

# NEWSLETTER 2019

November 2019



## Welcome from the President of the Hypospadias-International-Society

**P**articipants from 6 continents attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hypospadias World Congress of the Hypospadias International Society (HIS) in Philadelphia, USA, from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. They were from Algeria, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States and Uzbekistan.

There were 63 presentations, 6 panel discussions, 45 discussion sessions and 9 operative videos. The scientific level of the lectures, panels and educational courses was high and we are receiving very good feedback about the congress.



We would like to thank Dr. Mark Zaontz, Chris Long and Doug Canning for their enormous effort, time and dedication to ensure the high quality and success of the congress.

**Krista Sinclair** and **Tina Mannices** from the Philadelphia-Team ensured the smooth running of registration and tried to fulfill all the needs of the participants.

The **Hypospadias Society Stand** during the Congress in Philadelphia was well visited and we got many new members and very important feedback. By the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hypospadias World Congress in October 2018, we had 75 members in the Hypospadias International Society (HIS). The number of the HIS members has now reached **183 members**, a clear indication of the importance and contribution of the HIS Society in the field of Hypospadias. This is also thanks to enormous voluntary effort (without salary) of Mrs. Petra Hadidi and her dedication to the HIS with heart and soul to promote the society and attract more new members.



*A warm welcome to all new members!*

## The New Hypospadias International Society (HIS) President and President Elect

**Prof. Dr. Mark Zaontz** is the New President of the HIS starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for 2 years.

**Prof. Dr. Antonio Macedo** is the President Elect of HIS for the period 2020 to 2022.



## VIDEO RECORDING OF ALL PRESENTATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

Presentations of the congress have been video recorded and will be edited and gradually added to the members section of the HIS-Website to be available for members for generations to come.

For this enormous work, I would like to thank our friends,

**Mr. Stephan Papke and Mrs. Sandra Papke**

for their wonderful voluntary effort.

They flew all the way from Frankfurt to Philadelphia, dedicated four days of their time to the congress to help with the videography and photography of all the sessions and panels during the congress.





## General Assembly Suggestions

During the General Assembly 3 important suggestions were made:

1) General Information about Hypospadias for the general public and parents on the HIS-Website: We are working on this and we plan to have it available before the end of December 2019.

2) A link for the public to „**Find a Hypospadias Specialist**“ member of the HIS Society:

An e-mail has been sent to all members and we have already got positive response from many members with their contact details.

If you are interested to have your name and contact details in the public section of the HIS-website, please send your name and contact details to [registry@hypospadias-society.org](mailto:registry@hypospadias-society.org)

3) A Clinical Dialogue Corner where members may discuss difficult cases or clinical and scientific issues related to Hypospadias.

## Current practice in Hypospadias Surgery

We need to continually revise and update our practice and techniques in Hypospadias.

**Melissa McGrath** and **Luis Braga** will write to all participants to fill an internet survey regarding their concepts and approach in Hypospadias.

## The Feedback Questionnaire

Many participants filled out the feedback questionnaire at the end of the congress.

The feedback was very positive with valuable comments and suggestions of improvement for future congresses.

These suggestions include live surgery and detailed videos, better sound system, allowing more time for discussions.

Thank you to those who participated!



The **HIS General Assembly** has decided to have the  
**5<sup>th</sup> Hypospadias World Congress** in Brazil in 2021 and the  
**6<sup>th</sup> Hypospadias World Congress** in Turkey in 2022





## Highlights of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Hypospadias Congress in Philadelphia

There were several highlights:

- **The Basic Science Session:** showed clearly that there is still a lot to research and study about the development of the human urethra and that what we learn in textbooks is incorrect and we should not extrapolate from animal studies.
- **The Chordee Session:** A telephone app would be the best method to universally classify the severity of chordee and there is more tendency to perform ventral lengthening rather than dorsal plication.
- **The Masters Session:** Showed that we should not try to re-invent the wheel and learn from the experience of the senior surgeons and the importance of long term follow-up after puberty.
- **The Plastic Surgery Lecture:** stressed the fact that healing after hypospadias surgery may take more than one year to be completed.
- **The Duckett Lecture:** Doug Canning showed the value of the Cecil Technique in salvage procedure where the tissues of the penis are badly compromised.
- **The Hormone Therapy Session:** Although there was tendency to use hormone stimulation in proximal and perineal hypospadias, there is still major controversy regarding the indications.
- **The Proximal Hypospadias Session:** showed that there is tendency use 2 stage repair, ventral lengthening and to avoid bringing the urethra to the tip of the glans in small glans to reduce complications.
- **The Classification Session:** the GMS and MCGU and the 4 grade classifications were presented and there was the suggestion that a phone application is probably the way to provide an objective method of classification.
- **The Complication Session:** showed that there is a major role for local flaps to correct complications and that complications and recurrent chordee may occur up to 15 years after surgery.
- **The Adult Hypospadias Session:** showed the different techniques used to correct complications in adults and the tips and tricks in correcting hypospadias in adults.
- **The Operative Videos Session:** The 9 operative videos showed clearly that there are many excellent techniques to correct hypospadias and that one should use the technique that brings the best results in his hand with long term follow up.
- **The My Worst Complication Session:** showed that local flaps and Cecil principle in addition to grafts are helpful in managing the so-called cripple hypospadias.
- **The Educational Course:** showed the tendency to open access publication and stressed the importance of one year minimal follow up and prospective randomised studies.



