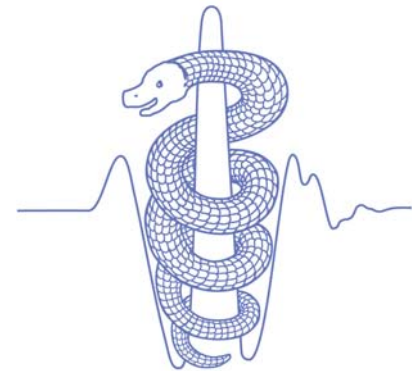


# EFSUMB Newsletter

European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology



## Newsletter Editorial for EFSUMB



As well as this being the last editorial of the year, this marks the end of my time as Editor of the EFSUMB Newsletter. When I look back the changes in EFSUMB, the Newsletter and EJU have been considerable.

When I took over five years ago, the newsletter was a twice yearly publication which my predecessor Hylton Meire put together with great skill. He also had to obtain advertising revenue to pay for the enterprise, something I have been spared.

My tasks have been much easier. Although I have needed to produce copy six times a year and I could always have done with more copy (except for the first issue of the year where I frequently had too much!). I have of course relied very heavily on Gianna who has kept reminding me of deadlines and put each issue together. Without her help you probably would have had nothing to read.

My time coincided with the negotiations to put the newsletter in the EJU which I think has been a great success. The Journal itself has been very successful so that now its impact factor is 2.1, the best ultrasound

journal in the world and as now more than 60% of members of EFSUMB get the journal six times a year there is a chance that most members will know something about the Federation on a regular basis.

The updating of the website which last happened about three years ago is happening again. The new website should be up and running before Christmas and is very attractive. It has been achieved after a modest financial investment and a lot of hard work again by Gianna and reflects the status of the Federation. As you will know the newsletter is available there as well as in the journal.

I would like to be able to tell you who will take over from me but because the elections for the new Publications committee took place after the Board of Directors and the post of Editor of the Newsletter has to be ratified by the Board it will be a few weeks before the person taking over the reins is known. I would like to wish them all the best. I know that the Publications Committee have a number of ideas for new contributions to the newsletter so things will continue to evolve.

Meanwhile, I will not be idle. Even though I have retired from full time Radiology, I am going on to edit the British Journal of Radiology - another great challenge, and will be chairing the Scientific committee for Euroson 2009 somewhere in the UK. I am sure I will meet many of you there if not before.

*David Pilling*  
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## Euroson Congress Leipzig

Leipzig is not a city about which I knew very much before my recent visit for Euroson. To many people certainly in Britain it is a city which was badly damaged in the war and was quite inaccessible until the reunification of Germany in the late 1980's.

It is certainly a city of contrasts - the old city is well preserved and is the place where Johann Sebastian Bach was choir master and brought up his very large family. Goethe the poet is closely associated with the city. There is still much evidence of the rather dull buildings from the 1960's and 70's but also very extensive rebuilding.

The Scientific meeting was of a very high standard as judged by the English language sessions - I am sure the German ones were at least as good but my linguistic limitations made it impossible for me to judge.

Certainly the whole afternoon given over to the new guidelines on the use of Ultrasound contrast media stimulated much discussion and was well attended.

The other session which impressed me was the one on Emergency ultrasound. It was good to hear from enthusiastic clinicians about how this tool is now well in-

egrated into emergency and intensive care practice. My only concerns are that whilst in expert hands it is obviously properly used, in the hands of the less experienced this could be dangerous. I hope the skills of the experienced clinicians can be passed on to those with the same enthusiasm but little experience.

Perhaps if I have one disappointment it is the significant number of speakers (including invited ones) who fail to turn up or cancel at short notice. This is a cause of great concern to the organizers of a meeting and a grave disappointment to the audience.

So my memories of Leipzig are all good - a friendly city with much renovation going on - a good scientific programme to reinvigorate and lots of good "networking" which helps me appreciate how the Federation has evolved into a dynamic organization of relevance to all who practice Ultrasound across Europe.

*David Pilling*

## Euroson 2008

### 31 May – 3 June 2008 Timisoara, Romania

The XXth Congress of European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, in conjunction with the XIth Romanian Conference of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, is the most important event of 2008 for all of us using ultrasound as a medical tool.

It is also an opportunity to visit "The Little Vienna" or "The City of Flowers", as Timisoara is called, and to discover the Romanian hospitality.

The local organizing committee and the Romanian Society of Ultrasound are delighted to be your hosts and invite you to join this event, to explore the beauty of Timisoara and Romania, and to enjoy the special social events that will be prepared for this meeting.

### Accessibility

Timisoara, situated in the west part of Romania, near the boarder with Hungary and Serbia, is easy accessible from any part of Europe, by plain, train or car. Traian Vuia Airport in Timisoara operates as many as 30 international flights a day, and offers direct air connections towards Europe, with countries such as: Italy (Ancona, Bari, Bergamo, Bologna, Florence, Milan, Pescara, Roma, Venice, Verona, Torino, Bari), Germany (Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Munich, Stuttgart), France (Paris), Austria (Wien), Hungary (Budapest), Moldavian Republic (Chisinau) and Ukraine (Lvov). The airlines operating on the Timisoara Airport are: Lufthansa, Malev, Tarom, Au-

strien Airlines, Alitalia, Carpatair, Alpi Eagles, and Sky Europe (from November 2007).

### Website

[www.euroson2008.ro](http://www.euroson2008.ro)

### Venue

The EUROSON 2008 will be held at: The Conference Center Timisoara [www.cciat.ro](http://www.cciat.ro)

### Scientific Program

The scientific program of the congress will include the following:

- ▶ -Congress Sessions based on lectures covering a wide variety of topics in ultrasonography, including new developments and clinical applications in ultrasound, controversial aspects of the current practice in sonography.
- ▶ Scientific sessions where one will be able to learn about the latest research and discoveries in ultrasound
- ▶ Scientific poster session where the latest research in sonography will be presented in a pleasant visual form
- ▶ Meet the expert workshops where the participants will be able to debate ultrasound topics with the experts
- ▶ Satellite symposia held under the sponsorship of the main ultrasound industries
- ▶ Specialist postgraduate courses aimed to improve the ultrasound professionalism of physicians already performing basic ultrasonography.

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### Accommodation Information

Reservation should be made until the 15th of April 2008 to  
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### Important Dates

- ▶ Deadline for submission of abstracts - 15th of February 2008
- ▶ Deadline for early registration - 1st of April 2008
- ▶ Deadline for accommodation reservation - 15th of April 2008