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# About the Société Internationale d'Urologie

## Who we are

The SIU is a major international platform for sustainable urological education and collaborative philanthropic activities aimed at improving urological care, with more than **17,000 members** from over **140 countries/regions**.

## What we do

The Society's mission is to enable urologists in all nations, through international cooperation in education and research, to provide the highest standards of urological care for their patients'.

## How we support urologists

The SIU offers its members eLearning resources, a research platform and publications, in-person events including its annual Congress, and the opportunity to contribute to the Society's philanthropic endeavours, which benefit the global urological community at large.

## Where we are

The SIU is a truly international society with members from more than **140 countries/regions** and a central office in Montreal, Canada. The Society's annual Congress is organized on a geographical rotation to ensure that it remains accessible to urologists from all regions of the world, and its Board of Directors comprises **25 members** from **20 different countries/territories**.

## How to connect



communications@siu-urology.org  
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Dear Friends,

I have been actively involved in the SIU for decades, and it is my great honour to represent the Society as President for 2025–2026. I have always valued the SIU's mission to share education and research in a collaborative community, and I look forward to moving this mission forward over the next year.

The SIU ties together many important principles: tradition and innovation, individual contributions and community spirit, celebrating cultural differences alongside shared values. The common thread through all the Society's initiatives and innovations is the focus on improving patient care through advancements in education, training, research, and philanthropy.

I encourage you to browse through this magazine and see which Society initiatives—from online training programmes to research publications

to in-person educational activities—resonate the most with you and get involved in whatever capacity works. Let's focus on strengthening our ties, improving our practice, and working together to improve urology around the world.

Your active involvement as a member will now offer you even more benefits through the Society's new loyalty programme; go to page 4 to find out more!

Finally, I offer my sincere gratitude to my colleagues who give so generously of their time and expertise to continue the work of this important organization. Thank you as well to our industry partners who are integral to the success of many Society activities. It takes the contributions of many to build a thriving Society such as the SIU!

**William Lynch, SIU President, Australia**

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# COMING SOON!

## New Member Loyalty Programme

**S**IU members will soon be able to earn points for engaging in various activities across SIU platforms—from participation in committees to paying dues early to attending educational events. Points can be redeemed for exclusive rewards including, but not limited to, free membership, reduced Congress registration fees, and free hotel stays. All members of the SIU, including new members, will automatically be enrolled in the SIU Membership Loyalty Programme, ensuring immediate access to programme benefits.

Membership must be renewed annually to maintain active status and continue earning and redeeming points. Renewal can be completed online through the SIU website. Members who renew early receive additional points as an incentive. A detailed explanation of how to earn and redeem points will be communicated to all active SIU members. If you are not receiving SIU emails or are looking for more information, please contact [membership@siu-urology.org](mailto:membership@siu-urology.org).

Of course, SIU members will continue to enjoy existing benefits such as

- Immediate access to all content on SIU Academy
- Reduced Congress fees
- Global networking opportunities
- Educational events, online and in-person

### DON'T FORGET

Residents and trainees are eligible for free membership!



Find out more about SIU Membership and register today!



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**October 14-17, 2026 | Abu Dhabi**

**Join us for SIU-EUS 2026, a joint  
46th Congress of the Société Internationale  
d'Urologie and the Emirates Urological Society**

This unique collaboration will bring together global and regional expertise for an unforgettable programme of science, innovation, and networking.

[siu-urology.org/congress](http://siu-urology.org/congress)

# SIU-EUS 2026 CONGRESS



October 14-17, 2026 Abu Dhabi

## An Invitation from Honorary Presidents of the Joint Congress

**O**n behalf of the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) and the Emirates Urological Society (EUS), it is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the joint 46th Congress of the SIU and the EUS, taking place **October 14 to 17, 2026**, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

SIU-EUS 2026 reflects a partnership between our two societies founded on a shared commitment to urological science, education, patient care, and collaboration between colleagues from all regions of the world. With attendees from different geopolitical settings and subspecialties bringing unique perspectives and training backgrounds, SIU-EUS 2026 will provide a forum for scholarly exchange, collaboration, and discussion of current and emerging developments in urology.

