



ESPAN Newsletter – October 2017

Dear ESPAN Members, colleagues and friends,

We are pleased to share and update you about recent developments and upcoming events of ESPAN.

The ESPAN congress in Glasgow

The ESPAN congress took place in September in Glasgow. It was a huge success with a total of 861 participants. The focus of the meeting was the celebration of our 50 year anniversary as society. Of the 508 accepted abstracts, 86 were presented as oral communications and 422 were presented in poster sessions. Ten participants were awarded with “Best congress abstracts”, and ten young participants received ESPAN Travel Grant.

The organizers had in a very clever way asked all speakers to in make historical look back; what did we know about this condition 50 years ago and how could we treat it at that time. This gave an excellent perspective on how far we have travelled during these fifty years. Most of the children who we treat now would not have survived a long time 50 years ago!!

The speakers did also give their predictions on where we would be in 50 years from now. This gave a mixture of extending the present development further to totally science fiction predictions. Most of us will not be around at that time to defend our predictions.

The scientific meeting was accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 25 European CME credits (ECMEC®s).

The meeting ran in parallel with several other meetings: EWOPA for psychosocial aspects of our care and separate meetings for nurses and dieticians, as well as EPU and ERA-EDTA joint sessions, and the first Young Paediatric Nephrologists’ session. This combination of meetings proved a success.

During the social program we were given the expected and very nice Scottish flavor with men in kilts playing bag pipes. The evening dinners were in places where we could get acquainted to Glasgow’s brilliant architect Charles Rennie McIntosh and his exceptionally good artist wife Margaret Macdonald. There was also place for exercise at ESPAN 5K Fun Run in aid of Kidney Research UK.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Heather Maxwell (Congress President) and Richard Coward (Chair Scientific Committee) and to all contributors and participants who made this event a remarkable success.

ESPN 50th anniversary celebration

Several past, some already retired, ESPN members were interviewed about the past 50 years of ESPN and Paediatric Nephrology in their countries and in Europe. Video interviews with older colleagues, patients in the 1970s and ESPN Secretary Generals are available on [ESPN YouTube channel](#). You can register and review the 50th ESPN anniversary celebration from Opening Ceremony with a welcome message of Gavin Arneil, the founder of ESPN.

ESPN Junior Classes

The 1st IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes, second cycle, was held in Glasgow, September 5-6th, just before 50th 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 72 junior attendees from all over the world, 31 different nationalities, and 14 IPNA and ESPN speakers. The program comprised the first year of the masterclass syllabus. Eighteen students completed the 3-year program, and were graduated! Look out for 1st IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes presentations, available on [ESPN website](#).

Results ESPN council elections

This year, for the first time, ESPN Council elections was performed using password protected electronic voting system.

Six new ESPN Councilors were elected (Sevcan A. Bakkaloglu Ezgu from Turkey, Olivia Boyer from France, Marina Vivarelli from Italy, Kjell Tullus from UK, Jun Oh from Germany and Ana Teixeira from Portugal) will join ESPN council for a period of three years ([ESPN Council web page](#)).

We would like to thank former Council members who had accomplished their terms (2014-2017).

ESPN representation in IPNA council

Giovanni Montini was elected for ESPN representation in IPNA council. Ana Teixeira will continue as Junior Representative.

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 with more than a 1000 year history but still has not more than 280.000 inhabitants.

ESPN 2018 – Antalya

Our next ESPN congress will be held in Antalya, Turkey on **4-6 October 2018**. There will, on **3 October**, be four different **full day teaching classes** in renal pathology, genetics, urology focusing on children who wet and kidney stones and on CKD/MBD and dialysis.

The planning of the program is well under way and looks very interesting. There will be six **controversial topics** where eminent colleagues will debate interesting topics. In the mornings we plan nine **morning teaching classes**.

There will be four **state of the art lectures** that promise new insights into very **interesting and hot topics**. **There will of course also be a large number of symposia**, oral and poster presentations.

Please mark these dates in your calendar already now.

Other Meetings

IPNA teaching course and Southeastern Europe Pediatric Nephrology Working group:
"Personalized Genomics in Pediatric Nephrology: From The Lab Bench To The Bedside."
November 17-18th 2017, Bucharest, Romania.
Click [here](#) for meeting program.

"Management of Polycystic Kidney Diseases from Childhood to Adulthood"
December 2nd 2017, Leuven, Belgium.
Click [here](#) for meeting program.

Call for ESPN Working Groups

ESPN working groups (WGs) are actively functioning in various fields, you will find their programs and projects in their individual areas. You can join them with your proposals and ideas. Consider that you can enter the WG Board, if you are actively working in these areas and if you want to be a leader of a new initiative. To see the ESPN Working Group Regulations please click [here](#).

ESPN QUIZ

[Clinical Quiz 7](#) is currently 'open'. Please participate and email your answers to CME@ESPN.org
In two weeks, we'll upload Clinical Quiz 7 – Answers, also containing Journal Club articles supporting this case report management and follow-up.

Thank you Dr. Marina Vivarelli, Idiopathic Nephrotic Syndrome WG Coordinator and CME Lead!

The trainee with the largest number of correct answers for the year (& the first to respond) will receive free registration for the next ESPN meeting.

Call for membership

If you still have to renew your ESPN membership for 2018, please click [here](#) and enjoy the benefits of membership.

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