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EAMS corner

Best oral presentation

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Out of 97 (!) abstracts presented at the European Airway Conference 2018 in Catania, 6 abstracts were chosen as - the best of the best abstracts – and entered the oral presentation contest at the plenary lecture hall in Catania.

Only one of these 6 presentations could win. And one did. Ida-Maria Gustafsson presented “Regional Lung Volume Changes in Apnoeic Oxygenation using THRIVE compared to Mechanical Ventilation in Adults undergoing Laryngeal Surgery”. She won by being the best: the result of a superb presentation of an excellent abstract with high scientific impact.

Ida-Maria Gustafsson is a graduate student at the prestigious Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden and collaborated with her senior, Associate Professor Malin Jonsson Fagerlund on the airway study presented.

The members of the EAMS Board of Directors congratulate Ida-Maria Gustafsson on this achievement and welcome her to the next European Airway Conference – which will be WAMM 2019 – the World Airway Management Meeting in Amsterdam, free of cost for admittance. She has also proved herself to be worthy as the next “associate section editor for airway management” for TACC in 2019. By tradition, the winner of the best oral presentation is given this position in order to foster their scientific development. I personally welcome Ida-Maria Gustafsson to this new appointment and I am happy to follow her future contributions to airway management. Well done!

The European Airway Photo Contest by EAMS

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Saracoglu,
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Health Sciences University Medical School, Kocaeli, Turkey

The European Airway Management Society (EAMS) is a growing non-profit society aiming to disseminate and promote the exchange of information about safe airway management (1). EAMS established the European Airway Photo Contest, and traditionally the best photos are awarded during the annual European Airway

Congress since 2016 (2). This year in Catania, Italy, the theme of the EAMS photo contest was “Past and Future of the Airway Management”. The requirements and deadlines were announced in June 2018 (3). Kemal Tolga Saracoglu (the treasurer of EAMS), Clara Dragonetti and Elisabetta Di Felice from the EAC 2018 congress organization were the members of Photo Contest Committee and scored all photos from the candidates. Applications from 6 different countries including Romania, Norway, Turkey, Austria, Taiwan and Germany were evaluated.

Dr. Nina Pirlich, from Mainz in Germany, has won the best photo prize because it was the *most appropriate image for this year's theme* (Figs. 1 and 2). She won a free registration for the next WAMM in 2019. The EAMS Board of Directors and the EAC 2018 organizing committee congratulate Nina Pirlich. All submitted photos will be exhibited on the EAMS web page: <http://eamshq.net>. EAMS eagerly looks forward to your contributions for the next, the 4th European Photo Contest in 2019. The requirements and deadlines will be announced soon.

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EAMS distinctions in 2018

Prof. Dr. Robert Greif, MME, FERC;
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During the European Airway Congress 2018 in Catania EAMS awarded airway enthusiasts for their professional career, their outstanding commitment, their leadership, or their contributions to science, education and/or implementation of airway management with the “Honorary Membership of the European Airway Management Society (EAMS). The privileges for EAMS Honorary Members are the international recognition and inclusion in the on-line directory on the EAMS Website, free lifelong EAMS membership, and if honorary members wish they can become part of the



Fig. 1. 1st place winner of 3rd European Airway Photo Contest.



Fig. 2. The EAMS president congratulates Dr. Nina Pirlich. From left to right: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kemal Tolga Saracoglu, Dr. Nina Pirlich, Prof. Dr. Robert Greif and Dr. Michael Kristensen

EAMS Advisory Committee.

This prestigious award was granted in December 2018 to 5 new EAMS honorary members (in alphabetical order):



Prof. Dr. Carin A. Hagberg, MD, FASA; is the current Chief Academic Officer and the division head of anesthesiology, critical care and pain medicine at the department of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, USA. Carin Hagberg balanced her roles as administrator, clinician, educator and researcher with special emphasis on advanced airway techniques and neuro-anesthesia. Carin Hagberg is not only the chairperson of the ASA committee on trauma and emergency preparedness and the executive director of the North-America based Society of Airway Management but also lead author of the 4th edition of "Hagberg and Benumof's Airway Management". Carin Hagberg has taught for many years at EAMS airway management courses with great enthusiasm.



