

## See you in September in Lyon!!

Before we meet in Lyon in September, 2008 I want to report on the last activities and the council meeting in Amsterdam last month. Our Society which is growing all the time had 473 members from 42 countries in the beginning of 2008 and more applications are coming in all the time. Soon we will reach the 500 mark.

At the **General Assembly in Budapest**, in connection with an excellently organized IPNA meeting with Hungarian splendour, I was re-elected for one last year as Secretary General. Thank you! It has been a long but very rewarding time. Rosanna Coppo, Torino was elected new Assistant Secretary in a tight race with Alan Watson, who is one of the European representatives on the IPNA council. Peter Hoyer was re-elected, also for the last time, as Treasurer. New council member after Francesco Emma became Elena Lev-tchenko, Nijmegen. Pierre Cochat takes his seat as President Elect for one year. The council with e-mail addresses is enclosed in this newsletter.



In Lyon we have to elect a new *Secretary General, Treasurer and four new council members* replacing Alberto Caldas Afonso, Ryszard Grenda, Thomas Neuhaus and Svetlana Paunova. I ask for suggestions in writing, signed by three members before July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. I remind you that one cannot apply for a position, but has to be suggested by

three members according to our constitution. To have enough good candidates and a balanced European representation the council will put up own candidates which can be seen from the minutes of the last council meeting on our website.

Endre Sulyok, Pecs was elected new honorary member of the ESPN in Budapest and he will be invited to Lyon and honoured there. Fifteen new members were also elected and their names are included in this newsletter.

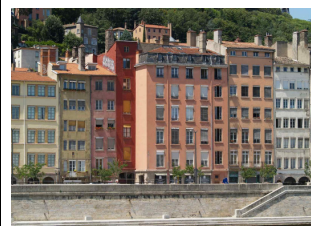
To make the application process easier for new members the council suggests a change in the constitution: § 3.1 d) now reading “New members shall ordinarily be elected at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Council and subsequent to having read a scientific paper to the Society. (See Appendix II)” to “New members shall ordinarily be elected by Council members at Council meetings, which are held approximately six monthly. Successful applications will be announced to the membership at the next General Assembly (See Appendix II)”. Appendix II will be amended so that it no longer states that application documents much reach to Secretary General before January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please, let me know before June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 if you have a counterproposal.

The council has proceeded with the process of registering the ESPN in Germany, as approved by the General Assembly. A registration in EU is not yet possible but ESPN can be registered as a charity organisation in Germany without changing its constitution. The council signed the application as founding members, with a steering committee consisting of the Secretary General, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Bernd Hoppe and Johann vande Walle have agreed to be auditors for the accounts. In the future the registration may be changed when it becomes possible to register in EU. When the registration is com-

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pleted we can apply for funds to run the Registry from the EU.

The Registry is now finally starting to work well thanks to the efforts of Jane Tizzard, Enrico Verrina and the support of ERA-EDTA and the Amsterdam office. Details are given by Jane in this newsletter. I want to thank all the National Societies who already have supported the Registry fund, and those who yet have not can contact our treasurer Peter Hoyer about how to transfer their share. Until we get funds from the EU we depend on the income from our annual meetings and your support. In 2009 we have to elect a new person substituting Jane Tizzard on the ERA-EDTA-Registry committee. Those interested should tell the council. Enrico can be re-elected for one more term. Malcom Lewis and Jaap Groothoff are consulting persons for Jane, Enrico and our secretary Karlijn van Stralen.

I also want to remind everybody to pay their membership



fee, which can be done through the website. The fee is 50 € for members, 20 € for members from developing countries (ask the treasurer for which countries), 20 € for retired members and 0 € for honorary members. If you change your address, or e-mail, please use the form for this on the website and mail it to my secretary or make the change by e-mail directly to her (pirjo.riihimaki@hus.fi).

We have collected a list of presidents/representatives of the National Societies of Paediatric Nephrology in Europe. Thomas Neuhaus and Francesco Emma did a great work doing this and as they left the council Elena Levchenko will now coordinate **the next Meeting of the National Presidents** in Lyon September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2-4 p.m.

