



ESPN Newsletter December 2019

Dear ESPN members

I am thankful to you for supporting me during the elections.

Our society is already quite well developed and established. I aim to progress with scientific matters and increase social interactions. For this purpose, me, the ESPN officers and the council are working on the following equally important topics: increase the membership, fundraising, liaison with collaborating societies, continue working groups activities and the ESPN research grant programs, and attracting juniors via junior classes and teaching courses. All these will be towards the European Paediatric Nephrology Board Examination.

I am very happy to work with your ongoing support. Thank you.

Rezan Topaloglu

President of the ESPN

ESPN membership update

This year our society reached an historical maximum of 518 active members, 75 nationalities.

Thank you all for your active participation.

ESPN Educational Committee

With the aim of harmonising Paediatric Nephrology in Europe, the ESPN Educational Committee has approved the European Training Requirements for Training in Paediatric Nephrology. [It is available on the ESPN website.](#) We plan to create new teaching opportunities, adding to the already ongoing IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes. New webinars will be created that will cover the whole Paediatric Nephrology syllabus.

The Board Examination Survey, launched in September 2019, was very well received with 192 responses (38% junior, 62% senior doctors). More than 80% of the respondents stated that they would apply for a European Paediatric Nephrology certification.

The committee is discussing the creation of a **Fellow of the European Society for Pediatric Nephrology (FESPN)** diploma, a specific application for senior colleagues in Paediatric Nephrology based on demonstrated extensive experience rather than board examination.

ESPN website

The ESPN website has been redesigned. The slider on the home page will be used to promote forthcoming relevant meetings as well as important news items. For most, clicking on the image will take you to a relevant website or document for more information. As well as a re-formatting, there are some new sections, including links to national paediatric nephrology societies and links to patient information (by condition and by language). There are also new pages with important paediatric nephrology links and pages for industry sponsors.

If you spot any missing or incorrect information, or if you want to make any comments about the website, please contact Martin Christian (martin.christian@nuh.nhs.uk).

IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes

This IPNA-ESPN educational program was launched in 2014 and continued every year, always before the ESPN congress. During these last 6 years, we had more than 400 students, from more than 40 different nationalities. Seventy-four students completed the 3-year cycle and received the IPNA-ESPN Master.

The Third IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes (second cycle) lectures are already available for ESPN members (<https://www.espn-online.org/ipna-espn-junior-class/>).

Thank you to all teachers and contributors for this success.

IPNA 2019 Congress in Venice

Giovanni Montini, Alberto Edefonti and Francesco Emma write:

The 18th IPNA Congress in Venice was a memorable event. 1828 is the new record for the number of total congress participants (1702 congress members plus 126 exhibitors' staff), 1222 the total number of accepted abstracts (102 presented as oral communications). More than 110 nations were represented in Venice. The Scientific Program covered a wide range of nephrological issues. A special acknowledgement to Julie Ingelfinger and the Scientific Committee for their active participation. The enjoyable Gala Dinner was hosted in the Venice Arsenale, a location full of historic importance and pivotal in the prosperity of the city over the centuries due to its shipbuilding activity.

We sincerely thank you all for your attendance and support and for making the experience unforgettable for us all. We would like to wish Calgary all the best for the 19th IPNA congress in 2022.

ESPN 2020 in Ljubljana

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

Registration is now open. Highlights include:

- Eminent speakers such as Prof Pierre Ronco, Prof Arvind Bagga, Prof Santiago Rodríguez de Cordoba, Prof Rachel Lennon;
- 4 pre-congress courses, focusing on Nephropathology, CRRT in the ICU, Nephrourology and Nutrition in renal failure (physician/dietitian pre-course sponsored by Vitaflo);

- A joint symposium with EDTNA for physicians and nurses/other allied health professionals focusing on Transition in Pediatric Nephrology (abstract submission accepted separately from AHPs and physicians).

Abstract submission will be announced soon. <https://espn2020.org/>

ESPN 2021 in Amsterdam

The 53rd ESPN meeting will take place in Amsterdam. Please mark the dates in your calendar already now: 16-18th September 2021.

Call for ESPN congress in 2022 and 2023

We have decided to hold an ESPN congress also during the year that we do have an IPNA meeting. The general assembly in Ljubljana will therefore decide on the location for both the meeting in 2022 and 2023. A decision has been to make the meeting during the IPNA year a “budget” low cost meeting to promote attendance also of young colleagues.

Please submit your application and get the opportunity to show your beautiful city.

Send your preliminary application to the ESPN president. Deadline is 5th February 2020.

Research grants

ESPN will also this year be able to provide research grants of a maximum of 20.000 Euros each. The grants are aimed at promoting collaboration between European centers and only applications who can show such collaboration will be approved. <https://www.espn-online.org/application-for-research-grants/>

New council members

Five council members will step down in Ljubljana and the new councilors will be decided during the general assembly.

ESPN is aiming for geographical spread of the council members. Your application should be accompanied with your CV, motivation letter and support letters from two members of our society.

Please submit your applications to the ESPN president. The last application date is 14th June 2020.

Call for membership

May we remind you to pay the membership fee for 2020. You can do that as a joint membership with IPNA and with that also receive a free subscription of Pediatric Nephrology.

<https://www.espn-online.org/become-a-member/>

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