

Our reflections on EUREP 2026

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We were delighted to represent USANZ at the European Urology Residents Education Programme (EUREP) in Prague from 4–9 September 2026. Joining fellow trainees from across Europe and further afield, we enjoyed a remarkable week of education and networking at an exciting stage of our careers. It was a privilege to share the experience as the Australian representatives.

The six-day programme combined lectures with case discussions, surgical videos and opportunities to test our knowledge. The breadth of teaching encouraged us to revisit areas beyond our day-to-day clinical focus and consider familiar problems from a European perspective. For us, a key educational benefit was the opportunity to reflect on the reasoning behind clinical decisions and how evidence translates into practice across different settings.

The emphasis on hands-on education was particularly impressive. Workshops offered training across endourology, laparoscopy and robotics, alongside areas such as functional urology and transplantation. The combination of simulation, small-group teaching and direct feedback provided a useful model for surgical education.

Sharing educational activities with our European colleagues highlighted the value of the ongoing EAU–USANZ partnership. Learning together across different training and healthcare settings broadened our perspectives and strengthened connections between our urological communities. Exchanges such as EUREP help develop this relationship through shared experiences and continued opportunities to learn from one another.

The opportunity to connect with other trainees and established urologists was equally rewarding. Meeting colleagues approaching the same transition towards independent practice created an immediate sense of camaraderie. There was much to learn from one another, and these connections offered a foundation for future fellowship opportunities, shared learning and research collaboration. The week made the international urological community feel much closer.

Prague provided a wonderful setting for the exchange. Outside the programme, we enjoyed exploring the Old Town, taking in the views from the castle and enjoying the local food, with the city's rather generous desserts a particular highlight!

We sincerely thank USANZ and the Australasian Urological Foundation (AUF) for supporting this opportunity and investing in the development of trainees. We returned with renewed enthusiasm for our specialty and connections we hope to maintain throughout our careers. We would warmly encourage future trainees to apply.

Photographs from EUREP 2026

