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Urology in Eastern Europe in the 1990s

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Introduction

‘Eastern Europe’ is very difficult to define exactly and is changing with the time, but over the last decades (1980–1990s) the definition comprised those countries to the east of the ‘Iron Curtain’. These countries differ in all aspects, i.e. economic, socio-cultural and political. The intention of the present review was to create an informative but not overly analytical survey. A detailed questionnaire was devised based on other questionnaires used earlier by the Société Internationale d’Urologie (SIU), the European Board of Urology (EBU) and the European Society of Urology (ESU) [1, 2]. The question-

quarterly) and *Przegląd Urologiczny* (Urological Review, bimonthly), ro (*Romanian Journal of Urology*, quarterly), ru (‘Урология’ and ‘Андрология и Генитальная Хирургия’) yu (*Yugoslav Journal of Urology*, issued sporadically), sk (*Urologia*, every 6 months), tr (*Turkish Journal of Urology*, quarterly in Turkish). For national urological web-sites, the following are available:

- <http://users.freenet.am/~aau> (am)
- <http://www.cus.cz>, and <http://web.vol.cz/cus/> (cz)
- <http://www.gua.org.ge> (ge)
- <http://www.urologs.lv> (lv)
- <http://www.pturol.org.pl> (pl)
- <http://www.sru@sru.ro> (ro)