The ESGO workshop "Cervical cancer: current trends in prevention, diagnosis and treatment" was organized in Iasi, Romania, in cooperation with the Romanian Society of Colposcopy and the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T.Popa Iasi, between 21st-22nd of September 2012. It was a resounding success due to many factors: the drive and sponsorship by ESGO, the nature and the importance of the subject. Faculty and Candidates, they all contributed to this unquestionable achievement. This workshop has set a high standard for future activities sponsored by ESGO in Romania. We have met all the proposed objectives.

**Workshop: "Cervical cancer- current trends in prevention, diagnosis and treatment"**

**Dates:** 21-22 September 2012

**Venue:** Ramada Hotel, Iasi, Romania

**Organizers:**
- European Society of Gynecological Oncology ESGO
- Romanian Society of Colposcopy and Inferior Genital Tract Pathology
- University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iasi, Romania

**Faculty** represented by:

1. Director of the Workshop, **Mihaela Grigore, MD, PhD**
2. International guests: **Cibula David MD, PhD** (Chair of the Gynecologic Oncology Centre at the General University Hospital of the Charles University in Prague), **Alberto Lopes MD** (Royal Cornwall Hospital, United Kingdom), **PhD; Virginie Fourchotte MD, PhD** (Institute Curie, Paris).
3. Local Faculty: **Mihaela Grigore MD, PhD, Anton Cristina MD, PhD, Ivona Lupascu MD, PhD, Iolanda Blidaru MD, PhD, Nicolae Ioanid MD.**
The faculty worked as a very close team and in complete harmony. The workshop lectures were thorough and highly professional. The already developed program was discussed and every detail intensively probed. The faculty were fully committed and efficiently executed the objectives of the workshops as planned. The contribution of the faculty must be noted.

**Participants**

- There were 110 specialists and residents of gynecology, surgery, oncology.
- The participants came from different areas of Romania, especially from the eastern part of the country, Iasi being the most important city in the region.

**Travel and Accommodation**

Travel arrangements were adequate but we had some issues because of the weather conditions that made the arrival of Dr. David Cibula impossible.

Accommodation was very good and it was provided by Ramada Hotel which had all the required and expected facilities of a 4 stars hotel.

**Scientific Program of the workshop**

**Friday, September 21st, 2012 (New York Conference Room, Ramada Hotel)**

09:30 - 11:00

09:30 - 09:40 *Introduction* Mihaela Grigore MD, PhD (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)

09:40 - 10:00 *Systemic treatments and therapeutic strategies in cervical cancer: a 2012 overview* Assit.Prof. Lucian Miron (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)

10:00 - 10:20 *The road to cervical cancer prevention - Historical perspectives* Prof. Dr. Ivona Lupascu (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)

10:20 - 10:40 *Human papilloma virus (HPV) prophylactic vaccination: Challenges for public health and implications for screening* Prof. Doina Azoicai (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)

10:40 - 11:00 Discussions

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00

11:30 - 11:40 About ESGO Dr. Albero Lopes MD (Royal Cornwall Hospital, Cornwall, Great Britain)
11:40 - 12:00 Understanding surgical anatomy for cervical cancer surgery Dr. Albero Lopes (Royal Cornwall Hospital, Cornwall, Great Britain)
12:00 - 12:20 Pregnancy and cervical cancer? Assist.Prof. Iolanda Blidaru (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)
12:20 - 12:40 Cervical cancer research trends Assist.Prof. Dr. Teleman Sergiu, Dr. Ramona Ursu (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)
12:40 - 13:00 Screening programme policy. Screening strategies for Romania Teodora Vladescu MD (Sf. Pantelimon Hospital, Bucharest)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:30 Surgical procedure in cervical cancer

14:30 - 15:00 Laparoscopic approach to cervical cancer Virginie Furchotte MD, PhD (Institute Curie, Paris France)
15:00 - 15:30 The sentinel lymph node concept in cervical cancer Virginie Fourchotte MD, PhD (Institute Curie Paris, France)
15:30 - 16:00 Total abdominal hysterectomy Ioanid Nicolae, MD (Oncological Institute Iasi)
16:00 - 16:30 Procedures for treating cervical neoplasia Mihaela Grigore (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi), MD,PhD

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 Video session Surgical procedure in cervical cancer

17:00 - 17:20 Prof.David Cibula (University of Prague, Czech Republic)
17:20 - 17:40 Trachelectomy procedure and cervical cancer Nicolae Ioanid, MD (Oncological Institute Iasi)
17:40 - 18:10 Standardization of radical hysterectomy classification Prof.David Cibula (University of Prague, Czech Republic)
18:10 - 18:30 Pelvic exenteration Assist.lecture. Mihai Capilna (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Targu-Mures)

Saturday, September 22nd, 2012 (New York Conference Room, Ramada Hotel)

09:00 - 11:10 - Colposcopy session

09:00 - 09:10 About Romanian Society of Colposcopy and Lower Genital Tract Disease Prof. Cristina Anton (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)
09:10 - 09:40 Colposcopy in cervical intraepithelial neoplasia Prof. Dr. Cristina Anton (University of
09:40 - 10:00 *Management of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia* Elena Mihalceanu, MD (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)

10:00 - 10:20 *Avoiding errors in colposcopy - tips and tricks* Mihaela Grigore, MD, PhD (University of Medicine and Pharmacy Gr.T. Popa Iasi)

10:20 - 10:40 *CIN - Colposcopy image recognition* Rosin Oana, MD (Cuza Voda Hospital Iasi)

10:40 - 11:00 *Diagnosis and management of cervical glandular lesions* Teodora Vlădescu, MD (Sf. Pantelimon Hospital, Bucharest)

11:00 - 11:10 Closing the workshop

**Conclusion**

The Workshop has met a high scientific level and set a standard for any future courses and workshops to be held under the auspices of ESGO. University Of Medicine Iasi and the Romanian Society of Colposcopy were a suitable and generous venue for the workshops and courses. More important, the scope of rising to the level of the challenges such courses can arise was successfully achieved. The number of candidates and duration of the course were wisely agreed upon. The faculty worked in unison.

I congratulate ESGO on a successful educational activity, thank them for helping me and I deeply thank Dr. Alberto Lopes for his contribution to this very important event. We look forward to future ones with positive anticipation and enthusiasm. The future holds a lot of promise.