Hosted in Abu Dhabi—an international hub where tradition and innovation converge—the meeting will offer delegates world-class facilities, cultural richness, and a spirit of openness, providing an ideal environment for meaningful professional connections and dialogue. As you begin to plan your meetings for 2026, we warmly encourage you to join us in Abu Dhabi to share your expertise, engage with colleagues from around the world, and take part in this landmark joint meeting. Visit [www.siu-urology.org](http://www.siu-urology.org) for updates and to register.

We look forward to welcoming you to SIU-EUS 2026.



**William Lynch**  
Australia, President, Société Internationale d'Urologie



**Yaser Saeedi**  
United Arab Emirates, President, Emirates Urological Society

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## Why I Am Attending...



**Hegel T. Santamaria**, Mexico  
(Scientific Programme Committee Member)

*"SIU 2025 in Edinburgh was a truly inspiring experience, filled with meaningful conversations, high-level science, and a genuine sense of global community. I continue to return to SIU year after year because it renews my motivation to grow, collaborate, and deliver better, more attentive care to my patients. I'm grateful to be part of a society that connects us across borders with a shared purpose."*



**Steffi Kar Kei Yuen**, Hong Kong SAR  
(SIU Board of Directors)

*"Attending SIU 2025 in Edinburgh was a profoundly enriching experience. The congress provides an unparalleled platform for global collaboration, where networking seamlessly translates into pioneering research partnerships. It was an honour to receive the SIU-Innovators Award and to engage with peers who are equally passionate about advancing urological innovation worldwide."*



**Issac O. Asiedu**, Ghana  
(SIU 2025 Selfie Challenge Winner)

*"Participating in SIU activities allows me to bridge the gap between global innovation and local practice by learning from the diverse experiences of international colleagues. I am highly motivated by the access to world-class urological tech and the opportunity to attend premier congresses in different corners of the world. For me, the SIU represents the perfect intersection of professional development, technological advancement, and global networking."*



**Silvia Secco**, Italy  
(SIU Innovators Committee)

*"Attending SIU meetings is always a privilege. SIU is a remarkable and inclusive society where colleagues from all over the world can exchange ideas, share excellence, and explore innovation. I am especially proud to be part of the Innovators group as Vice Chair – a community of young members who not only collaborate professionally, but also build lasting friendships across borders. I can only encourage urologists everywhere to join the SIU family. See you in Abu Dhabi!"*

## SIU-EUS 2026 Venue Snapshot

### Venue:

ADNEC Centre, Abu Dhabi

### Currency:

United Arab Emirates Dirham

### Time Zone:

Gulf Standard Time  
(GST) UTC +4

### Climate in October:

High of 35° C to low of 22° C



## DON'T MISS OUT:

Mark these important dates in your calendar.

### MARCH 25

#### • Abstract Submission Deadline

*Share your research with colleagues from around the globe.*

#### • Resident Congress Scholarship Application Deadline

*Open to residents/fellows from "lower-middle" or "low" income countries.*

### JUNE 17

#### Early Registration Deadline

*Save up to 200 Euros!*

### OCTOBER 14-17

#### SIU 2026 in Abu Dhabi

**Reminder** – Travelling from outside of the UAE? Make sure you are aware of any travel requirements and restrictions. Start your visa application process early to avoid disappointment. Visit the SIU website for more information.

## A First Look: Congress Highlights and Learning Objectives

Join us in Abu Dhabi to take advantage of a comprehensive scientific programme, offering popular session formats such as:



### SIU Surgery Day

Live and semi-live surgeries performed and moderated by international experts.



### Hands-On Workshops

Advance your skills with expert guidance. Sign up in advance for one of the popular training courses being offered.



### Instructional Courses

Curated from member proposals, these interactive courses led by experts highlight the most relevant subjects from your urological practice.



