

Minutes of the ESPN Working Group Chairs and Liaison Virtual Meeting of January 25, 2021

Start 3pm CET, end 4:10 pm CET

Attendees: Council: Rezan Topaloglu, Dieter Haffner, Jun Oh, Augustina Jankauskiene, Max Liebau, Aysun Karabay Bayazit
WG Chairs: Elena Levtchenko, Burkhard Tönshoff, Rukshana Shroff, Johan Vande Walle, Silvio Maringhini
(excused: Marina Vivarelli, Martin Christian)
Flap Tour: Gül Dinç

Rezan Topaloglu welcomes the group and gives a brief overview of the actual activities of the ESPN. Thereafter a fruitful discussion developed about the current and future organization of working groups, potential new topics and needs of the working groups in order to further flourish.

There was a general agreement that the working groups are very successful and that all participants encourage to move on. It was agreed that smaller group meetings like done by the working groups are very important, that collaboration should be improved, e.g. with respect to the Nutrition Task Force, and that ESPN members should be encouraged to become working group members. To this aim, the ESPN president will send some slides to the working group chair to be shown at the next meeting in order to encourage people to become ESPN working group members (**RT, WG chairs**).

There is room for improvement of the ESPN webpage of the working groups. The chairs of the working groups are encouraged to send material to the ESPN office. Burkhard Tönshoff would like to ask ESPN office to put the newsletter of the transplant working groups on the webpage (**Flap Tour, WG chairs**).

There is a general agreement that the working groups may meet as the whole group twice a year, for example in spring and autumn. The ESPN office will send out reminders to the chairs of the working group twice yearly to asking on suitable dates for such meetings and thereafter will send out doodle polls to the respective working groups in order to find a suitable date. The ESPN office would be delighted to support the working group chairs to organize this kind of regular meetings (**Flap Tour, WG chairs**).

So far, there are regular webinars organized by ESPN/ERKNet which are usually done monthly and are dealing with one educational topic each. With respect to IPNA webinars they are always about an (international) guideline. The group agrees that regular ESPN working group webinars may be initiated from the working groups, e.g. for the duration of 2 – 5 hours dealing with different topics of the

working groups and that the speakers may also be from outside ESPN, i.e. societies like Japanese societies or American Society of Pediatric Nephrology. Jun Oh who is the liaison to these societies would be delighted to bring the working groups and other societies together. This kind of webinars will be announced and organized by the ESPN office using the zoom-platform. The organizers of such webinars need to check that there is not too much overlap with ongoing webinars which can be seen on ESPN/ERKNet/IPNA homepage [**Flap Tour, WG chairs, JO, EL (educational committee IPNA/ESPN/ERKNet webinars)**].

Finally, Elena Levtchenko would like to include the working group chairs and member of the working groups in the ESPN board examination team. This will be discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed that we probably meet again before summer this year (**EL**).

Rezan Topaloglu thanks all the attendees for this fruitful discussion. Next meeting in May (**Flap Tour**).

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President of the ESPN

Dieter Haffner
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