

Corona virus

We will not send you an update on the infection, as you will have many more and better sources, and every scenario is changing every day. Many of you will however during the present time have gained a lot of new experience on how to work under a new and unprecedented kind of pressure and uncertainty.

We would like to invite you to share your experience with our ESPN community. From the present virus pandemic, have you learnt something that you think all of us would benefit from? Or do you have other noteworthy experience that you would like to share?

Please send your input to [Ana Teixeira](#) and [Kjell Tullus](#), we will put it together and distribute it to our ESPN members.

Research grants

Please remember send in your application for a research grant. The grants are to promote collaboration between different ESPN centers. The deadline is 31st March 2020.

<https://www.espn-online.org/application-for-research-grants/>

ESPN Educational Committee

Our ESPN Educational Committee (<https://www.espn-online.org/education-committee/>) continues working together for the Harmonization of Paediatric Nephrology Training in Europe and the European Paediatric Nephrology certification. 'ESPN Certificate in Paediatric Nephrology' will be the Quality Mark of theoretical knowledge in Paediatric Nephrology. National and European authorities might use ESPN

board certificate for the recognition of qualified specialists and evaluation of practical training on the long term.

[European Requirements for Training in Paediatric Nephrology](#) was approved by the ESPN council and endorsed by the European Academy of Paediatrics.

For both onsite and web-based teaching please refer to [IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes – 3-year curriculum](#) and joint webinars with [ERKNet](#) and [IPNA](#).

Cancelled meetings

You will be aware that many scientific meetings are being cancelled just now. This includes ISN World congress that was planned for Abu Dhabi 26-29th March 2020.

The yearly ERA-EDTA congress for 2020 is planned to happen in Milan in early June. Italy should hopefully by that time again be open for travel but the meeting will take place in a fully virtual manner.

ESPN 2020 in Ljubljana

We sincerely hope that the Corona epidemic will be long gone by September so that the 52nd ESPN Meeting will take place. We are of course still planning to go ahead with it in [Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 16-19th September 2020](#)

IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes

This IPNA-ESPN educational program is now starting its third 3-year cycle. It will take place on the 14 and 15 of September just before the meeting in Ljubljana.

Deadline for applications is 10th May 2020. To register for the course please use the link below.

<https://espn2020.org/junior.class.php>

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.

ESPN congress in 2022 and 2023

We have two applications for the meeting 2022s. One from Oviedo, Spain submitted by Fernando Santos. The other from Vilnius where Augustina Jankauskiene will be the chair for the meeting. Both of them will be voted at GA for ESPN 2022. For the meeting 2023, we have also an application from St. Petersburg by Alexey Tsygin.

New council members

Please submit your applications to become a new council member. Five vacancies will be open in September 2020.

Your application should be accompanied by your CV, your motivation letter and support letters from two members of our society. Please remember that ESPN is aiming for geographical spread of the council members and applicants from countries not represented in the present council are thus encouraged.

Send your application to the [ESPN president](#). The last application date is 14th June 2020.

The results of former online voting will be announced during ESPN general assembly in Ljubljana.

Do not forget to pay your membership fee

ESPN is a society totally dependent on its strong active members. Make sure that you are part of us.

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

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