



## President's Letter March 18, 2008

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Dear NAFA member,

As a new elected President of NAFA it is my ambition to try to invoke a renaissance of the organization. Besides the Annual meeting I have the vision of regular e-mails with information about upcoming conferences and courses with topics related to andrology. For example, these events are taking place this spring and summer:

1. **The NAFA Annual Meeting** takes place in Naantali (Åbo) in Finland May 2-6 in collaboration with the European Testis Workshop: <http://etw15.utu.fi/> (web site won't open with MS Internet Explorer, you need Firefox (Netscape): <http://en-us.www.mozilla.com/en-US/> )
2. **Basic Semen Analysis Course** – Karolinska University Hospital, May 19-23  
<http://www.eshre.com/emc.asp?pageId=1047>
3. **Advance Laboratory Andrology: Human Sperm Morphology** – Karolinska University Hospital, June 16-18  
<http://www.eshre.com/emc.asp?pageId=1052>
4. **ESHRE Andrology Group – Pre Congress Course**, Barcelona July 6  
<http://www.eshre.com/emc.asp?pageId=664>

### Paternal inheritance – sperm and epigenetics

**Course co-ordinators: J. Antonio Castilla (E) & L. Björndahl (S)**

**Course description:** From an overview of basic concepts of epigenetic control of the inheritance to prospects of clinical applications.

**Target audience:** Clinicians, paramedicals and laboratory staff with an interest to widen the knowledge about basic and clinical andrology

*DNA methylation in sperm: patterns, regulation and inheritance - M. Benchaib (F)*

*Chromatin packaging and RNA dynamics in sperm - D. Miller (UK)*

*Sperm proteomic and epigenetics - R. Oliva (E)*

*Imprinting in sperm of men with abnormal semen parameters - M Sousa (P)*

*Environmental endocrine disruptors and epigenetics - M.K. Skinner (USA)*

*Transmission of an epigenetic trait by the spermatozoon - M. Rassoulzadegan (F)*

*Sperm-Mediated "Reverse" Gene Transfer - C. Spadafora (E)*

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With the best regards, hoping to see You soon!