

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

This message is aimed at informing you about recent developments and upcoming events.

ESPN Annual Meeting 2015

[The 48th ESPN Annual Meeting](#) will be held in Brussels, September 3-5, 2015. There are few days left for submitting your abstract! The deadline expires on the [March 31st 2015](#). Outstanding plenary speakers, exciting symposia and free communication sessions, special sessions for junior attendees, multiple teaching activities, high standing industry symposia and thrilling 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 start new collaborations with European Society of Pediatric Urology (ESPU) and International Incontinence Society (ICCS). Travel grants and awards for young participants will be provided.

Before the Congress, on September 1 and 2, the ESPN/IPNA Junior Classes will continue its so appreciated three years program.

Book your hotel and do not forget that the Belgium Beer Weekend in the Central Market is coinciding with the Congress!

Working Groups

[ESPN working groups](#) are actively functioning in various fields, you will find their programs and projects in their individual areas. 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: WG Board consists of 4 members + 1 chair. Over the three years after WG foundation all board members will be replaced one by one, on annual basis voted by all members.

You can join WG meetings in Brussels during the Annual Meeting; the schedule will be announced soon at the ESPN website.

Events

- [“Nephrology Week 2015”](#) directed by Dr. D. Bockenhauer and Dr. K.Tullus will be held in **London**; April 13-17, 2015
- A combined [ESPN-IPNA Course](#) will be held in **Sarajevo**; April 22-24, 2015.
- ESPN Dialysis Working Group has organized [“Pediatric HDF/HD Day”](#), to be held in **Istanbul** on April 23-24, 2015.

- [ERA-EDTA Congress](#) in **London**, May 28-31, 2015. All the ESPN members will receive free online access to the two journals NDT and CKJ.

The World Kidney Day

You can reach the centers and their activities which were conducted on The World Kidney Day 2015 on our website www.espn-online.org.

Training

"Recommendations for the training of European Paediatric Nephrologists" produced by the [ESPN Committee](#) are posted in the website and are open to your comments and advice.

Young Pediatric Nephrology Network (YPNN)

ESPN would like to launch a Young Pediatric Nephrology Network (YPNN) to enhance communication and to reinforce exchange programs and research across Europe, and to improve collaborations between junior European pediatric nephrologists. If you are under 40, please help us bridging the gap by filling the [questionnaire!](#)

Website renewal

We are currently working on renewal of our website, and hope we will have a comprehensible, handy and informative website soon.

Membership

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

Best wishes for a great spring!

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