



Dear Members

I hope that the beginning of the summer has been nice for all of you. In Scandinavia we had a warm and bright mid-summer with all its celebrations. The last ESPN meeting in Istanbul was a big success also economically and we had a profit of 25.000 USD. I once more want to thank the organizers. Our economy has slowly improved and enables us to get the registry going with a half-time secretary from August 2006.



The ESPN-council met in Heidelberg May 18 – 19, 2006, hosted by Franz Schaefer. The big decision was to appoint a half-time secretary for the paediatric part of the registry in Amsterdam. Without any personnel we cannot keep the registry working, nor perform any studies, which would be a pity as most European countries now are reporting. ERA has promised a 10.000 € support and Roche and Novartis Scandinavia have both contributed. In addition to this the following national societies have promised to help; Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy. Thus, the council decided to appoint a person from August 2006 for two years to begin with. In Palermo the presidents of the national societies will meet and we will work out a formula according to which each country would contribute on a regular basis. ESPN has to be registered somewhere in Europe, to make it possible to apply for funding from the EU. Already now we are part of an ERA EU grant application. Jane Tizard and Bert van der Heijden have done a great work in establishing the paediatric registry and now also in making appointing a competent person possible.

Bert cannot be re-elected and we have to find a substitute for him in Palermo to represent us on the ERA-registry committee.

In Palermo we also have to elect our Secretary General, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer for the next year and three council members (Franz Schaefer, Necla Buyan and Alan Watson) are finishing their term. Pierre Cochat, Peter Hoyer and myself are prepared to continue for one more year, the council members cannot be re-elected. In 2007 Pierre Cochat is also going to be the President Elect as the 2008 ESPN meeting will be in Lyon. I ask our members to make suggestions for these offices before the middle of July in writing signed by three members. You can make your preliminary suggestions by e-mail and send the written one later if you wish.

IPNA is also looking for a new treasurer and the search committee has been in contact with the council and we have suggested some of our experienced members as potential candidates. The following representatives for Europe will also finish their term on the IPNA council; A Bakkaloglu (Turkey), S Rigden (U.K.), F Santos (Spain) and A Tsygin (Russia). The ESPN council has suggested that they be replaced by Franz Schaefer (Germany), Alan Watson (U.K.), Igor Zorin (Russia) and Yaacov Frishberg (Israel).



On April 6 – 8, 2006 ESPN arranged a Teaching and Training course in Minsk, Belarus. The local President professor Alexander Sukalo and his team, especially Ina Kozyra, had

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done a fabulous job. About 300 doctors and trainees from Belarus and the neighbouring countries participated, the technical facilities and the interpretation were perfect and we visited the wards and had a lot of interaction. ESPN speakers were Willem Proesmans, Rosanna Coppo, Albert Bensmann and myself. Willem Proesmans has already for



many years done a great job in supporting our colleagues in Minsk and we had an unforgettable time with great hospitality.

ESPN has been asked to coordinate a symposium on Paediatric nephrology at the 25th International Congress of Paediatrics in Athens August 25 – 30, 2007. Peter Hoyer

and Dinos Stefanidis will coordinate the symposium and speakers will be, in addition to them, Franz Schaefer, Alan Watson and Pierre Cochat.

The General Assembly will be in Palermo on the 9th of October at 12 noon. The registry committee will meet on the 8th at 1 p.m. and the national presidents on the 9th at 5 p.m. . Important matters for the future for ESPN will be to register somewhere in Europe to get a legal status, to establish a regular income for the registry secretary, updating our training syllabus and preparing an ESPN visitation program, establishing regular contacts with the presidents of the national societies and modernizing our website. Committees have been established for these activities.

Finally, I want to welcome you all, and all your non-ESPN member colleagues, to Palermo in October. Silvio Maringhini, Alan Watson and Giovanni Montini have done a great job and we have an excellent scientific program. I visited Palermo last week, the location is splendid and as you can see from the following pages the area is full of historical sites, churches, palaces and sandy beaches. You will have a perfect opportunity to enjoy top science in a most spectacular setting. Close to 300 participants, some from far away countries, have already registered, 514 abstracts were received and 20 grants for young investigators have been approved. On the next two pages you have more information about the 40th ESPN meeting in Palermo. Please, feel free to contact Silvio or myself if you have any questions.

Christer Holmberg

Upcoming meetings

XLIII ERA-EDTA Congress	Glasgow, Scotland www.eraedta2006.org	15-18 July 2006
World Transplantation Congress 2006	Boston, USA www.wtc2006.org	21-28 July, 2006
40th ESPN Congress	Palermo, Italy www.espn2006.org	7-10 Oct. 2006
ASN	San Diego, CA, USA www.asn-online.org	14-19, Nov., 2006
IPTA 4th Congress on Pediatric Transplantation	Cancun, Mexico www.IPTAonline.org	17-21, March 2007
WCN 2007	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil www.wcn2007.org	21-25, April 2007
EuroPD 8 th European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting	Helsinki, Finland www.europd.com	7-10 July, 2007
14th IPNA Congress	Budapest, Hungary www.ipna2007.com	31 Aug-4 Sept 2007
ESPN 2008	Lyon, France	
ESPN 2009	Birmingham, UK	

