

**ESPN Newsletter,
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Dear ESPN members, colleagues and friends,

This is a short summary of recent activities and upcoming events of interest in pediatric nephrology.

ESPN Annual Meeting 2015

[The 48th ESPN Annual Meeting](#) is approaching: 9 weeks left for our Annual Meeting which will be held in Brussels, September 3-5, 2015. The carefully prepared scientific program is online and includes state of the art lectures, symposia, oral communications and guided poster sessions. Moreover pre-congress educational courses, master classes, special sessions for junior attendees, and an exciting social program are awaiting you in Brussels! In addition to the established partners of the ESPN such as IPNA and ERA-EDTA, the congress will present new sessions in collaboration with [ESPU and ICCS \(European Society of Pediatric Urology, International Children's Continence Society\) and industry sponsored symposia.](#)

Early Registration deadline expired on June 15, 2015. But, you can still save if you [register before August 20, 2015](#); thereafter you will have to pay onsite registration fee.

Before the Congress, on September 1 and 2, [the Second ESPN/IPNA Master for Junior Classes](#) will be held in Leuven-Belgium. The scientific program is already available [online](#).

ESPN supported/endorsed events

Below is a list of events that have been successfully held within the last months; we thank our members and colleagues for their efforts.

- "Nephrology Week 2015" in London; April 13-17, 2015.
- "ESPN-IPNA supported CME Course: Vth South Eastern European Pediatric Working Group" in Sarajevo; April 22-24, 2015.
- "Pediatric HDF/HD Day" in Istanbul organized by ESPN Dialysis Working Group; April 23-24, 2015.
- ERA-EDTA Annual Congress in London: sessions dedicated to Pediatric Nephrology and Symposium "What is new and hot in paediatric nephrology: report of ESPN Working Groups activity" May 28-31, 2015. ESPN booth in the Exhibition area promoted our Society and the upcoming congress in Brussels.

Upcoming European Events in 2015

- July 16-18, 2015; **8th International Conference on PCRRT**; London, United Kingdom
- September 17-20, 2015; [European Academy of Paediatrics \(EAP\) 2015](#); Oslo, Norway

Save the dates for IPNA 2016 and ESPN 2017!

Brazil will host the [17th Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association, IPNA 2016](#), from **September 20 to 24, 2016**. The Congress venue will be located in one of the most amazing cities in the country, **Foz de Iguaçu**. world famous for its dramatic waterfalls. The Congress will be

preceded by concurrent meetings on Critical care nephrology, Nephropathology, Rare diseases and Research methodology.

Dates for the **2017 ESPN Congress in Glasgow** will be 7-9th September 2017. Please save the date. There will be an update on the planning at this year's ESPN congress.

Vacant position for the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry

The position of the vice-chair of the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry Committee will become vacant from September 2015. If you are interested in being a candidate, please send your name and short CV before **August 15, 2015** to [Franz Schaefer](#) or [Jaap Groothoff](#).

Surveys

The ESPN has promoted in the last 3 months 3 surveys for sharing Members opinion on some controversial issues

- ADPKD in children: to test or not to test
- Should we always perform Renal Replacement Therapy in children with a severe mental disability?
- Help us know the young pediatric nephrologists in Europe. If you are under 40, please help us bridging the gap by [filling the questionnaire!](#)

The results of these online surveys will be presented and discussed during the upcoming ESPN congress in Brussels.

Membership

If you still have to renew your ESPN membership, [please click here](#)

Best wishes for a great summer!

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