Dr. Dusanka Janjevic, MD, PhD; is currently an anesthesia consultant at the anesthesia and intensive care department of the Clinical Center of Vojvodina, Novi Sad, Serbia, where she covers the lead of ENT-anesthesia. Her specialist interests are high frequency jet ventilation, airway management in ENT, head and neck surgery, and in the last years pediatric anesthesia. Dusanka has been engaged for many years in teaching jet ventilation throughout Europe. In EAMS she held the secretary position for 4 years from 2012 to 2015. Since 2008, inspired by John Henderson, Dusanka started to teach different techniques of cricothyrotomy locally in Serbia, in the surrounding regional countries and with EAMS on the European level more than 10 years. She was for many years the Serbian EAMS council member and she is now a member of the EAMS advisory committee.



Dr. Ana López Gutiérrez, MD, PhD, EDAIC; is a consultant anesthesiologist at the Department of Anesthesiology, Hospital Clinic of Barcelona, Spain. As a vice-president of the Airway Management Section of the Catalan Society of Anesthesiology (SCARTD), she contributed to the development and update of local guidelines for safe airway management. Ana's specialist research and academic interests are supraglottic airway devices, airway management data-analysis, perioperative ultrasound, patient safety and education. Ana Lopez published several articles and book chapters about airway management and teaches at EAMS airway courses about the special use of supraglottic airway devices.



Dr. Vicente Martinez Pons, MD, PhD; is the current director of the Airway-Training Center (Department of Anesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain, Hospital Universitario Politecnico La Fe, Valencia, Spain). Vicente Martinez is one of the founders of EAMS and held the position of EAMS secretary for 4 years until 2015. He is now member of the EAMS advisory committee. Vicente was engaged in airway management from Andranik Ovassapian's Airway Laboratory and Training Centre to the ASA annual meetings fiberoptic airway workshop. He co-founded the Valencia-based FIDIVA (International Airway Teaching and Research Foundation), where he still tutors. He taught at the 1st EAMS instructor course in 2013 and is a hard-working faculty member at EAMS organized airway courses and conferences. Who can Vicente better characterize than his own words "more than twenty years meeting the most interesting people in airway management, making friends around the world, I remain astonished how anesthesiologists continuing improve airway management to provide better care to their patients".



Dr. Anil Patel, MB BS, FRCA; currently works at and leads the Department of Anaesthesia at the Royal National Throat, Nose &

Ear Hospital. He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at University College London and at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Anil is a clinical anesthetist with research interest in jet ventilation, emergency airway management, video-laryngoscopy, difficult airway management for head and neck cancer and THRIVE. Anil is an engaged instructor at airway courses organized by EAMS and published over 100 anaesthesia articles and is a vivid lecturer on various airway related topics around the world. Anil Patel was the President of the UK-based Difficult Airway Society 2015–2018.

The EAMS Board of Directors welcomes all Honorary Members and is proud to have such celebrates in the society. We hope to establish a fruitful exchange about airway management with all the new members to reach to the vision of EAMS: "to save lives through promotion of evidence-informed airway management in health care".

In 2018 the EAMS Board of Directors decided to establish the EAMS-Fellowship (FEAMS): the idea behind the fellowship was to reward society members who are committed to EAMS and airway management and deliver exceptional work for both. EAMS want to remunerate sustained leadership and contributions to airway management through practice, research, education, and patient care by this EAMS-Fellowship to gain international recognition for the fellows. EAMS provides a FEAMS diploma to airway experts and the title remains valid as long as their EAMS membership continues.

Criteria to nominate a possible fellow candidate are being an EAMS member for at least 3 years; the candidate demonstrates ongoing leadership, excellence in the field of airway management, distinction in clinical, educational, investigational, organizational and/or professional activities for EAMS and airway management, and open and full declaration of Conflicts of Interest (COI). Privileges for FEAMS are international recognition, inclusion in the on-line directory on the EAMS Website, the title "FEAMS" may be added after the Fellow's name and a reduced membership rate and annual conference rate.

