



ESPAN Summer Newsletter

July 2021

## COVID-19 pandemic message

Dear ESPAN members,

We know that vaccination rates are improving rapidly in each country and that everyday life is progressively coming to where we were used to before covid-19. Hopefully, we will be able to meet each one of you in the near future, with first great occasion our 2021 Annual meeting at Amsterdam in September.

## 53<sup>rd</sup> ESPAN Annual Meeting



We are happy to inform you that we have launched the **website of the scientific meeting of the ESPAN meeting Amsterdam 2021** [www.espn2021.org](http://www.espn2021.org) and that we have opened the **registration**.

The Covid situation has forced us develop a new format for the congress which will be held as a **hybrid virtual and onsite meeting**.

The hybrid form combines the best of a virtual and a live meeting:

Compared to the traditional situation, it improves access for those with less financial means or for delegates who are not able to travel for other reasons. It also offers the

possibility to review key takeaways and watch parallel sessions as presentations will be available on the congress web portal for 3 months following the meeting.

Compared to fully virtual meetings, the hybrid form facilitates social contacts and networking. This makes the congress *more lively* for both virtual and onsite attendees. In order to take this to a higher level, we will stream the meeting from all halls. There will be a director in each hall with **multiple cameras** and a **two-way IT-service** allowing for live interaction with speakers in- and outside the lecture hall and the public. There will be a **TV-studio** at the venue for interviews with speakers and delegates during breaks.

All content will be made available on the congress web portal during and after the meeting and the ESPN website if permission is granted by the speakers.

**Important dates:**

June 1st – July 15th: early registration

July 15th – September 1st: late registration

We look forward to an inspiring meeting and hope to meet you in Amsterdam, either in person or online!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle of 2<sup>nd</sup> IPNA ESPN Master for Junior classes



We are proud to announce our **Second IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes (Third Cycle)** that will be held **online on 11-12 September 2021**, close to ESPN Annual Meeting.

For this Second Class, we are planning a 2-day course, and will review latest updates on Cystinosis, Bartter and Gitelman syndrome, IgA and Henoch-Schoenlein Purpura nephritis, SLE nephritis, Renal involvement in vasculitis, Steroid Sensitive and Steroid Resistant Nephrotic syndrome, Hemolytic Uremic syndrome, C3 Glomerulopathies, Post infectious Glomerulonephritis, Nephrocalcinosis and Urolithiasis, Disorders of Calcium and Magnesium metabolism, Epidemiology of Renal diseases and, additionally, plan an Interactive Clinico-Pathology session. **Please find the program [here](#).**

## Fellow of European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (FESPN)

We are delighted to announce that our first time presented Fellow of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (FESPN) award received more applications than we would have ever expected. Almost one hundred applicants throughout Europe sent their interest and 77 certificates will be given this year. It is an honour and privilege for us to have so many members within our community applying for this prestigious title.

## ESPN Research grants

We are glad to announce that we received 17 applications from 11 different countries. All applications are going through internal and external reviewing and the winners will be announced at our Annual Meeting in Amsterdam.

Our **research grants** will cover up to 80.000 euros this year and. The grants 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).

## ESPN Training grants

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 has been increased recently thanks to Chiesi who offers sponsorship for these educational grants, and it will be €500-750/month for a period of 3 to 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](mailto:evgenia.preka@gmail.com)).

## ESPN Board Examination in Paediatric Nephrology



European Society for Paediatric Nephrology

**ESPN BOARD EXAMINATION in PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY**

20 NOVEMBER 2021

Open registration: May 20, 2021

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA and REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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 take place on November 20, 2021, via an online platform.

Those who will successfully pass this examination will receive “ESPN Board Certification in Pediatric Nephrology” as a quality label of theoretical knowledge and adequate clinical thinking in our field.

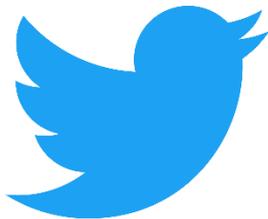
For more information, how to prepare the examination and registration fees, please [check our website](#).

## Young Paediatric Nephrologist Network

New collaborations are starting with the young paediatric colleges from other scientific societies:

- 1) Young Paediatric Rheumatology: conjoint webinars will start in winter 2021. For more information please [visit our website](#).
- 2) Young Nephrology Platform of ERA-EDTA: conjoint e-seminars will start in 2022

We are updating our national young representatives so please stay in touch as more information will follow soon.



Our social Twitter ([@esnypnn](#) and [@ESPNSociety](#)) account is getting more and more followers and we are glad to be able to communicate directly with you through this online platform as well.

## Call for council member election in September 2021

In 2021 three council members [Augustina Jankauskiene (Lithuania), Martin Christian (United Kingdom), Max Liebau (Germany)] will finish their term (3 years) in the council and will step down in Amsterdam.

The vacant tasks new members will get involved in 2021 are:

- Liaison to Dialysis WG
- ESPN website

- Liaison to Transplant WG
- Liaison to CAKUT WG
- Liaison to Inherited renal disorders WG

The deadline was 30<sup>th</sup> of June, so our electronic voting system will be open starting from July 15, 2021. We would like to invite you to participate in the elections of ESPN council members 2021.

The results of the online voting will be announced during ESPN general assembly in Amsterdam.

## ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry Replacement of Vice chair & registry representatives

We would like to announce that the vice-chair position on the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry committee will become vacant from September 2021. He/she will help to guide the Registry staff in their scientific output and management of the Registry via telephone conferences, email and committee meetings. He/she will also be an ESPN representative on the ERA-EDTA Registry committee. Depending on the period, an estimated 5-10% FTE will be spent on Registry tasks.

The vice-chair of the Registry will be elected through electronic voting and the outcome will be announced during the General Assembly at the ESPN meeting in Amsterdam. The vice-chair is elected for a 3-year term, with the possibility to be re-elected for one additional term.

Please send a motivation letter and CV until 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 2021 to Marjolein Bonthuis: [m.bonthuis@amsterdamumc.nl](mailto:m.bonthuis@amsterdamumc.nl).

## Call for membership

# Become A Member

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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 summer to all !**



**Evgenia Preka**

**Michiel Schreuder**

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