



ESPAN Spring Newsletter

March 2021

COVID-19 pandemic message

Dear ESPAN members,

We hope that you are all healthy and safe, the vaccination rate is increasing rapidly in your countries and hopefully we will get back to normal lives and face to face meetings again soon.

ESPAN Board Examination in Paediatric Nephrology



After the success of the first year from its creation, we will continue offering this opportunity to our members on a yearly basis.

The next planned session will be held in **November 20th, 2021**. More details will be announced later on during the year.

Fellow of European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (FESPN)

In the context of having senior/qualified colleagues in Paediatric Nephrology and after introducing our Board Examination, we are introducing for the first time a category called Fellow of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (FESPN). We would like to thank our members for applying.

Their applications will be evaluated by external and internal reviewers and the final results will be announced at our ESPN General Assembly in Amsterdam 2021.

Mentorship program in ESPN

We were delighted to have feedback from many ESPN members in our preliminary survey with regards to our mentorship program. We would like to thank you as this has helped us tailor our program to our community needs.

ESPN Mentoring program's goals is already launched and is set up to include ten mentees per class. Candidates must be ESPN members, under the age of 35 years and not necessarily having finished their training in Pediatric Nephrology. The closing date of applications is **May 15th, 2021**. More details about the program can be found [in the webpage](#).

World Kidney Day 2021



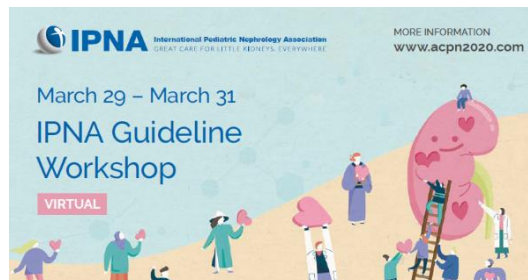
The World Kidney Day Steering Committee has declared 2021 the year of “**Living Well with Kidney Disease**”. This has been done in order to both increase education and awareness about effective symptom management and patient empowerment, with the ultimate goal of encouraging life participation. Due to COVID-19, activities were very limited, even though raising awareness that many children with kidney diseases around the world are lacking proper care is highly needed. And if care is offered, many children with kidney diseases still suffer from the social consequences of having a chronic illness.

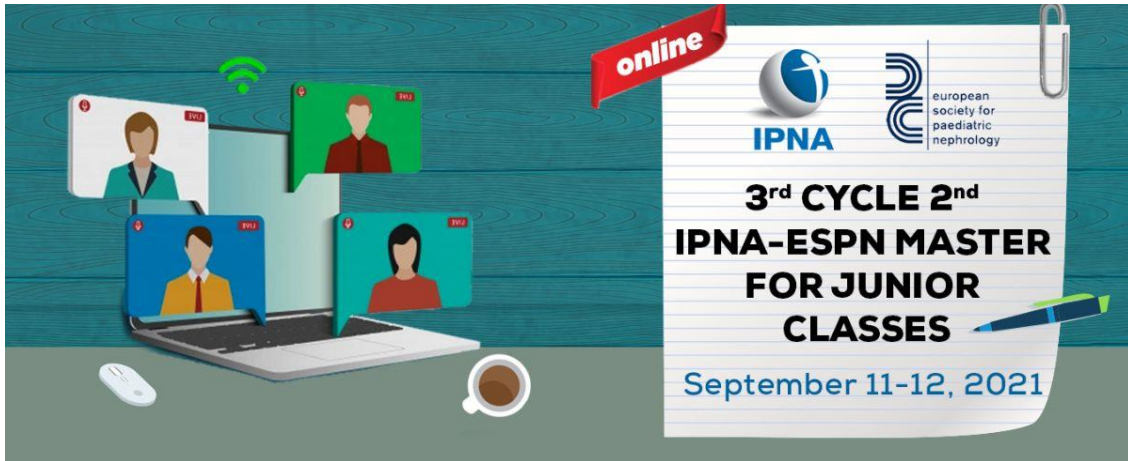
To support global care for children with kidney diseases, please [visit the IPNA campaign](#) Great Care for Little Kidneys.

This year’s World Kidney Day theme is Living Well with Kidney Disease and [worldwide activities](#) can be followed.