### Luncheon Symposia

Lunch and learn with some of the biggest names in global urology presenting on some of the hottest topics in the field.

## Congress Learning Objectives

After this educational event, attendees should be able to:

- Evaluate medical and surgical therapies for urinary stone disease.
- Recall the latest advances in the diagnosis, staging, and management of urologic cancers.
- Detail the medical and surgical management of female and male lower urinary tract dysfunction.
- Examine the latest advances in reconstructive surgery including urethroplasty, fistula repair, and management of other GU injuries/trauma.
- Incorporate new techniques in robotic and minimally invasive surgery.
- Define the assessment and management of male infertility.
- Characterize the surgical and medical treatment options for male sexual health.
- Recognize how to serve the diverse health care needs of our international population through a patient-centered approach.
- Stay informed of recent advancements in urologic sub-specialties from the past year to enhance clinical practice.
- Recognize the challenges for underrepresented groups in urology and facilitate inclusion and opportunities.
- Characterize the indications and data of new imaging modalities for the management of urologic cancers.
- Provide mentoring opportunities and guidance for urologic trainees.
- Enumerate the common pediatric urologic problems and understand the assessment and management of the pediatric population.
- Examine common complications and comorbidities associated with the treatment of urologic conditions and know how to best manage them in clinical practice.
- Analyze recent updates in clinical practice guidelines and their implications for daily urologic practice.
- Recognize the utility and limitations of AI in clinical practice.
- Compare and contrast guideline recommendation-based versus real-world practices for urolithiasis management.
- Recall minimally invasive surgical procedures for the prostate and their role in office-based urology practice.



## 8th Bench-to-Bedside Uro-Oncology: GU Cancers Triad

The 8th edition of the Bench-to-Bedside Uro-Oncology: GU Cancers Triad will include a high-profile international faculty of experts in various disciplines, providing the opportunity to foster collaborative discussions across specialties.

In this all-day programme, included in your congress registration, our expert faculty from around the world will provide updates on the management of the three most prevalent urological cancers (prostate, bladder, and kidney) by emphasizing evolving trends in the early detection of disease, recent results of clinical trials, new therapies, biomarkers, and novel technologies and treatment strategies, including new surgical techniques. The programme will focus on providing insights and sharing knowledge on best practices aimed at guiding treatment decisions and ultimately improving patient outcomes.

### B2B SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE



**Peter C. Black**  
Co-Chair, Canada



**Silvia Secco**  
Co-Chair, Italy



**Simon Tanguay**  
Co-Chair, Canada



### B2B 2025 Meeting Proceedings

**Were you unable to attend the 7th Bench-to-Bedside meeting in Edinburgh? Or perhaps you attended and hope to refer to key highlights curated by the meeting chairs?**

The proceedings from the meeting are now available as a comprehensive document, published on the SIU Journal website, [mdpi.com/journal/siuj](http://mdpi.com/journal/siuj), as well as via SIU Academy, under the Publications tab.



## CATCH UP ON SIU ACADEMY CONTENT FROM 2025

Time flies and it is easy to fall behind on the high-quality content on SIU Academy. Never fear! There is still time to improve your continuing medical education by looking back at some of the hottest content from 2025.



**Mauro Gacci**  
Italy, Chair, Office of Education



**Philippe Spiess**  
United States, Chair, Consensus and Education



## CONGRESS WEBCASTS

SESSION WEBCASTS



### Surgery Day

*This educational programme is supported by*

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### B2B GU Cancers Triad

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### Industry-Supported Sessions

**Suction in Endourology: More than Just Suction, Understanding Fluid Dynamics**

*This symposium is supported by SIU Congress Contributor ZSR.*

**HER2-Targeted Antibody-Drug Conjugates in Metastatic Bladder Cancer: A New Era of Precision Oncology**

*This symposium is supported by B2B Presenting Sponsor Daiichi-Sankyo | AstraZeneca.*