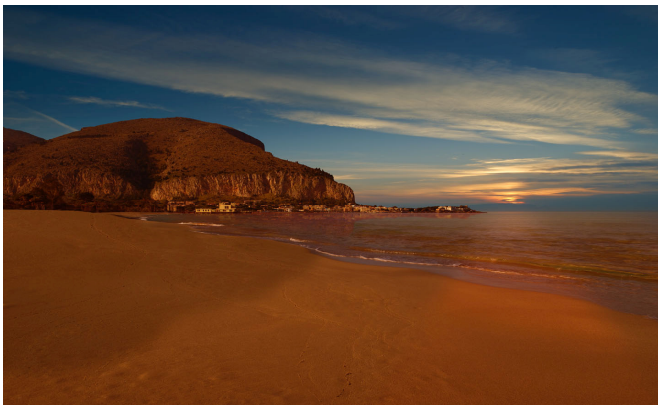
40th Annual Meeting of the ESPN Palermo, Italy, October 7-10, 2006

Dear Colleagues,

I have the pleasure to invite you to attend the 40th Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology which will take place at "Torre Normanna Hotel Congress Centre" in Altavilla Milicia, roughly 30 Km. from Palermo.

The Scientific Committee has worked very hard in order to provide a stimulating scientific programme and has found new ways to satisfy the demand for Continuous Medical Education in paediatric nephrology. The local Organising Committee will offer you warm hospitality with the traditional welcome of our Sicilian people. Palermo is one of the oldest cities in Europe with beautiful pieces of art. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean sea and has been the meeting place for many Mediterranean civilisations. It is hoped that the combined effort of ESPN with AfSPN and IPNA will start a programme of scientific collaboration amongst countries in the Mediterranean area.

Silvio Maringhini
President Elect of the 2006 ESPN Meeting
Scientific programme



The final programme for the congress, for the pre-congress teaching courses on "Principles and Problems of Renal Replacement Therapy" and "Renal Pathology", 7th October 2006, and the "Workshop on Neonatal Nephrology" 10-11th October 2006 can all be found on www.espn2006.org

Social programme

Saturday 07 October 2006

18.00 Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
(see opening lecture in the draft programme)
Torre Normanna Hotel and Resort

Sunday 08 October 2006

18.00 Visit of Monreale: Cloister and Cathedral
Concert at the Cathedral

Monday 09 October 2006

20.00 Gala Dinner at Torre Normanna Hotel & Resort
Dancing evening

Accompanying guest programme

Sunday 08 October 2006

08:30/13:00 Guided visit of Solunto and Bagheria

Monday 09 October 2006

08:30/17:00 Guided visit of Palermo

General Information

Congress Venue

Hotel Torre Normanna Sea Resort, S.S. 113 Piano Torre



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Congress Secretariat:

Saturday October 7th, 2006 from 8.00 to 19.00

Sunday October 8th, 2006 from 7.30 to 17.00

Monday October 9th, 2006 from 7.30 to 17.30

Tuesday October 10th, 2006 from 7.30 to 18.00

At disposal of participants and accompanying guest pre-registered and for registration on site.

Airport

International Airport of Palermo Falcone-Borsellino is located roughly km. 30 to Palermo city centre and roughly km. 57 to the Congress Venue.

A Congress Hospitality Desk will welcome participants at the "**Luggage Delivering Hall**"

on Friday 06th and Saturday 07th of October.

Bank services are available at the airport.

Connection Airport/Hotels/Airport and Hotel Congress Venue

The Congress Venue (Hotel Torre Normanna in Altavilla Milicia) is located roughly 57 km. from Palermo Airport



and 30 km. from the city of Palermo and there is no public buses connecting the airport and/or the city of Palermo to the Congress Venue.

Therefore we have included in the hotel reservation package transfer from the airport to the proposed hotels and viceversa (Hotel Torre Normanna and Hotel Zagarella & Sea Palace) and also a daily service of navette from the Hotel Zagarella & Sea Palace to the Congress Venue (a.m. for the start and p.m. at the end of the scientific sessions).

Kindly note that only Participants who have booked the hotel through the Congress Organising Secretariat will be allowed to use the transfer and the navette buses.

Climate & clothing

Palermo has a moderate climate. The weather in October is usually pleasant (average 15° to 20° C). Light clothing is suit-

able with somewhat warmer for the evening.

Facilities at the Congress Venue

Restaurants, bars, beach, swimming-pool, boutiques, bazaar, hairdresser, mini-club, change and phone card.

Internet Access

Internet Café will be available at the Congress Venue.

Time Differences

Italy is one hour ahead of Greenwich time.

ESPN-Membership – Fee 2006

The annual membership fee is **50 €** and if you have not paid it yet, you can ask for instructions and/or forms to pay by Eurocard/Mastercard or Visa from Peter Hoyer's secretary Monika Hoehnke (monika.hoehnke@medizin.uni-essen.de).

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