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## Editorial

### Let's breathe again together in Antalya



On behalf of the EAMS President, the Scientific Committee of the 6th European Airway Congress, and the Board of Directors of the European Airway Management Society, we would like to provide the readers of our journal and all other airway enthusiasts with further information about this important airway management event.

The congress will be held at Pine Beach Belek Resort in Antalya, Turkey from the 28th of September till the 1st of October 2022 [1]. This conference will be organized under the motto: “Breathing again!”, which may fully describe the situation after more than two years of COVID-19 pandemics.

The conference website at: <https://www.eac2022.org> is fully functional at the moment and provides detailed information about the venue, scientific program, abstract submission rules, accommodation, and social events associated with the conference.

The congress is as usual preceded by the “Teach the airway teacher” course on Thursday, September 28th. The scientific program itself is balanced into theoretical lectures and hands-on sessions. Keynote lectures are devoted to the presentation of new guidelines such as PUMA (Project for Universal Management of Airways) [2] and ASA 2022 Guidelines [3], novel concepts of videolaryngoscopy, flow-regulated ventilation in the Intensive Care Unit, controlled ventilation with minimal or no device in the airway or recommendations how to teach airway management in the online era.

A bridge between theoretical and practical sessions represents the “Learning from our real airway cases” block, where a panel of recognized airway experts is ready to discuss all aspects of difficult airway management based on the previous presentations of cases from real anaesthetic practice.

Both sister airway companies – Difficult Airway Society (DAS) and Society for Airway Management (SAM) will be represented in the scientific program, in a frame of international and inter-societary cooperation, with lectures on hot airway topics. The scientific program ends with a lecture reviewing the most important papers in airway management within the last two years.

The second part of the program consists of mini-workshops and meet the experts sessions. These sessions are designated for smaller groups of participants interested in a particular topic. The selected experts are prepared to discuss real and hypothetical cases from the auditorium as well as explain and present technical skills required in their sub-specialty. These sessions include preparation of patients for airway management, assessment of the airways at risk, oxygenation techniques during airway management, ultrasonographic evaluation of the airway [4], complex approach to physiologically difficult airways, rapid sequence induction/intubation [5], equipment sessions such as flexible bronchoscopic intubation,

videolaryngoscopy, or nasal endoscopy, airway management in special circumstances including the intensive care [6,7], airway management in bariatric surgery or management of difficult infra-glottic airways. Special sessions are designated for teaching airway management in daily practice and research collaboration in the specialty.

Simulation sessions and hands-on workshops will be available for all participants. Experienced airway specialists from worldwide are prepared to explain, demonstrate and practice all techniques of airway management in small groups.

Confirmed speakers include, apart from the Scientific Committee members, Prof. Tim Cook (UK), Prof. Dietmar Enk (Netherlands), Prof. Ana Lopez (Spain), Prof. Daniela Godoroja (Romania), Prof. Kamil Tokar (Turkey), Prof. Huyla Bilgin (Turkey), Prof. Paul Baker (New Zealand), or Dr. Nicholas Chrimes (Australia).

All airway practitioners, enthusiasts, and researchers are invited to submit their contributions via the abstract submission system at the aforementioned website. There are several abstract categories including the special novel video-clip category. All accepted abstracts will be presented as oral presentations during the conference, with the six best entering the “Best oral abstracts” competition.

The conference program is supplemented by industry sessions of companies manufacturing both established and innovative airway equipment [8,9]. As always, airway enthusiasts have the possibility to socialize during the very rich social programs, coffee breaks, lunch buffets, or pre-congress and post-congress tours.

We all look forward meeting in Antalya in person after more than two years of conference fasting, enjoying together science and fresh air to start *breathing again!*

#### Conflict of interest

The authors declare the following financial interests/personal relationships which may be considered as potential competing interests: Pavel Michalek is a member of the Scientific Committee. Ayten Saracoglu is the Chair of Organizing Committee, Arnd Timmermann is the Chair of Scientific Committee for the 6th European Airway Congress. Massimiliano Sorbello is the President of European Airway Management Society.

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