**Technological Innovations for Detection and Treatment of NMIBC**

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**OAB & BPO: From Advanced Diagnosis to Personalized Management**

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**Advancing NMIBC Management: From Clinical Evidence to Daily Practice**

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**Innovative Technologies Transforming Bladder Cancer Care**

*This symposium is supported by B2B Presenting Sponsor Johnson & Johnson.*



## **SIU ACADEMY WEBCASTS**

### **Insight**

Interactive Knowledge Sharing with Experts – Webinar 2025  
*This educational programme is supported by Astellas.*

### **Global Perspectives**

- Navigating the Challenges of Urethral Reconstruction: Global Perspectives and Innovations
- Posterior Urethral Valves: Challenges, Innovations, and the Future of Care
- Prostate Cancer Management: a Focus on Diagnosis and Surgical Management

### **Advanced Urology Updates**

- Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopic Retroperitoneal Lymph Node Dissection (RPLND)
- New Insights in Metastatic Prostate Cancer Treatment
- Reading and Interpreting Prostate MRI

## **GrandRounds**

**2025**

### **Update in Stone Management**

February 12, 2025

### **Update in BPH Management**

May 7, 2025

### **Update in Urothelial Cancer Management**

September 10, 2025

*These educational programmes were supported by SIU Corporate Sponsor Karl Storz.*



### **UroTrainer Uro-Oncology Program**

The SIU is pleased to continue its partnership into with Urotrainer, endorsing their 10 week hands-on training program in laparoscopic partial nephrectomy and radical prostatectomy.

[www.urotrainer.com](http://www.urotrainer.com)

## **Academy Awards for Outstanding Content**

### **Most Viewed in 2024 for the eGrand Rounds**

*Update in Stone Management*, held on November 15, 2023, and September 18, 2024

Nadia Abid, Vitor Cavadas, Cecilia Maria Cracco, Marcos Cepeda, Vincent De Coninck, Jean de la Rosette, Wojciech Krajewski, S.K. Pal, Esteban Emiliani Sanz

### **Most Viewed in 2024 for the Studio Session**

What's New to Optimise Individualised Care for LUTS/BPE?

Sung Yong Cho, Stavros Gravas, Marie Carmela Lapitan



**Access all these great resources via your mobile device (SIU Academy is fully mobile-responsive and accessible) or computer.**

**For more information:**  
[siu-urology.org/academy/access-siu-academy](http://siu-urology.org/academy/access-siu-academy)



## ICUD PUBLICATIONS

Consultations are an important collaborative initiative between the SIU and the International Consultation on Urological Diseases (ICUD). These joint Consultations involve numerous international experts grouped into working committees that focus on specific aspects of the Consultation topic. Their conclusions are

presented during the SIU Congress and later published in a comprehensive volume that becomes a valuable international reference on the topic.

To view all past publications, please go to [www.siu-urology.org/society/siu-icud](http://www.siu-urology.org/society/siu-icud).

## NEW PUBLICATION

### SIU-ICUD Individualized Management of Male LUTS

The SIU hosted committee chairs from the SIU-ICUD Consultation on Individualized Management of Male LUTS to present their recommendations during the SIU's 45th Congress in Edinburgh. Led by Co-Editors Stavros Gravas, Dean Elterman, and Andrea Tubaro, this Consultation provided a comprehensive, evidence-based, and practical approach to managing individual patient with LUTS in daily clinical practice.



**Stavros Gravas**  
Cyprus, Co-Editor



**Dean Elterman**  
Canada, Co-Editor



**Andrea Tubaro**  
Italy, Co-Editor



Accessible to members and Academy subscribers, the webcast recorded at SIU 2025 is now available.

