Recent trends and future of the European Association of Urology (EAU)

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The European Association of Urology (EAU) represents all urologists in Europe, which concern more than 17,000 urologists. Furthermore, the EAU has developed close relationships with urologists and national urological associations in the Middle East and North Africa. Altogether, the EAU is an organization for nearly 20,000 urological specialists.

The EAU is primarily a scientific professional organization. This is clearly reflected in the EAU mission statement, which underlines the responsibilities of the EAU with respect to scientific and professional development, research and education. For this purpose the EAU has developed a strong organizational structure providing scientific and educational facilities for all its members.

In this respect it is essential to mention some of the educational activities of the EAU. On an annual basis the EAU provides a comprehensive teaching program (European Urological Residents Education Program—EUREP) for all last year urological residents. Moreover, the EAU has developed a number of superspecialistic urological societies, which are responsible for the further development of superspecialization in urology. The EAU supports research through the EAU Research Foundation and during its annual congress the EAU contributes to the distribution of the latest development in all fields of urology. This is also assured through the different EAU publications.

Lastly, through its tight relationship with the European Board of Urology (EBU) the EAU education program can serve as an excellent preparation for EBU Board certification.

In this way, all future developments of urology are guaranteed within the perspectives of the EAU.