ESPN organized a teaching course in Moscow with ERA-EDTA, ISN and the Russian Society of Nephrology in 2007. Alexey Tsygin and Natalia Tomilina were local organizers and Marie-Claire Gubler and Christer Holmberg ESPN, Rosanna Coppo ERA-EDTA paediatric speakers. The course was a success with more than 200 participants.

In October 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ESPN, IPNA and the African Society of Paediatric Nephrology will organize a joint course in Marrakesh in Morocco.

In Budapest Isidro Salusky took over as Secretary General for



the IPNA after Mathias Brandis, Yap Hui Kim was elected Treasurer and new European council members are: Franz Schaefer, Alan Watson, Larissa Prikhodina and Yacoov Frishberg. The Panarabic Society of Paediatric Nephrology will be represented among the members from Asia.

Pierre Cochat and Rosanna Coppo with their team have planned an exciting 41<sup>st</sup> Annual ESPN Meeting in Lyon in September and we expect a lot of participation. In this newsletter there is information about the meeting, dead-lines and contact information. I hope to see the majority of our members there. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual ESPN Meeting will be 2-5<sup>th</sup>, September 2009 in Birmingham on the University campus with good connection to downtown Birmingham. However, most participants will stay on the campus. We have paid a 10.000 € depot to the University for the venue. Fernando Santos plans the program with Mark Taylor and the first day will be together with the British Association of Nephrology on ciliary disorders. In 2010 there will be the IPNA meeting in New York organized by Richard Fine and Rick Kaskel.

**In Lyon we have to decide about the 2011 ESPN meeting and I invite all interested parties to contact me and prepare a 5 minute presentation at the General Assembly in Lyon.**

The General Assembly will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 4.30-5.30 p.m.!!

This will be my last newsletter to you. I thank you for these years, it has been a privilege and pleasure. Special thanks will go to Jussi Merenmies, Helsinki who has prepared all these newsletters during my time as Secretary General.

See you in September!!!

Christer Holmberg

## Upcoming Meetings

Nephrology	30 <sup>th</sup> March – 4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2008, Boston, Massachusetts <a href="http://www.cme.hms.harvard.edu/">http://www.cme.hms.harvard.edu/</a>
XLV ERA-EDTA	10-13, May 2008, Stockholm <a href="http://www.eraedta2008.org/">http://www.eraedta2008.org/</a>
39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of European Working Group on Psychosocial Aspects of Children with Chronic Renal Failure, Ewopa-Meeting 2008	22-24, May 2008, London <a href="http://ewopa-renalchild.com/">http://ewopa-renalchild.com/</a>
ATC, American Transplant Congress	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2008 Toronto, Canada <a href="http://www.atcmeeting.org/">http://www.atcmeeting.org/</a>
Europaediatrics 2008	14-17, June 2008, Istanbul, Turkey <a href="http://www.europaediatrics2008.org/">http://www.europaediatrics2008.org/</a>
XXII Int Cong of The Transplantation Society	10-14, August 2008, Sydney, Australia <a href="http://www.transplantation2008.org/home.php">http://www.transplantation2008.org/home.php</a>
41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting ESPN	11-14, September 2008, Lyon, France <a href="http://www.espnlyon2008.org">http://www.espnlyon2008.org</a>
ASN, 41 <sup>st</sup> Ann Meet and Scientific Exposition	4-9, November 2008, Philadelphia <a href="http://www.asn-online.org/">http://www.asn-online.org/</a>
ESPN 2009 Birmingham	2-5, September 2009, Birmingham, UK <a href="http://www.espn2009.co.uk/">http://www.espn2009.co.uk/</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the IPTA	18-21, April 2009, Istanbul, Turkey <a href="http://www.iptaonline.org/">http://www.iptaonline.org/</a>

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## New ESPN Members:

Name	City	Name	City
Diana Karpman	Lund	Brankica Spasojevic- Dimitrijeva	Belgrad
Mirjana Kostic	Belgrad	Natasa Stajic	Belgrad
Divna Kruscic	Belgrad	Ana Teixeira	Porto
Dusan Paripovic	Belgrad	Alvaro D. Madris Aris	Barcelona
Jacek Pietrzyk	Krakow	José Nieto	Barcelona
Jovana Putnik	Belgrad	Lara Montezuma	Barcelona
Claus Schmitt	Heidelberg	Igor Zorin	Orenburg
Kenza Soulami	Casablanca		



**Lyon**  
September 11-14 2008  
42nd Annual Meeting ESPN



Dear Participant,

Welcome to France,  
Welcome to Lyon!

