the hospitality of people participating in this event.

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### The organiser of the Congress

The President of the Congress is Prof Gian Benedetto Melis.



A recent photo of Prof GB Melis

Gian Benedetto Melis, Full Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, is director and chief of the Department of Gynaecology Obstetrics and Physiopathology of Human Reproduction of the University of Cagliari, Italy.

His doctoral training began in 1974 after his degree in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Cagliari, as fellow of the national Ministry of Public Education, before at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of Cagliari, and after at the University of Pisa.

His licence and certifications were in 1974 (Italian Licence Registration), in 1978 (Italian Board of Obstetrics

and Gynaecology) and in 1981 (Italian Board of Endocrinology). In his career we have to remember many academic appointments: 1981-1984, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, School of Medicine, University of Pisa; 1984-1987, Associate in Gynaecological Endocrinology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Pisa; 1988, Associate Professor, Chair of Gynaecological Endocrinology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, School of Medicine, University of Pisa; 1990, Full Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, School of Medicine, University of Pisa and Cagliari; 1991- Chief of the Department of Gynaecology Obstetrics and Physiopathology of Human Reproduction, School of Medicine, University of Cagliari, 1993-2003, Director of postgraduate School of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Cagliari; from 2003, Director of the Postgraduate School of Radiology, University of Cagliari. The major research interests are: neuroendocrine control of gonadotropic hormones, menopause physiopathology, hormonal therapy of sterility, breast endocrinology and pathophysiology, contraception, in vitro fertilization, ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, oncology and gynaecologic endoscopic advanced surgery. Many papers published so far by GB Melis (more than 800 papers published in Italian and International Journals, such as Fertil Steril, Hum Reprod, J Clin Endocrinol Metab, Obstet Gynecol, Am J Obstet Gynecol, Contraception, Epilepsy, Br J Obstet Gynaecol, Neuroendocrinology, Neurology, J Gynecologic Surgery, Gynecol Oncol). He is past president of SEGi and member and assistant secretary of the European Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy. His experience in gynaecological endoscopy and his active participation in all major appointments of the ESGE were the major reasons to indicate GB Melis as the President of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of ESGE.

An important role in the organization of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of ESGE has been given to the Italian Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (SEGi).

The President of the SEGi is Giorgio Vittori, director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Hospital of San Carlo di Nancy in Rome, the vice President is Erico Zupi, from the University of Tor Vergata in Rome, the secretary is E Cicinelli, from the University of Bari, and the scientific Committee is represented by A Rossetti (Roma), G Marchino (Torino), V Remorgida (Genova), R Seracchioli (Bologna).

The members of SEGi are at least one thousand of Gynaecologists from all over the Italy.

The SEGi was founded by Prof Ettore Cittadini many years ago and the first name was SIELG (Società Italiana di Endoscopia e Laser Terapia in Ginecologia). About 5 years ago, the name was changed with the same purposes.

To better link the SEGi's members and to better discuss technical, scientific and clinical problems of Gynaecological Endoscopy, every year each Italian region elects a member responsible for the SEGi.

For many years, the SEGi disseminated information on endoscopic techniques in an effort to improve gynaecological surgery. Endoscopy offers us a wide range of therapeutic options for many gynaecological problems with the possibility of reducing the surgical trauma and to permit a better quality of life after surgical operations. The most important efforts of the SEGi are focused on the organization of highly scientific congresses with the aim to introduce many gynaecological surgeons to endoscopy and to open the doors of endoscopic techniques to young gynaecologists in Italy. However, the SEGi aim is also to share the experiences of its members to advance gynaecological endoscopy globally.



G Vittori, President of SEGi



E Zupi, Vice President of SEGi



E Cicinelli, Secretary of SEGi



V Remorgida, Treasurer of SEGi



GL Marchino, Responsible Scientific Committee of SEGi



R Seracchioli, Responsible external Communications of SEGi



A Rossetti, Responsible formation Committee of SEGi



## European Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy

### 2004 Membership FORM

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