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**ESPN Winter
Newsletter**

December 2021

53rd ESPN annual meeting, Amsterdam, 16-19th September 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ESPN organised for the first time a hybrid congress with **300 attendees** on site and almost **500 online**, which was a great success. Five keynote lectures, 50 invited lectures, 58 full oral presentation and 198 short oral pitch presentations were available during the 2.5 days of the congress. In addition, 300 electronic posters were available for viewing via [the congress webportal](#). The hybrid setting was born as a necessity due to Covid regulations, but provided advantages as well, such as the flexible nature of the event. Also, all participants can access the content of the presentations and the videos up to 6 months after the meeting.

During our ESPN Annual meeting besides 10 travel grants, awards were also granted for the best scored oral pitch abstract (Dr. Sante Princiero Berlingerio (Leuven) and Dr. Jasmina Comic (Munich)) as well as the best scored oral abstract (Dr. Beata Lipska (Gdansk) and Dr. Laura Claus (Utrecht)).

IPNA-ESPN Master for Junior Classes 2021, 11-12th September 2021 (fully virtual)



The IPNA-ESPN Junior Master Classes keeps running annually for each a 3-year cycle. Since 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the courses started being delivered virtually with much success. There were 16 lectures including two interactive clinicopathology sessions with 205 attendees from 53 countries. The attendance was great, all lectures very educational and the participants really enjoyed it! Among these attendees, 32 students completed their 3-year cycle IPNA-ESPN Master in Paediatric Nephrology. We congratulate them all for completing this course successfully. As a reminder, this IPNA-ESPN Junior Master Classes educational program is especially dedicated to Paediatric residents, Paediatricians with special interest in Paediatric Nephrology, fellows in Paediatric Nephrology and young Paediatric Nephrologists. The whole program includes three consecutive annual meetings of 2 days each, and the full attendance will allow the achievement of the IPNA-ESPN Master. For application and registration, please send your CV (short form, with birthday information) to Prof. Rezan Topaloglu (rezantopaloglu@hacettepe.edu.tr) or Dr. Ana Teixeira (anafteixeira@gmail.com).

ESPN Education Committee

Our Education committee continues to work together for the Harmonization of Paediatric Nephrology Training in Europe and the European Paediatric Nephrology certification. 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](#). The Second Board Examination in paediatric nephrology was held on November 20th, 2021. This year, we had 96 participants from **50** countries. The passing score and results will soon be sent to the all participants. The colleague for scoring the highest among all participants will receive an award for the excellent performance. The Board examination will continue on an annual basis. Information for registering can be found on [our website](#).

Mentorship Program in ESPN



The first ESPN mentoring program is a reality and its inauguration happened during our annual meeting 2021 in Amsterdam. This program aims to enhance networking within the scientific community and assist in the transformation of young paediatric nephrologists' strategies for career development, development of their personal, clinical and scientific skills alongside their management and leading skills. All of this based on a trustful connection between mentor and mentee. After receiving 16 applications from 12 different countries and following our internal voting system; there were 11 selected mentees who were matched with 11 mentors from across Europe. Our first meeting in Amsterdam was a great success with our mentees setting their goals and already starting to work towards them. We had some enjoyable social meetings too! The next mentorship class will be initiated in 2023 and more information about it can be found on [our website](#)

Young Paediatric Nephrologist Network

Our YPNN is proud to announce a new collaboration between our network and the PReS 'EMErging RheumatoloGists and rEsearchers' (PReS EMERGE) network. We are planning to have 2 webinars/year describing clinical and basic research activities covering both paediatric nephrologist and paediatric rheumatologist perspectives. Our first conjoint webinar was held in October, 2021 and the topic was "Lupus management – the Liverpool experience". We were glad to host this event and welcome almost 200 virtual attendees with lot of interactions.

Moreover, the YPNN is launching a new initiative to create strong links with a young national representative from each country. Until now 17 ESPN member countries have sent their representatives and our first meeting will be held in December. The aim is to strengthen our

young paediatric nephrology network among Europe and among our ESPN members. There is much more to come so stay tuned!



For more information about our activities and the benefits joining our society please look at [our website](#) and join our Twitter community at [@ypnn-espn](#)

ESPN New Council Members

In September 2021, three new members joined our council. Please find here attached their details alongside with their responsibilities in ESPN:

- Jerome Harambat (France): Transplantation WG link, ERKNet WGs Liaison
- Fabio Paglialonga (Italy): Dialysis WG link, Young Paediatric Nephrologists' Network co-chair
- Stella Stabouli (Greece): Academic activities within ESPN (including Research Grants & Training grants evaluation, Education Committee-related activities, Liaison to patients' organizations)

Part of the other ESPN responsibilities were re-distributed between our old members. For more details please find further information in [our webpage](#).

ESPN/IPNA future congresses

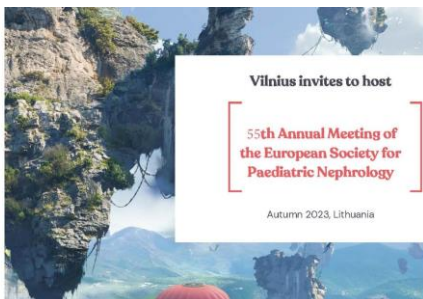


- ESPN 2022 will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on the 22-25th of June 2022. The Junior Master Class is planned to be held between the 20-21st of June and the Young Paediatric Nephrologists will have their own symposium in the morning of the 25th of June. There is a plan to have reduced fees for registration for presenters with accepted abstracts.
- More information, including the preliminary program and important dates for abstract submission, is available at www.espn2022.org.

- We would love to see you all there!



As a reminder, IPNA congress is happening this year as well and this will be held in Calgary, Canada in September 2022. For more information please have a look at <https://www.ipna2022.org/>.



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ESPN 2023 will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania and ESPN 2024 will take place in St. Petersburg, Russia (the exact dates are yet to be communicated).

World Kidney Day



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Bridge the
knowledge gap
to better
kidney care.



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In 2022, World Kidney Day will take place on 10 March to raise awareness about kidney health. For that reason, 2022 was declared as the year of “Kidney health for all”, aiming to bridge the knowledge gap to better kidney care. More information can be found on the websites <https://www.worldkidneyday.org/2022-campaign/> and <https://theipna.org/programs/initiatives/ipna-supports-the-world-kidney-day/>. If you would like to contribute to World Kidney Day, please share these activities.

Research Grants

ESPN awards several research proposals per year. In September 2021, four Research Grants and one Young Investigator Award were awarded. For our next round, please remember to send us your application by March each year. These grants should promote collaboration between different ESPN centres and should be supported by one of the Working groups. For more information: <https://www.espn-online.org/application-for-research-grants/>

Call for membership

Become A Member

Our community is getting bigger and bigger! We are proud to announce that we have reached **753** members in 2021!

Please remember to renew your membership. If you do this as a joint membership with IPNA

you will get the access to our excellent Paediatric Nephrology Journal, available either as a printed version or online.

COVID-19 pandemic message

We hope you are all safe and well and we hope that 2022 will be a better year with less restrictions, good health for all and possibility for more face-to-face or hybrid meetings.

We wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year!



"Carols," painted by Nikiforos Lytras (1832 – 1904)

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