It is a great honour for Lyon to have been selected to host the 42nd Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology.

Lyon was the capital of France during the Roman era and was formerly called *Lugdunum*. It is now a 1 million people international city, with 100,000 students. Lyon is strongly connected to Italy and Switzerland but it plays an important role at the European and Mediterranean level.

The philosophy of this ESPN meeting is based on some important key words such as friendship, science, training, interaction, exchange, culture, happy hour, etc. It was therefore important to provide acceptable registration fee in general, but also reduced price to juniors and to colleagues coming from developing countries. For these reasons, the venue will be at Laennec Medical School, a place which can provide most available facilities.

The congress will include 3 CME teaching courses, 9 ESPN teaching points, 5 plenary lectures, 12 symposia, 9 oral communication sessions, 9 mini-lectures, 2 poster sessions, 1 controversy, 2 literature update, and 1 clinical pathological conference.

The social programme will give you the opportunity to discover the heart of the city and accompanying persons will convince you to come back and visit us again!...

Bon séjour à Lyon!

**Pierre Cochat - ESPN and Congress President**  
**Rosanna Coppo - Chair, Scientific Committee**

Please visit our website <http://www.espnlyon2008.org>

## ESPN Registry News

The ESPN registry is progressing well after a difficult time last year when the first epidemiologist attached to the registry left her post. Karlijn van Stralen took up her appointment as the new coordinator of the ESPN registry in Amsterdam on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. She has a PhD in Epidemiology and she works 50% of her time on the ESPN registry and 50% on the ERA-EDTA registry.

Currently we have contact details for the registry leads from 40 countries and have had responses from 30 countries. *If your country has not received any communication from us please contact us on one of the emails below.*

In addition to the core data that has been collected via the ERA/EDTA registry we have extended data from UK, Italy and more recently Turkey, France and Poland. We now understand that several other large countries are willing to share their data including Germany and Belgium.

In the last few months Karlijn van Stralen has worked hard to develop a new data-base. It is virtually ready to be sent to National coordinators. It includes a very simple data set, called core data, which

must be filled in, and extended data sets A and B, with more detailed information about dialysis and transplantation, which may be filled in if the data is available. We hope that this database will help those countries without registries to start collecting data as we want to include as many European countries as we can-whatever size their end-stage renal programme is. In those with established databases we plan to import their data from the existing registry into the new data-base to facilitate analysis of a large amount of data. It is envisaged that this data will be able to link with the adult database to allow longitudinal studies in the future.

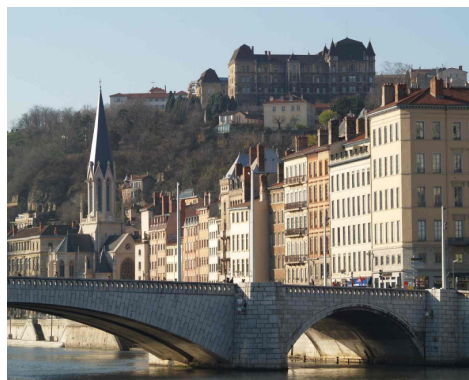
In the future we are also planning to have small study groups to lead on specific projects and would welcome your suggestions for these.

We need your help to make this registry a useful resource for you all! Please contact us for more information.

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## ESPN-Membership – Fee 2008

**The annual membership fee is 50€ for members, 20 € for members from developing countries, 20€ for retired members and 0€ for honorary members. You can pay by Eurocard/Mastercard or Visa and forms and instructions can be found on the home page <http://espn.cardiff.ac.uk/>**



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