



ESPAN Newsletter

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Dear ESPAN members, colleagues and friends,

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

IPNA Congress 2016

The 17th Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) was held in Iguazu, Brazil from 20th to 24th September 2016 with 1,150 participants from 7 regions and 90 countries. The Congress preceded by pre-congress workshops (Critical Care, Rare Diseases) and courses (Renal Pathology, ICCS-IPNA Nephro-Urology, Dialysis, IPHA-IPNA Hypertension, and Research Methods). During the Congress 5 plenary talks, 36 concurrent symposia were held; participants presented 657 posters.

ESPAN members have actively contributed to the Congress; 16% of participants were from Europe and 30% of all submitted abstract were coming from Europe. Five posters were presented on behalf of ESPAN/ERA-EDTA Registry. We congratulate our representatives who received IPNA Honorary Members & Awards during the Congress:

Honorary Members 2016: O. Mehls, P. Niaudet

Ira Greifer Awards 2016: P. Niaudet, J-P Guignard

Renée Habib Award 2016: J. Bacchetta

Lifetime achievement Award 2016: L. Rees
ESPAN General Assembly was held during the Congress, on 22nd September 2016.

50th Anniversary Meeting of ESPN, 6-9 September 2017

50th Anniversary Meeting of ESPN will be held in Glasgow on 6-9 September, 2017.

Heather Maxwell (Congress President) and Richard Coward (Chair Scientific Committee) look forward to welcoming you to Scotland in 2017 to celebrate 50 years of the ESPN. The theme is “*What have we learned in the past 50 years and where will we go in the next 50 years?*” The main ESPN programme will include five world-class, state-of-the-art plenaries; several joint sessions with other societies (ESPU, ERA-EDTA, and EWOPA). Parallel sessions will cover many hot topics and novelties. Each of the 7 ESPN working groups will present on the past, present and future for their area. There will be a separate Young Paediatric Nephrologists’ session.

IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Class will take place on 5th and 6th of September, 2017. The programme will comprise the first year of the master class syllabus.

Abstract submission will open in January 2017. The abstract deadline is 1st May 2017.

For more detail please visit the [website](#) of the Meeting.

Research Grant Awards 2016

Following the call (March 2016) for research proposals to be supported by ESPN, the following applications have been awarded ([ESPN Research Grants](#)):

- Burkhard Toenshoff (Renal Transplantation Working Group): “Polyomavirus Infection and Nephropathy in European Paediatric Renal Transplant Recipients”
- Rukshana Shroff (CKD-MBD Working Group): “Assessing calcium balance in children with chronic kidney disease to optimise treatment strategies (Cal-Bal study)”
- Djalila Mekahli and Max Liebau (Inherited Renal Disorders Working Group): “ADPedKD: a European web-based database for longitudinal data registry of children with ADPKD”

The Third IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes

The Third IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes was held on October 28-30, 2016 in Leuven-Belgium with a great success. Seventy participants, from 27 countries joined the Junior Class; 29 attendees who completed 3-year programme received their Certificates.

Slides of the Third IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Class will be accessible soon for ESPN members and course participants.

For other upcoming “[Renal Meetings](#)” and “[Pediatric Meetings](#)” please click “Events” on our website

Continuous Medical Education (CME)

We hope that you are enjoying the “Clinical Quiz” in the Open Access area of our website. The Clinical Quiz” includes a clinical question or image (clinical / radiology / biopsy) with multiple choice question presented each month to challenge and stimulate our younger members. Please participate and email your answers to CME@ESPN.org *The two trainees with the largest number of correct answers for the year (& the first to respond) will be given free registration to the next ESPN meeting!* We hope you find the [quiz](#) educational and fun.

You can also reach the quiz from [ESPN website](#).

World kidney day, 9 March2017

On World Kidney Day (WKD) we want everyone in Europe to be aware that the future kidney health of our children is at risk. The theme for 2017 is “*Kidney Disease & Obesity: Healthy Lifestyle for Healthy Kidneys*”. Please visit “[WKD website](#)” for details and materials. We hope that many colleagues from pediatric nephrology centers and societies will join WKD on March 9, 2017 with different activities to encourage and facilitate education, early detection and a healthy life style starting in early childhood to combat the increasing risk of preventable kidney damage.

Membership benefits and renewal

By becoming a member of the ESPN you will enjoy all the initiatives of the association with an extremely favorable cost and [benefits](#).

If you still have to renew your ESPN membership 2016 or 2017, please click [here](#) and enjoy the benefits of membership.

Please visit our new website! ([ESPN Website](#))

Best wishes for a great autumn and winter!

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