

## ESPAN Newsletter

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Dear ESPAN members, colleagues and friends,

We are pleased to share with you a brief summary of the 48th ESPAN Annual Meeting, and to inform you about recent developments.

### ESPAN Annual Meeting 2015

The 48th ESPAN Annual Meeting which was held in Brussels, on September 3-5 2015, was a great achievement. ([ESPAN 2015 Congress Website](#)) Number of participants was 762; more than 100 participants from Africa, Asia, Australia, North and South America had also attended our Meeting. Pre-congress Meetings, Plenary Master Classes, State of the Art Lectures, Symposia, Oral Communications and Poster Sessions provided a unique atmosphere to share and discuss recent development in the field of pediatric nephrology. Of the 560 accepted abstracts, 67 were presented as oral communications and 493 were presented in poster sessions.

Eleven young participants were awarded with “Best abstract award”, and ten participants received ESPAN Travel Grant. ([Click here to names of awardees](#))

The Second ESPAN/IPNA Junior Classes was held before the Congress on September 1 and 2, in Leuven.

We wish to express our *sincere gratitude* to Johan Vande Walle (Congress President) and Elena Levtchenko (Chair Scientific Committee) and to all contributors and participants who made this event a great success.

Slide presentations of Invited Lectures allowed for publication are now available on the ESPAN website ([membership area](#)).

## **ESPN General Assembly**

ESPN General Assembly was held during the Meeting, on September 4, 2015. During the General Assembly, ElenaLevtchenko, the former Assistant Secretary of the Society since 2010, has been elected as the new Secretary General of our Society ([Elena Levtchenko short bio](#)); Rezan Topaloglu ([Rezan Topaloglu short bio](#)) has been elected as the new Assistant Secretary; Larisa Prikhodina ([Larisa Prikhodina short bio](#)) and Gema Ariceta ([Gema Ariceta short bio](#)) have been elected as new Council Members for a period of three years. Jerome Harambat has been elected as a Vice President of the ESPN –ERA-EDTA Registry ([Registry Website](#)).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Rosanna Coppo who was ESPN Secretary General for the last three years (2012-2015); we appreciate her hard work during a very fertile and innovative term. We also appreciate the efforts of Fatos Yalcinkaya and Stefanie Weber who have accomplished their terms as Council Members (2012-2015).

## **ESPN PCO Election**

Following a very competitive and fruitful series of meeting and conversation with renowned companies, Flap Tour has been elected as ESPN PCO for 2016-2018 by the majority of ESPN council members.

## **Membership**

If you still have to renew your ESPN membership 2016, please click [here](#).

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

Best wishes for a great autumn!

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**Rezan TOPALOGLU, ESPN Assistant Secretary**

**Dieter HAFFNER , ESPN Treasurer**

**Ali DUZOVA, ESPN Council Communication**