

ESPN Newsletter December 2012

The ESPN intends to strengthen the European network of Paediatric Nephrologists, hence this letter is sent to a broad mailing list, which, with your help, is going to grow further. Paediatric Nephrology is a niche Science, further subdivided into a number of activity fields. The knowledge needed to attain and to maintain a high standard is challenged by the rarity of the diseases and the variety of the necessary skills. In Europe several Groups dedicated to various subentities of Paediatric Nephrology are active and provide outstanding collaborative results. The ESPN wants to facilitate the communications and the networking among the existing Groups as well as to create new Working Groups, devoted to the expanding areas of interest and activity.

In 2013 a new ESPN portfolio will be offered to the Paediatric Nephrologists

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- To enter connections with paediatric nephrologists from all over Europe and with IPNA and ERA-EDTA
- To benefit from reduced fee for Annual ESPN Meeting registration and educational activities organized by ESPN.
- To have access to specific grants provided by ESPN and to information including support for teachers and trainees.
- To participate at ESPN - ERA / EDTA registry activities and to the new ESPN Working Groups which will be established in 2013.

Starting from 2013 you can benefit from combined membership fees with International Society of Pediatric Nephrology (IPNA). Please note that you save 46€ (60 \$) for the IPNA membership if you use the combined membership!

- ESPN members only: **50 €**
- ESPN members only: reduced fee for the developing countries: **20 €**
- Combined ESPN and IPNA member, including the Print Journal "Paediatric Nephrology": **140 € (110 € for developing countries)**
- Combined ESPN and IPNA member, with only the Online Journal "Paediatric Nephrology" without the Print Journal: EUR **90 € (60€ for developing countries)**

Payment can be done via the ESPN homepage: <http://espn-online.org> beginning on **January 1st 2013**.

ESPN members are requested to pay the combined fees by **28th February 2013**. Thereafter, they will be charged for each individual transfer fee (10 €).

Next meeting of the Paediatric Nephrology Community:

- Istanbul, May 18-21, 2013. The Annual ERA-EDTA Congress will hold a dedicated track of Paediatric Nephrology, including 4 CME Courses in the opening day (possibility of one day fee) and a full Paediatric Nephrology continuous flowing programme, including 5 Symposia, 2 Master Classes, 4 Mini Lectures, Free Communications. Apart from this programme dedicated to Paediatric Nephrology, the ERA-EDTA full congress offers a relevant high

quality educational opportunity. Travel grants applications are available for the best abstracts presented by young doctors and researchers (visit: <http://www.era-edta2013.org/en-US/home>). Abstract deadline, January 18, 2013.

- Shanghai, China, August 30- September 3, IPNA 2013. There will be 8 state-of-the-art and keynote lectures, 40 scientific symposia, and 12 CME sessions. Awards will be given for the best oral and poster presentations. The Congress will be complemented by half- and full-day satellite workshops devoted to CKD, dialysis, hypertension, charity activities, and rare inherited kidney diseases. There will be reduced registration fees and up to 100 travel grants for junior attendees. Affordable housing will be available in 4- and 5-star hotels close to the venue. The website (www.ipna2013.org) is now open for online registration, abstract submission (deadline, March 31, 2013), hotel and tour reservations.

Hereby we would like to take the opportunity to wish you, your family and friends Merry Christmas and happy and healthy 2013!

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