



ESPAN Newsletter – March 2018

Dear ESPAN Members, colleagues and friends,

We are pleased to share and update you about recent developments and upcoming events of ESPAN.

Update congress Antalya, important deadlines

We strongly suggest that you register for the ESPAN meeting in Antalya the 3rd and 6th of October 2018. Please look up the website and you will find a very interesting program.

There are also four different pre-congress courses: Nephropathology, CKD/MBD, Urological aspects for the nephrologist and Genetics. For details see the [congress website](#).

The reduced registration fee is until June 15th, so please register now.

The submission for abstracts is open now and until the April 9th. Please share your interesting data with ESPAN community!

Second IPNA-ESPAN Master for Junior Classes (second cycle) application procedure is still open till May 30th. Check for details on [ESPAN](#) as well as [ESPAN 2018](#) websites.

[Click here for ESPAN 2018 abstracts](#)

Research call 2018

ESPAN board announced a call for research proposals on pediatric kidney disorders.

The aim of the call is to stimulate collaboration between pediatric nephrologists in Europe and to promote clinical or basic projects pertinent to children with renal disorders.

Applications should come from a member of one of the ESPAN working groups or should be presented as a collaborative project of one of the ESPAN working groups.

The applicant should complete the attached form and submit it electronically to espn@espn-online.org.

Closing date for submission: April 30, 2018

The applications will be evaluated by the independent reviewers and by the ESPAN board on the basis of merit, scientific excellence, and relevance for the field. Successful projects will be funded to a maximum of 20 K €.

[Click here for ESPAN Research Grants 2018](#)

New collaborations of ESPAN

In 2018 ESPAN signed a contract with American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPAN) aiming to enhance collaboration between pediatric nephrologist in Europe and in the USA. In the frame of

this collaboration both societies will be represented in the organizing committees of the annual meetings and join each other's research projects.

To stimulate networking between pediatric renal nurses ESPN signed a contract with the European Dialysis and Transplant Nursing Association (EDTNA). Pediatric Renal Nurses are welcome to attend the annual congress of EDTNA which will take place in Genoa, Italy, September 15th - 18th, 2018 [Click for 47th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference website](#)

World Kidney Day 2018

This year's world kidney day focused on the kidney and women's health. CKD affects approximately 195 million women worldwide and it is currently the 8th leading cause of death in women, with close to 600,000 deaths each year. All around the world there were several activities calling attention to these facts and themes. You can still share your event and experience in our [WKD event map](#)

Update training Syllabus

The training syllabus to become a certified pediatric nephrologist have been updated and revised. This is a very important instrument to improve the quality of the care of kids with kidney diseases. Please see the proposal on the link below and please send us any comments that you might have. [Syllabus link](#)

Endorsement of ERKNet Webinars

ERKNet, the European Reference Network for Rare Kidney Diseases, is offering a Curriculum of Webinars covering hot topics related to rare kidney disorders. ESPN members are most welcome to attend these interactive live educational events, which are streamed approximately every two weeks, on Tuesdays at 4 pm CET. The Webinars are free of charge and only require prior registration. You can find the schedule for upcoming Webinars and past presentations on the ERKNet website www.erknet.org under the Education & Training tab.

Call for ESPN council positions 2018

Three ESPN Councillors will accomplish their terms in October 2018. We're starting a new call for voting and announcement during our General Assembly in Antalya. A candidate for Council may be proposed to our Secretary General (Elena Levtchenko, elena.levtchenko@uzleuven.be). Candidates must provide a motivation letter, curriculum vitae and letters of recommendation by at least three ESPN members.

Deadline for applications is June 30, 2018.

Membership benefits and renewal

By becoming a member of the ESPN you will enjoy all the initiatives of the association with an extremely favourable cost and [benefits](#).

If you didn't renew your ESPN membership 2018 yet, please [click here](#) and enjoy the benefits of membership. Don't hesitate to join one or more of ESPN working groups to contribute to ESPN research! [Click here for ESPN working groups](#).

Please visit our [website](#) and find all news!

Best wishes for a great spring!