### Publication in the Journal of Pediatric Urology



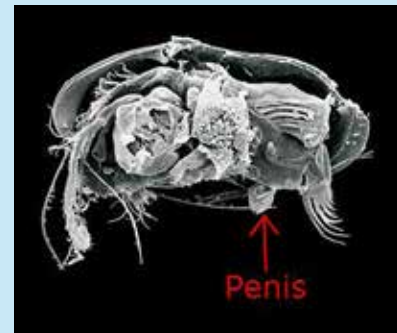
We could reach an agreement with Prof. Caldamone to publish high quality papers presented in the Philadelphia 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress in a single issue in the Journal of Pediatric Urology.

If interested, please submit your paper until **December 19, 2019** to: [ahmedthadidi@yahoo.de](mailto:ahmedthadidi@yahoo.de)

The submitted papers will be reviewed by the HIS Scientific Committee. The accepted papers will be further reviewed by the Journal before publication.

### FACTS - Do you know?

The oldest known penis dates back 425 million years, and its fossilized remains belong to an arthropod dubbed *Colymbosathon epecticos*, which means „amazing swimmer with a large penis“ in Greek.



### Scientific Committee



left to right: C. Long, M. Zaontz, M. Hanna, S. Etker, L. Braga, I. Ulman, A. Hadidi, G. Smith



### Hanna Prize for Clinical Research

The Hanna Prize for clinical research for 2019 is awarded to **Dr. Sameer Mittal** for his work on „Quantifying glans width changes with and without testosterone in patients undergoing hypospadias repair“.



left to right:  
M. Hanna, S. Mittal, A. Hadidi, M. Zaontz



### Hadidi Prize for Basic Science Study

Although hypospadias was described for more than 2000 years, the development of the human urethra, hypospadias and chordee are still unknown partly due to the fact that the findings on mice, rats, rabbits, dogs, sheep and squirrels were extrapolated into human.

The Hadidi Prize is designed to support research in human embryos and hypospadias patients to identify the true mechanism of urethral development, hypospadias and chordee. The Scientific Committee wanted to give the prize to Dr. Martin Cohn Lab to support research on human embryos. However, Dr. Cohn wrote an e-mail explaining that his lab is specialized in mice research and that he can not accept the prize. The Hadidi Prize for 2019 is withheld.



**YOU'RE INVITED**  
**4<sup>th</sup> HYPOSPADIAS**  
**WORLD CONGRESS**



**December 1st, 2020:** On-Site registration starting at 14:00

**December 2-4, 2020:** 4th Hypospadias World Congress  
Vienna, Austria

**Hadidi Basic Science Prize:**

5000 € for the best basic science study

**Hanna Clinical Research Prize:**

1000 € for the best clinical study

**Main Topics of the Congress:**

- Understanding Urethral Development and Hypospadias
- **Chordee:** Fact & Fairy
- **Debate 1:** Why my technique is the best
- **Debate 2:** How I correct others' complications
- Hypospadias Assessment
- Life after hypospadias surgery

**Abstract Information**

**Abstract submission**

June 1 to August 31, 2020

**Abstract acceptance notification**

September 30, 2019

**Registration Fees (Euros):**

	<b>Early</b> (Ends October 31st)	<b>Late</b> (Begins November 1st)
Participants	€ 300	€ 450
Trainees	€ 200	€ 350
Gala Dinner	€ 130	€ 130

**For information:**

[www.hypospadias-society.org](http://www.hypospadias-society.org)

## Preview Vienna, Austria 4<sup>th</sup> Hypospadias World Congress:

Dr. Alexander Springer made a very attractive presentation about the 4<sup>th</sup> Hypospadias World Congress due in Vienna in the period 2-4 December 2020.

He highlighted the lectures, the panels, the Hypospadias Diploma Course and the prizes of 2020.

He showed how beautiful Vienna is during the Christmas period with the famous Christmas Market, Opera, museums and shopping.



Looking forward to seeing you  
in December 2020 in Vienna!



*Ahmed Nadide*  
President HIS