Dear Colleagues!

This newsletter has been a little slow in coming but now with the early spring, also up here in the north, I will get it out. The Palermo meeting was a success because of the nice practically oriented program and the weather. The participation was good with 452 participants from 42 countries in spite of the difficult location and the somewhat high prices. My best thanks to Silvio and Alan, who made it work and to all of you for participating. The meeting also made a profit and the Italian Society of Paediatric Nephrology donated their share to our ESPN Registry fund. Many thanks to our Italian colleagues.

Franz Schaefer, Necla Buyan and Alan Watson finished their term on the council and were replaced by Dieter Haffner, Rostock, Nicolas Webb, Manchester and Ayfer Gür Güven, Antalya. My best thanks to the old ones and the new council members are welcomed. We will have our first council meeting in Amsterdam 8-9th of June 2007 in connection with the registry committee meeting and meet our new registry part-time secretary. There are many important matters to be decided.

I enclose a list of the new members elected in Palermo and Mari-Claire Gubler and Ira Grifer were elected honorary members of our society. They will be honoured in Budapest. As you know we have been working hard on getting the registry running and now most countries are reporting, we have a half-time secretary, good representatives on the EDTA/ERA registry committee (Jane and Enrico) and some starting money. In Palermo we met with representatives of the national societies and most of them promised some support. I have sent an official letter to them last fall and in Amsterdam Peter Hoyer will report how many have actually contributed. I hope that you all do your best to promote our efforts. There are also quite a few, even distinguished, members of our society, who not have paid their membership fee for more than 3 years. All of them have received a letter urging them to do so, otherwise we have to exclude them from the Society. Our membership fee is much lower than for example the American one, but is a very important income to develop our activities. You can pay your fee over the internet from our homepage. If you have problems, please contact Graham Smith smithgc@cardiff.ac.uk. We are investigating registering ESPN in Germany or UK as the EDTA/ERA to be able to apply for EU money to run our registry. The registry committee is working hard and studies can be initiated within the next year.

In Budapest Pierre Cochat is taking over as President elect on the council and we have to elect a new Assistant secretary. After his year as President elect he can take over as Secretary general if the membership so wishes. We also have to elect the Secretary general for which position I can be re-elected for one more year. Francesco Emma, Rome will finish his term on the council and we have to elect one new council member in Budapest. Also, the Treasurer has to be elected. Peter Hoyer can continue for one more year, but after that he has to be replaced. According to the constitution council members have to be suggested by three members 2 months prior to the General Assembly (Sunday 2 September 2007 at 13.00 in Budapest) in writing to the Secretary general. One does not apply for these positions, but the members have to ask their candidates and suggest them. As previously, the council will discuss the matter and have own candidates, which takes into account the geographical distribution of our council members in addition to their qualities. Also, if you have sug-
Pierre Cochat has started the process of up-dating our textbook and many of you will be involved in that process. Graham Smith, Ryzard Grenda and Alberto Caldas Afonso are up-dating our Website to make it more efficient and attractive for our members. If you have any ideas, please let them know. Jochen Ehrich has gone into great trouble in preparing a report on the early days of ESPN and this will be published as a supplement to Paediatric Nephrology.

The regional secretaries of IPNA had a meeting in New York in March 2007. Matters discussed were inclusion of the Panarabic society in some way, the Budapest meeting this year and the 2010 meeting in New York. Funding matters in the future and teaching courses and IPNA-grants, an important activity for IPNA in developing paediatric nephrology in the world were discussed in detail.

Our next General Assembly will be in Budapest Sunday 2 September 2007 at 13.00 and we also plan a meeting for the Representatives of the national societies. The time and place will be announced after the council meeting in Amsterdam in June.

Best wishes for the summer, see you all in Budapest!

Christer

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After the IPNA-meeting in Budapest our next ESPN meetings will be in Lyon in 2008 chaired by Pierre Cochat and 2009 in Birmingham chaired by Mark Taylor and the planning is well under way. Our members should already prepare applications for the 2011 meeting.

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Upcoming meetings

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31 August – 4 September, 2007
Budapest, Hungary

Notification for Authors: 31 March, 2007

Early bird registration deadline:
15 June, 2007

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Early bird registration: 15 June, 2007
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PRE-Congress Meetings
Renal Development Workshop
28–29 August, 2007 — Pécs, Hungary
Paediatric Hypertension Meeting
31 August – 1 September, 2007 — Budapest, Hungary
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25–30 August, 2007 — Budapest, Hungary
Pediatric Dialysis Day
31 August, 2007 — Budapest

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