

ESPN Newsletter July 1th, 2013

Dear ESPN members, colleagues and friends,

We would here like to inform you about the recent developments and achievements of our Society.

Membership.

The combined membership fee ESPN- IPNA, launched by Pierre Cochat in 2012, and the campaign to promote our empowered Society appeared to be very successful.

- At June 30, 2013 we have **216** active ESPN Members (**75** - ESPN only and **141** – combined ESPN and IPNA), reaching much higher membership figures than in the past years.

Mailing list.

- With great contribution of all active ESPN Members we assembled a list of e-mails of doctors interested in Pediatric Nephrology : **1133** e-mail addresses from **16** Countries! This comprehensive mailing list allows a capillary diffusion of news and favours the useful networking activities of our Society.

Working Groups

- **7 ESPN-Working Groups** have been established in 2013, and are dedicated to unify and promote activities related to the subjects of 1) Transplantation, 2) Dialysis, 3) CKD-MBD, 4) CAKUT/UTI/Bladder Disorders, 5) Inherited Kidney Diseases, 6) Nephrotic Syndrome and 7) Immune Mediated Disorders.
- Each ESPN WG Board consists of 5 board members, 1 liaison with the ESPN Registry, 1 liaison with the ESPN Council and 1 liaison with the corresponding ERA-EDTA WG. For further details please check our website at <http://espn-online.org/working.php> ; all interested active ESPN members are welcome to join one or more of the working groups.
- Among other tasks, these WG are asked to organize CME Courses and Lectures at Congresses and ESPN Meetings, provide educational material on the Website, develop new studies and promote registry activities linking with the ESPN –ERA-EDTA Registry

Liasoning with ERA-EDTA and IPNA

- The Pediatric Nephrology track during the 50th Congress of the ERA-EDTA, held in Istanbul, May 18-21, 2013 was a very good opportunity to share our knowledge and problems with the Nephrologists taking care of adult patients. All Pediatric sessions were highly appreciated by the whole audience.
- We are looking forward to meeting you at the IPNA 2013, Shanghai, Aug 30-Sept 3, 2013. The scientific program is excellent and so will be the possibility of exchanging news with the quickly emerging Asian societies.

Election of ESPN Officers

- The positions of the **ESPN Secretary Treasurer** and **ESPN Assistant Secretary** will have to be renewed at the IPNA Meeting 2013 in Shanghai. Applicants will be voted at the IPNA General Assembly, Sept 1, 2013 We got already applications from Elena Levchenko as Assistant Secretary and from Dieter Haffner as Treasurer (they can be renewed), however, any other application is welcome.

ESPN Training and Travel grants can be found on the website (<http://espn-online.org/training.php>)

Forthcoming Meetings:

IPNA 2013, Shanghai, Aug 30-Sept 3, 2013
ESPN/IPNA CME course, Moscow, Oct 22-24, 2013
ERA-EDTA 2014, Amsterdam, May 31-June 3, 2014
ESPN 2014, Porto, Sept 18-20, 2014

● **Reminder:** A renewal of ESPN or combined ESPN/IPNA membership can now easily be done through the website.

<https://www.flaptour.com/a/espn/index.php>

We look forward to seeing you in Shanghai!

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