



ESPAN Newsletter July 2020

Dear ESPAN members, friends and colleagues,

Times are strange. We have all experienced something that we have not liked and have never imagined before. Many things have changed and one of them is our ability to travel and to meet. Both personally and scientifically. Let us hope that the worst part is already gone and look into the future with our best wishes.

In the newsletter we want to update you all about how ESPAN is planning for the next coming months.

IPNA-ESPAN Master for Junior Classes

IPNA - ESPAN Master for Junior Classes 2020 will be held online on September 19-20, 2020. With this course, we will initiate the Junior Classes Third Cycle and the program will review latest updates on antenatal hydronephrosis, CAKUT, UTI and VUR, voiding dysfunction, fluid and electrolytes management, renal tubular acidosis, Alport syndrome and thin membrane disease, podocytopathies and ciliopathies, ADPKD and ARPKD, renal involvement in metabolic diseases and mitochondrial cytopathies. This year, and concerning the present context, we will also have a very special lecture "COVID-19: special focus on the kidney".

ESPAN membership is mandatory for this course attendance. For application and registration, please send your CV (short form, with birthday information) to Prof. Rezan Topaloglu (rezantopaloglu@hacettepe.edu.tr) or to Dr. Ana Teixeira (anafteixeira@gmail.com)

Deadline for new applications – July 30th.

ESPAN meeting in September

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sadly the ESPAN 2020 meeting in Ljubljana was cancelled. We will be having a Virtual Meeting on Friday September 18, 2020 in the afternoon. Access to the platform will be provided to all ESPAN members who have renewed membership for 2020. There will be 3 plenary talks, covering both translational and clinical aspects of Pediatric Nephrology with eminent speakers, and a focused session on COVID-19. There will be space for questions and discussion. In the morning, there will be a few industry-sponsored symposia. At the end, there will be a brief session of videos commemorating pillars of European Pediatric Nephrology who left us this year (some due to COVID-19), followed by the ESPAN General Assembly. The entire contents of the virtual meeting will be recorded.

Please find here [the program](#).

Welcome to ESPN General Assembly

Following the ESPN Meeting, we will have our virtual ESPN General Assembly.

The agenda will include:

- General Assembly concluding comments
- Welcome to new ESPN Council members
- Results of Research Grants Applications
- WG activities.
- ESPN 2021 Amsterdam video presentation

Call for ESPN congress in 2022, 2023

ESPN 2022 will take place in Ljubljana.

For ESPN 2023 there are two candidates: Vilnius and St. Petersburg. Applications will be voted either in General Assembly or by electronic system in 2021.

Council member election

In September 2020, five council members (Ana Teixeira (Portugal), Kjell Tullus (United Kingdom), Marina Vivarelli (Italy), Olivia Boyer (France), Sevcan A. Bakkaloglu Ezgu (Turkey)) will finish their 3 year terms.

We thus have five vacant positions this year; all active ESPN members can choose up to 5 persons from the candidates.

Electronic voting will be open from August 10 to September 18 (5 pm, CET), 2020.

If more than one candidate from the same country applies in the same round, only one can be elected. This will be the candidate with the highest number of votes.

The result will be announced at the General Assembly.

ESPN Research Grants

The aim is to stimulate collaboration between Pediatric Nephrologists in Europe and beyond and to promote clinical or basic science projects pertinent to children with renal disorders.

Research grant submission for 2020 closed May 31, 2020.

Applications are under review the results will be announced at the General Assembly

Project leaders must acknowledge the support of ESPN in any publication or presentation resulting from their work. They may be asked to present their results at the ESPN congresses or ESPN teaching activities.

Call for membership

May we remind you [to renew your membership](#). You can do that as a joint membership with IPNA and get our excellent Pediatric Nephrology Journal.

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