ESPN / IPNA future congresses & other renal meetings:

IPNA will hold a virtual workshop on **Evidence-based Clinical Management in Pediatric Nephrology** on March 28-31, 2021. The workshop is dedicated to guideline methodology, distribution and implementation. Registration is free (<https://acpn2020.com>).





3rd Cycle 2nd IPNA-ESPN Junior Master Classes 2021, will be held virtually on **September 11-12th**. With regards to the preliminary program [please check our website](#). We will accept 100 applications and this course is free of charge. Deadlines for applications: **31st of May 2021**.

For application procedure, please send your short CV to Prof. Rezan Topaloglu (rezantopaloglu@hacettepe.edu.tr) or to Dr. Ana Teixeira (anafteixeira@gmail.com).



ESPN 2021 will take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on the **16-19th September** as an hybrid meeting with a limited number of attendees due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, there will be full online coverage and interaction from anywhere in the world.

More information, including the preliminary program is included [in the official website](#).

Deadline for abstract submission is the **15th of April**.



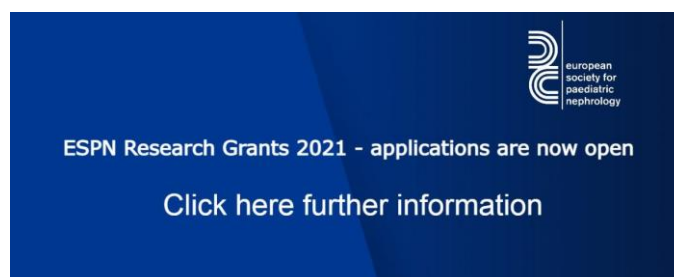
IPNA congress will be held in Calgary, Canada in 2022. [Visit IPNA website](#).



ESPN 2022 will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia on **22 – 25th June**, preceded by junior classes on the 20th and 21th June 2022. The program is under preparation. Please bear in mind that in 2022 there will be both the IPNA Congress and ESPN Congress.

ESPN 2023: We have 2 candidates for hosting our ESPN 2023 annual meeting (Vilnius, Lithuania and St.Petersburg, Russia). The final decision will be made during General Assembly ESPN 2021.

ESPN Research Grants



We are glad to announce that ESPN is increasing the amount of money dedicated to research grants this year. Our **research grants** will cover up to 80.000 euros and they will be divided in three categories:

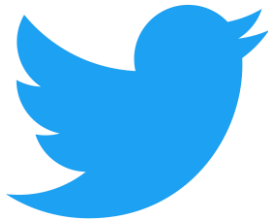
- 1) general grants (application should be supported by an ESPN WG),
- 2) WG grants and
- 3) Young Investigator Award grants (for our young members aged up to 35 years old).

Please [check our website](#) or do not hesitate to contact one of our members for further information.

Please bear in mind that unsuccessful candidates from previous years may re-apply but they need to declare previous submissions on the application form and itemize how the revised application has addressed previous reviewers' comments.

Here, we would like to recall to our members that ESPN is offering **training grants** for their young members in order to benefit from clinical attachments in large ESPN training centres within Europe. The total amount of each grant will be up to 3000 for a period of 6 months spent in another centre. For more information before applying and support throughout the application process, please [check our website](#) and/or contact our *Young Paediatric Nephrology Coordinator*, **Dr. Evgenia Preka** (evgenia.preka@gmail.com).

Social media



We are happy to announce our new Twitter account **@ypnn-espn** which is specifically created for all our young members but... not only! So, stay tuned !

Do not hesitate to contact us or directly use our [@espn](#) or [@ypnn-espn](#) twitter logos to promote research and education in our community. Any information about webinars, lectures, courses, take home messages and other educational activities that might be of interest for the rest of the Paediatric Nephrology community are very welcomed and appreciated. Do not hesitate to contact us if needed.

Call for new members in September 2021

In 2021, 3 council members will finish their terms so we are looking forward to receive new applications for joining our team. The official call will be announced at the web site in **May 2021**.

Call for membership

Become A Member

Our community is getting bigger and bigger! We are proud to announce that we have reached 660 members until now! Please remember to [renew your membership](#). You can do that as a joint membership with IPNA and get our excellent Paediatric Nephrology Journal either as an online or a printed version. Our society would love to welcome new members from all over the world and empower our dynamic role in the Paediatric Nephrology Society! Do not hesitate to get in contact and submit your interest/apply for membership.

Happy covid-free Easter to all !



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