



## The ESPN congress in Antalya

The ESPN congress took place in October in Antalya, Turkey. It was a great success with 600 participants. The fears of safety before the meeting proved to be unfounded and the surroundings for the congress were great. Ample opportunity to meet people and build relations.

The meeting had a few new types of sessions. One was **Controversial topics**. In six such sessions eminent colleagues present their opinion on e.g. **Salt is dangerous** and **Treatment with Eculizumab in aHUS can be stopped**. One speaker presented the **yes** view and **one** the no position.

Four **State of the art lectures** presented excellent topics a wide variety of subjects. They included how bears manage to sleep for six month without producing urine and without losing muscle or bone mass. Something to learn from to improve care in AKI! We learnt about The importance of the fecal flora for health and in particular renal health. And also about the importance of epigenetics.

Excellent teaching classes were given every morning at 7.30 for young and bright. They were very well received. There were four pre-congress courses on **Nephrourology, Genetics, Histopathology and CKD/MBD/dialysis** that had attracted many participants.

As previous years, ten participants were awarded with “Best congress abstracts”, and ten young participants received ESPN Travel Grant. Six Research Grants were also distributed, promoting collaboration among Paediatric Nephrology centres across Europe.

Together with the Junior Classes we now provide full **European Paediatric Kidney Week**.

There was a very nice social program. This included a wonderful performance from the Opera in Antalya. We were invited to Beach Party on a bridge in the see. A lot of dancing. The Gala dinner had wonderful food and again dancing.

## ESPN Junior Classes

The 2nd IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes, second cycle, was held in Antalya, October 1-2, just before 51st ESPN Annual Meeting, has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 12 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). This IPNA-ESPN Educational joined 75 junior attendees from all over the world, 31 different nationalities, and 14 IPNA and ESPN speakers. The program comprised the second year of the masterclass syllabus. Twelve students completed the 3-year program, and were graduated!

Both students and teachers attended our Junior Class Fun Run and Graduation Dinner.

Look out for 2nd IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes presentations, available on [ESPN website](#).

## Results ESPN council elections

**Elena Levtchenko** was reelected for another year as President of ESPN. The title was voted during the meeting from previous Secretary General. **Rezan Topaloglu** was elected for one more year as Assistant President.

**Jun Oh** was elected as ESPN Treasurer.

As new ESPN Council Members **Max Liebau (Germany)**, **Martin Christian (UK)** and **Augustine Jankauskiene (Lithuania)** were elected.

## Results of ESPN /ERA-EDTA Registry Vice Chairman

**Enrico Vidal** was elected.

## ESPN 2020

**Ljubljana**, the lovely small capital of **Slovenia** will host the ESPN meeting of 2020. We can here look forward to a meeting in peaceful and beautiful surroundings. Ljubljana is an old town that has more than a 1000 year history but still has not more than 280.000 inhabitants.

It will take place between 16 – 19 September 2020. Please mark this date in your calendar already now.

## Meeting with the chairs of national paediatric nephrology associations

Representatives from the ESPN council met with the national chairs during the Antalya meeting. Three important topics were discussed. Provision of paediatric nephrology care in all European countries had been surveyed. The difference between rich and less well-off countries was smaller but, not unexpectedly, still there.

The paediatric nephrology training in Europe was discussed and new syllabus was presented. [Please click here](#). The need for support from this is different in different counties. We also discussed if ESPN should organize an European Board examination approved by the European Union of Medical Specialists.

Different ways to improve the number of members in ESPN were also ventilated.

## Call for ESPN WG

[https://www.espn-online.org/espn\\_working\\_groups.php](https://www.espn-online.org/espn_working_groups.php)

## Call for ESPN congress in 2021

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## Call for membership

To renew your ESPN membership for 2019, [please click here](#) and enjoy the benefits of membership.