## Chapters and Chairs

### Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms in Men

*Karel Everaert, Belgium*

*Philip van Kerrebroeck, Netherlands*

### Patient Assessment

*Marcus Drake, United Kingdom*

### Lifestyle Intervention and Pharmacological Treatments

*Andrea Tubaro, Italy*

### Invasive Surgical Treatments

*Peter Gilling, New Zealand*

*Henry Woo, Australia*

### Minimally Invasive Treatments

*Bradley Gill, United States*

*Kevin Zorn, Canada*

### Predictive Models for Patient Outcome and Success Criteria

*Stavros Gravas, Cyprus*

### Managing Patients with Complications and Persistent Symptoms

*Enrico Finazzi Agrò, Italy*

*The SIU-ICUD Individualized Management of Male LUTS was supported by Boston Scientific, GSK, Laborie, Pierre Fabre Laboratoires, PROCEPT BioRobotics, and Teleflex.*



# UPCOMING COURSES AND EVENTS

## WEBINARS

**Bladder Cancer:  
Beyond Medications – How Surgery  
Has Transformed Patient Outcome**  
(90 minutes).

*Release date to be announced*



**UROTRAINER**



## HANDS-ON TRAINING PROGRAMMES

**May 4-June 6, 2026**

**Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy**

*Registration deadline: April 17, 2026*

**August 31-October 3, 2026**

**Uro-Oncology 10 week Hands-On  
Programme Laparoscopic  
Partial Nephrectomy**

*Registration deadline: August 14, 2026*

**October 19-November 21, 2026**

**Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy**

*Registration deadline: October 2, 2026*

**REGISTER HERE:**

**<https://bit.ly/3NmOxMi>**

*The SIU is happy to continue partnering with Urotrainer, endorsing their premier hands-on training programmes in laparoscopic partial nephrectomy and radical prostatectomy.*

## GrandRounds

**2026**

**Update in Stone Management**

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

0900-1230 CEST (UTC+2)

**Update in Urothelial Cancer Management**

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

0900-1230 CEST (UTC+2)

**Update in BPH Management**

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

0900-1200 CET (UTC+1)

*These educational programmes are supported by  
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or to find more details on  
upcoming events, go to  
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Reach urologists from around the  
world: submit your event for SIU  
endorsement. Visit the SIU website,  
look under the eLearning tab, and  
select Submit an Event for more  
information.

## Introduction to SIUJ's New Editor-in-Chief, Dr Henry Woo

**T**he *Société Internationale d'Urologie Journal (SIUJ)* is proud to announce the appointment of Dr Henry Woo (Australia) as its incoming Editor-in-Chief.

This appointment marks an exciting new chapter for *SIUJ*. After working closely with Dr Black as an associate editor for the Journal—and with decades of experience in research, education, and global collaboration—Dr Woo is committed to strengthening the Journal's role as a trusted source of evidence-based knowledge for urologists worldwide. His vision includes expanding the Journal's reach, establishing a well-structured mentorship program for new authors, and promoting multidisciplinary dialogue to address emerging challenges in patient care.

Dr Woo brings a wealth of experience and leadership to this role. Based in Sydney, he holds appointments across several prestigious institutions and is a renowned urological surgeon specializing in prostate surgery. He is currently the Director of Uro-Oncology at the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Comprehensive Cancer Centre and Head of the Department of Urology at Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals. He holds academic appointments as a Conjoint Professor at the Western Sydney University and Honorary Professor at the Australian National University.

Dr Woo's clinical and research interests focus on benign prostatic hyperplasia and prostate cancer, areas in which he has contributed extensively through clinical trials and academic leadership. Under his leadership, *SIUJ* will continue to focus on publishing relevant and timely scientific updates, while embracing new technologies and perspectives that shape the future of urology.



