

EUREP21: Building bridges across the world

Learn from the experts, enhance your skills and boost your network



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The 19th European Urology Residents Education Programme (EUREP21) took place between 4 and 9 of February 2022 in Prague. This edition was quite special as it was originally planned to commence last year but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the collaborative efforts between the European Association of Urology (EAU) and the European School of Urology (ESU), the event for final-year residents could finally take place.

EUREP21 covered the main topics in urology in five different modules in five days. It may sound crazy but the EAU and ESU made it happen. In this huge plenary room, around 260 residents from all over the world following the lectures of each faculty member conscientiously. I was the only resident from Tunisia, and I did not know anyone before coming here.

I heard about EUREP when I participated in my first EAU event, the ESU-ESOU Masterclass on Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer, back in the same city two years ago. At that time, someone told me "Once you're in the final year of your residency, you certainly should not miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity". So I applied and I could not be more excited when I was selected to participate.

The schedule was tight and we had to strictly stick to the programme. Each lecture was a sort of a review of the EAU Guidelines, which is based on the current available evidence. There were also clinical cases and at times, intense discussions and questions that enriched the programme. The quality of the content

and the interaction between the audience and the faculty were a major point of the courses.

Hands-on training courses

Hands-on training courses was an important side of the event. It covered the practical aspect of EUREP21. The participants learned tips and tricks on minimally-invasive surgery from dedicated tutors. I, myself, participated in the laparoscopy and ureteroscopy workshops. Dr. Murat Arslan and Dr. Otaš Durutovic taught me every aspect of these procedures and corrected my mistakes to help me improve my performance. I am grateful for their expert advice.

Expand your network and make new friends

One of the aspects of EAU events that I miss the most is socialising. Sharing thoughts and ideas about the content of the lectures with the other participants was exhilarating. We could also talk about our experiences, our perspectives, and career aspirations. We also had an enjoyable time during the congress dinner and exploring the city after the courses. I met a lot of nice people, gained new friends, shared some



Expert Dr. Arslan guides me during the hands-on training

quality time together, and made new good memories.

Global EAU and ESU

I feel fortunate to have had the chance to participate at EUREP21. It was a blast! I am thankful to the EAU and the ESU for encouraging young urologists from all over the world to attend and uniting them through their calling in urology. I am also grateful to the faculty members, board members, and organisers whose efforts made this valuable programme run smoothly especially in these challenging times. There is nothing more amazing than learning from the experts while being with your peers. I highly recommend it to each resident in urology. You will love it!