For the first time, EAMS granted at the EAC 2018 in Catania 10 Fellows of EAMS, which are in alphabetical order:



Dr Paul Baker MBChB, MD, FANZCA, is a consultant anaesthetist at the Starship Children's Health center in Auckland, New Zealand, and a clinical senior lecturer, at the department of anaesthesiology of the University of Auckland. In 1996 Paul started the AirwaySkills course, the first hands-on airway management course in the region, and now has over 200 anaesthetists, intensivists and emergency medicine specialists attending these courses in Auckland and Sydney annually. Airway education is also Paul's research interest, which resulted in his MD thesis entitled 'Improving the quality and safety of airway management'. Paul Baker is internationally known as the inventor of the award winning "Orsim™ bronchoscopy simulator", designed to improve and assess flexible bronchoscopy skills of the upper and lower airway. Despite being a member of large international and national airway societies, Paul has taught for many years on EAMS organized airway courses and contributes

to the EAMS scientific program as a keynote speaker.



Dr. Pedro Charco Mora, MD, PhD; lives and works as an anesthesia specialist in Valencia, Spain. From his early years, he was interested in airway management and its education that resulted in his doctoral thesis about “teaching fiberoptic and learning curves in fiberoptic flexible endoscopy”. He was involved in FIDIVA (Foundation of Research and Teaching in Airway Management) which grew into an international organization under his presidency. Pedro is involved in national and international airway research and teaching activities together with EAMS, and for 3 years has led the first 2-year “Master in Airway Management Program at the Valencia University in Spain. Pedro Charco was a driving force to disseminate the EAMS created teaching course “Teach the Airway Teachers” internationally.



Prof. Dr. Thomas Heidegger, MD, DESA; is an Austrian who is the head of the anaesthesia department of the Rheital Hospital Trust in the east of Switzerland. His dedication to airway management is in research and teaching fiberoptic intubation, airway guidelines, and patient satisfaction with anaesthesia care. These were also the topics which led Thomas to the appointment of Professor at the University of Bern, Switzerland. In 2020 Thomas Heidegger founded together with Dr. Hansjoerg Gerig, the “St. Galler Airway Management Symposium” which is nowadays an established international recognized airway meeting. Besides being involved in hundreds of national and international hands-on teachings, Thomas recently became a DAS professorship and he broadcasts a YouTube channel “Anesthesia-TNT (tips'n tricks)” and his video “Fiberoptic Intubation” - New England Journal of Medicine had been downloaded more than 60.000 times.



Dr. Iljaz Hodovic, MD, FRCA; is a consultant and senior lecturer at the Department of Anaesthetics, Intensive Care and Pain

Medicine of the Cardiff University School of Medicine at the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board in Cardiff, Wales. His specialist interests in airway management are intubation and extubation aids and awake videolaryngoscopy. Besides being an engaged airway management workshop instructor, Iljaz continues to cover the position as Non-Officer on the EAMS Board of Directors since 2016 and nourish the relation of the society with all the eastern European countries. During the last EAMS conferences, Iljaz managed as the chairperson responsible for the abstracts the entire process from submission to selection, to pricing and publishing at the highest professional level.



Dr. Johannes Huitnik, MD, PhD; did a PhD in cardiology but then became a staff anesthesiologist in the Netherlands. He specialized in cancer anesthesia at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam. After working in Melbourne, Australia and Bonaire, on the Netherlands Caribbean, Hans joined the Department of Anesthesiology at VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam, where he currently works with a focus on airway management research, teaching, and high fidelity medical simulation. Hans is founder and director of the Airway Management Academy (www.airwaymanagementacademy.com), and chairs the local organizing committee of the 2nd World Airway Management Meeting –WAMM 2019 in Amsterdam. Hans trains on a variety of airway (simulation) courses, he was an early Instructor on the international EAMS Teach-the-Airway Teacher course. If you have time, you can follow him 24/7 on twitter @AirwayMxAcademy.



Prof. Dr. Bilgin Hülay, MD; is a Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Reanimation at Uludag University, School of Medicine in Bursa, Turkey. She together with others founded the Airway Management Subcommittee of Turkish anesthesia society in which Dr. Hülay organizes and instructs on national and international EAMS airway management workshops. During her presidency period of the Turkish Society of Anesthesiology and Reanimation, she started to organize basic (on mannequins) and advanced (on fresh frozen cadavers) airway management workshops. Besides being the Turkish representative in the national society committee of ESA (NASC), Bilgin has served as the Turkish council representative in EAMS since 2014. All in all Prof. Hülay is a strong promotor of EAMS in Turkey and internationally.



Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Noppens, MD, PhD, FRCPC; “Rudy” joined Western University, Canada in November 2016 as Professor of Anesthesiology, and Physiology and Pharmacology. He served as the program director of neuroanesthesia at London Health Sciences Centre, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Noppens graduated from Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany and became there a specialist in anesthesiology, emergency medicine and critical care medicine. His appointment as Professor at the university in Mainz focused on difficult airway management, neuroanesthesia, pediatric anesthesia, and pre-hospital helicopter emergency medicine. Rudy is an internationally recognized speaker, organizes, and conducts airway workshops together with EAMS for many years. He led the German airway management group within the national society, and was involved in the German airway management guideline. Dr. Noppens is a member of the EAMS Board of Directors and has served as treasurer for EAMS since 2013.



Prof. Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan, MD, FRCA; worked for years as an anaesthesia consultant at the University Hospital Aintree, Merseyside, UK, before she specialized in airway management at the St James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland. Ellen covered a variety of positions in European and North-American societies (ESA, SAM). She is a DAS member since its foundation and was President of DAS from 2009 to 2012. In 2016 she was appointed the DAS Professor of Anesthesia & Airway Management. Ellen O'Sullivan a very active researcher in the field of airway management, is involved in EAMS activities as an eloquent speaker, workshop tutor and organizer of airway management events. She co-chaired the 1st WAMM and volunteered as co-executive director for WAMM 2019 in Amsterdam.



Dr. Massimiliano Sorbello, MD; is an anesthesiologist and intensivist enthusiastic about airway management, working at the

Policlinico – Vittorio Emanuele University Hospital, Catania, Italy between mount Etna and the Mediterranean sea. “Max” coordinates the airway management research group of the Italian anaesthesia society (SIAARTI), and he chairs the ESA Scientific Committee on Respiration and Airway Management. He is a vivid speaker, engaged workshops tutor, and hardworking organizer for scientific meetings locally and for EAMS. Recently he was the local organizer and co-congress president of the 2018 European Airway Conference by EAMS. Dr. Sorbello has volunteered for the last 9 years on the EAMS Board of Directors as a non-officer member with a lot of support for education and the next generation of airway leaders – TEAMS (Trainees of EAMS).



Prof. Dr. Kamil Toker, MD; qualified in Anaesthesiology at the Ankara Hacettepe University and worked for more than 30 years in different university hospitals as chairperson of anaesthesiology and intensive care departments. Dr. Toker's interest in airway management resulted in several publications and he became the lead of the airway management committee of the Turkish anaesthesia society. Kamil is an internationally invited speaker and a skilled airway workshop tutor. In that function he taught for several years at EAMS organized workshops. Being for many years a member of EAMS he served as secretary of the society for 2 years, became the EAMS president in 2014/15 and for the past 3 years was president of EAMS. Prof Toker was the organizer of the 2013 EAMS conference in Istanbul and volunteers now at the EAMS advisory board.

The EAMS Board of Directors congratulates all the Fellows of EAMS and welcomes them with their new title in the society. We are sure that all the fellows will continue to contribute to EAMS activities with the aim to fulfil the mission of EAMS: “to search, promote, disseminate the best evidence-informed airway management”.

Announcement for 2019

Finally the EAMS Board of Directors would like to draw the TACC readers and all EAMS members attention to THE highlight on airway management meeting in 2019. The three large airway societies, EAMS (the European Airway Management Society), DAS (the UK-based Difficult Airway Society), and SAM (the North-American based Society for Airway Management) are going to organize the 2nd WAMM (World Airway Management Meeting) in Amsterdam, November 13.-16., 2019.

WAMM 2019 will be the EAMS conference this year and EAMS will have its General Assembly on the evening of Wednesday 13. November 2019. The location in Amsterdam will be announced with the invitation to the General Assembly.



Appendix A. Supplementary data

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