

Dear ESPN members, friends and colleagues,

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

### **IPNA congress in Venice**

**The 18th IPNA Congress will take place October 17-21 2019 in the unique city of Venice, Italy.**

The congress will be held on Venice Lido, a peaceful barrier island that separates the Venetian Lagoon from the Adriatic Sea. It is located a few minutes from Venice's historic centre by Vaporetto, the boat-bus.

The scientific program to match the creative and technological inventiveness of the location: inspiring, engaging and cutting edge. Abstracts submission deadline is **May 31**. **Fifty Travel Grants** will be distributed; application information is available on the Congress website. Meetings of ESPN Working groups and Meeting with ESPN national presidents will be organized in Venice. The announcements will be circulated.

### **IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes**

The Third IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes in the second cycle will take place on **15-16 October**, just before IPNA Congress, also on Venice Lido. We have prepared a two-day course specially dedicated to acute renal failure, dialysis, transplantation and chronic renal disease.

This IPNA-ESPN educational program is especially dedicated to Paediatrics residents, Paediatricians with special interest in Paediatric Nephrology, fellows in Paediatric Nephrology and young Paediatric Nephrologists. The whole program includes three meetings in three consecutive years. Full attendance will give you the IPNA-ESPN Master. A **CME certificate** is distributed after the meeting, also for those who have not been able to accomplish the whole cycle.

We will accept up to 50 applications. ESPN membership is mandatory. For application procedure, please send your short CV (birthday mandatory) to Prof. Rezan Topaloglu ([rezantopaloglu@hacettepe.edu.tr](mailto:rezantopaloglu@hacettepe.edu.tr)) or Dr. Ana Teixeira ([anafteixeira@gmail.com](mailto:anafteixeira@gmail.com)). Deadline for applications - July 10 2019.



## ESPN Paediatric Nephrology Board Examination

ESPN council and Educational committee have recently updated European Paediatric nephrology training syllabus [click here](#)

[ESPN Educational committee](#) has started to prepare European Paediatric Nephrology Board Examination together with UEMS and EAPS.

## ESPN representatives in IPNA council

ESPN council in April 2019 elected four new ESPN representatives in the IPNA council:

Adrian Lungu

Ali Duzova

Olivia Boyer

Elena Levtchenko

## Collaboration with ASPN

Since last year, the ESPN Council has been working on a project to strengthen the scientific cooperation with the American Society of Ped. Nephrology (ASPN) and the Midwestern Pediatric Nephrology Consortium (MWPNC).

The aim is to develop joint studies and strengthen already existing collaborations. In addition, the two societies have agreed to send a liaison to each program committee every year. This exchange between ASPN and ESPN will hopefully enrich the planning of both meetings.

## Collaborations with industry

It is an important aim of the ESPN Council to further expand its cooperation with partners from industry. We would like to enhance our visibility and offer the possibility to facilitate trials or studies.

One major aim would be to improve patients' enrolment in ongoing studies and possibility to increase fundraising for specific projects. To achieve this, the council, together with the ASPN and Nephcure International, has decided to engage in intensive dialogue with industry, FDA and EMA representatives.

## Call for ESPN President and ESPN Assistant President

The terms of Elena Levchenko and Rezan Topaloglu as ESPN president and Assistant ESPN president will come to an end in October 2019. If you want to apply for one of the posts, please send your CV and motivation letter before **June 30** to [Elena Levchenko](#).

Please also include two supporting letters from ESPN members. Electronic vote will be organized in September 2019.

## ESPN registry – calls and opportunities

The ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry, Europe's population-based registry for paediatric RRT, collects individual patient data on more than 20,000 patients from 38 countries. The database includes core data on demography, renal disease, treatment modality and outcomes, as well as a variable subset of anthropometric, clinical, and medication-related parameters.

The 10 consecutive years of data collection resulted in more than 40 scientific papers in high-ranking medical journals. An important part of the Registry's research activities arises from the successful internship programme, which has so far led to 19 (junior) paediatric nephrologists or researchers from 11 European countries visiting the Registry.

Funding possibilities by the ESPN and ERA-EDTA fellowship programmes are available if you are also interested in performing a research project on the Registry.

For more information please visit our website: [www.espn-reg.org](http://www.espn-reg.org).

## ESPN educational support / teaching courses

ESPN continues to support trainees and centres for educational activities.

Deadlines for applications are **September 1** and **February 1**.

The decision will be taken by ESPN council in October 2019 and in February/March 2020.

## ESPN 2020 in Ljubljana

The 52nd ESPN Meeting will take place in **Ljubljana, Slovenia, on September 16-19 2020**.

An outstanding scientific program together with very attractive social activities are being prepared for you. Ljubljana is a peaceful and beautiful old town with a more than 1000-year history.

Please mark this date in your calendar already now!

## Call for ESPN congress in 2021

The host city for the next ESPN meeting in 2021 will be decided in Venice during our general assembly.

The candidates are Dublin and Amsterdam.

For the template, you may contact with [espn@espn-online.org](mailto:espn@espn-online.org)

## Call for further ESPN congresses, 2022 and beyond

ESPN council proposes to start with yearly ESPN congresses. At present we organize meetings two out of three years. We have previously not had an ESPN meeting during the years of the IPNA meeting.

The benefits of having yearly meetings is to provide all European colleagues an opportunity to attend an annual meeting in Europe (which is especially important for juniors and those having financial constrains to travel long distances beyond Europe) and to increase our earnings.

The activities of ESPN are largely financed by the surplus from the meetings. One more meeting means more income. A downside from more ESPN meetings is the competition with the IPNA meeting.

To limit this potential conflict, ESPN council suggests planning ESPN meetings in Europe with a time lag from IPNA meeting and not to organize ESPN during the years when IPNA congress takes place in Europe. This suggestion will be discussed and decided in Venice.

## Call for membership

To renew your ESPN membership for 2019, please [click here](#) and enjoy the benefits of membership.

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