*The SIU offers its sincerest thanks to outgoing Editor-in-Chief, Dr Peter C. Black (Canada). Dr Black's unwavering support, dedication, and expertise were integral in launching, establishing, and ensuring the continued success of the SIUJ – thank you, Dr Black!*

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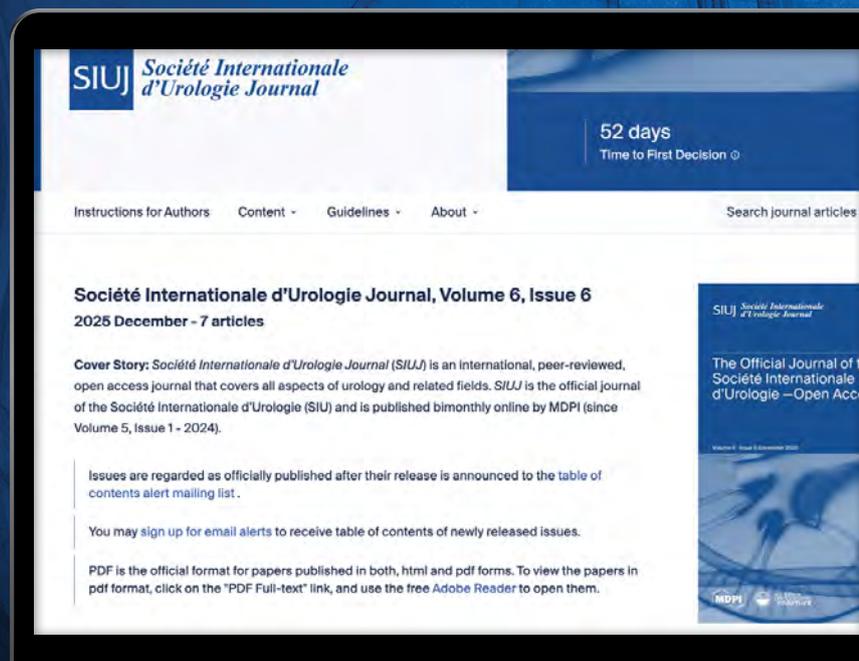
Free for readers and authors (diamond open access).

### Rapid Publication

Manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 51.2 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 34.2 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2025).

### Recognition of Reviewers

APC discount vouchers, optional signed peer review, and reviewer names published annually in the Journal.



## Journal Awards

### Best Paper Award

The *SIUJ Best Paper Award* is granted annually to highlight publications of a high quality with scientific significance and a significant impact. This year, the evaluation committee will choose article(s) published in the Journal from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and announce the winner(s) at the SIU-EUS 2026 Congress in Abu Dhabi. Winners will be awarded CHF 500 in recognition of their valuable contributions.

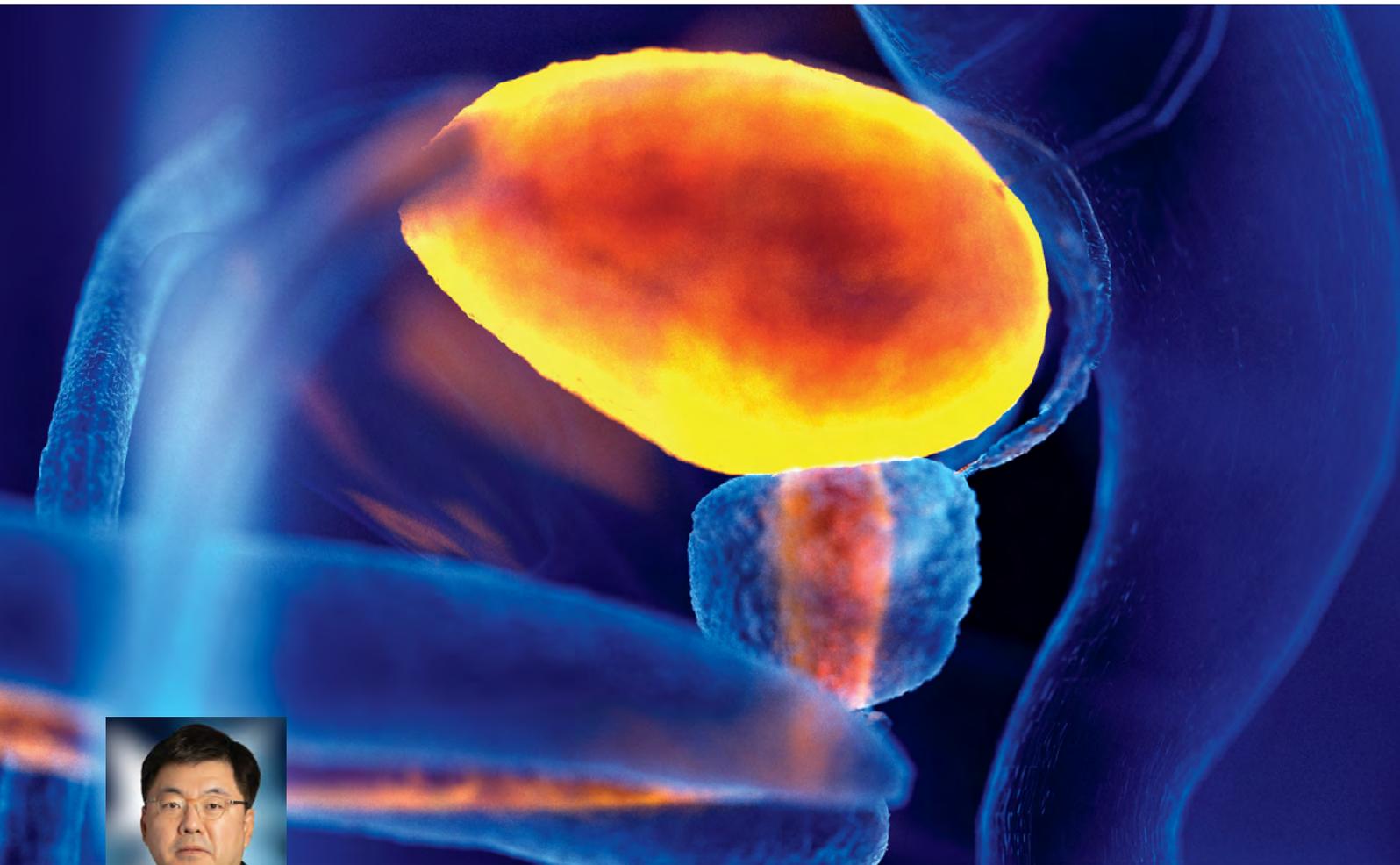
### Outstanding Reviewer Award

The *Outstanding Reviewer Award* is given annually at the SIU Congress to recognize reviewers who generously contribute their time to reviewing papers and display thoroughness, professionalism, and timeliness. Winners will be chosen from all the previous year's reviewers and will be awarded CHF 500 in recognition of their valuable contributions.



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**Sung Kyu Hong**  
South Korea  
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### AN UPDATE ON THE BPH GLOBAL REGISTRY

**> 147**  
Centres submitted

**> 1052**  
Patients added to the registry

**29**  
Centres with IRB approval

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**Apply for SIU Scholarships and share with colleagues!**

### SIU Training Scholarships

The SIU offers two types of training scholarships. Urologists from the developing world who have completed their urology specialization within the past five years\* are eligible to apply.

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*\*Please note that this criterion has changed from 10 years post-MD to 5 years post urology certification.*



Mohammed Ali Saeed,  
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### SIU Scholar Snapshot

*"My uro-oncology fellowship at the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCIRC) continues to exceed my expectations. Exposure to a high volume of complex cases, combined with outstanding mentorship from Professor Sudhir Rawal and detailed guidance in both clinical and surgical care, has encouraged full involvement in every aspect of oncologic management. The integration of hospital-based training with external robotic simulation practice has accelerated my learning in ways that have been truly transformative and has significantly advanced my clinical and surgical skills. Most importantly, this training will have a lasting impact on cancer care in my home country."*



**\*MAY 31, 2026, IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL SIU SCHOLARSHIPS\***

Visit the SIU website and look under "Training Scholarships" or email us at [central.office@siu-urology.org](mailto:central.office@siu-urology.org) for full details and requirements.

# SIU INSTITUTES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## SIU Training Centres

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