



**ESPNIC
JOINT MEMBERS MEETING
Saturday 6th October 2012
18:30 – 19:30
Istanbul, Turkey**

Attendees:

Jan Hazelzet
Peter Rimensberger
Agnes van den Hoogen
Odile Frauenfelder
Simma Burkhard
Joe Brierley
Dick Tibboel
Edoardo Calderini

Marcel Dekker (ESPNIC Administrative Office)
Olga Coschina (ESPNIC Administrative Office)

32 ESPNIC members

Welcome and approval of the minutes of the 2011 General Assembly (Hannover November 2011)

Jan Hazelzet and Agnes van den Hoogen welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for attending the meeting. The minutes of the 2011 General Assembly held in Hannover in November of 2011 were mutually approved.

Report of the ESPNIC presidents

Agnes raised the matter of the Position Statement:

“Visitation Rights for Critically Ill Patients and their Family Members”

It was suggested to replace “rights” with “recommendations”.

After visiting a Turkish hospital together with Odile Frauenfelder, she saw the urge and necessity to implement and spread the word about the suggested position statement.

Jan supported Agnes in promoting the position statement and suggested it should become a paper and to actively use ESPNIC profiles on Facebook and LinkedIn for dissemination.

Agnes also informed the members of the Delphi Nursing Research. The PICU group now has 70 participants from 20 countries and the NICU group now has 19 participants from 19 countries. At the next ESPNIC congress in Rotterdam the research results will be disclosed.

Jan complimented the nurses for being so active, which is also clear on Social Media.

Strategy Plan

Jan introduced the progress on the ESPNIC strategy plan. This was started in Hannover 2011 and is a multi-year project.

He pointed out that ESPNIC will continue to strive to be a professional and democratic society. To achieve this Jan thanked Kenes for all the effort and for taking over activities for which doctors do not normally have time.

One large strategic goal is E-Education, to which Edoardo Calderini will say more later on.

Jan continued with the PICTURE project and the European grant application. The grant was unsuccessfully applied for in 2011, so now ESPNIC goes for the 2nd chance. Should this also turn out negative, ESPNIC will go ahead with the project, but in a leaner fashion.

Collaboration with other societies

Jan reminded to all those present that all the administration concerning nursing members is managed by Kenes whereas the medical members' administration is done by ESICM.

This is unsatisfactory, and besides, the idea exists that ESPNIC may be too small. Therefore discussions are ongoing about a possible cooperation with for instance neonatal (ESPR) or adult ICU (ESICM) organizations.

On the other hand ESPNIC also would like to grow and be independent. In order to stay within the area of expertise there are also talks with ESPA.

Robert Tasker mentioned that there is a need to maintain strong relationships with all sides. And during discussions ESPNIC should always ask: what is in it for us? There is a danger to be swallowed up when there is cooperation with another society, so ESPNIC should be strong in the middle. In this respect the PICTURE project could be of importance, as with the grant ESPNIC would have a powerful lobby in Europe.

Jan mentioned to everyone that hopefully by the next General Assembly, there will be more suggestions in respect to the collaboration of ESPNIC with other societies. He sees it beneficial for ESPNIC to build cooperation with other societies since it can bring more expertise and thus more members.

The membership structure of ESPNIC should be reconsidered and new members have to have the right to become just the member of ESPNIC and, if desired, also become a member of ESICM.

Hannelore Ringe argued that ESICM may be too big for ESPNIC. Jan agreed with this, but also said that the discussions with ESICM are very positive. Koos Jansen was very pleased with the mentioning of ESPA, and urges ESPNIC to work more with this society. Jan pointed out that ESPA can co-share sessions at ESPNIC 2013.

Jan urged all ESPNIC members to help building relationships with national societies. The aim is to work more closely together and to possibly offer dual membership.

It is important for all the attendees to provide the ESPNIC board/office with information/contact details about national societies.

Finance and taxes

Jan pointed out that because of the tax situation that ESPNIC is currently dealing with, the society needs to spend all its money before the end of 2014 in order to be exempt from tax payments. This will make the finance overview that is coming up more understandable.

Jan reminded to everyone that his presidency of the ESPNIC board will come to an end and the new president will be announced during the congress of Rotterdam 2013. He invited everybody to participate in electronic elections.

Odile in her turn invited all the nursing members, to take part in electronic elections as well.

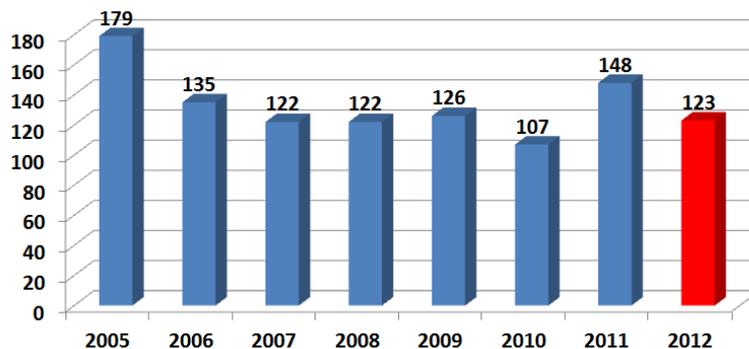
Then the vacancy of the Paediatric Editor of ICM was announced and there were four people who desired to take the job. Within coming days it will be decided who will follow up Duncan Macrae.

Membership Reports

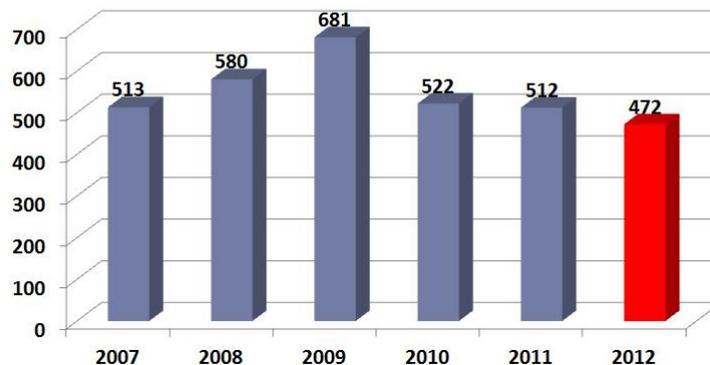
Joe Brierley announced the latest membership data both of medical and nursing members of ESPNIC.

Below charts show ESPNIC members acquisition for the period up until August 2012:

Number of Nursing Members



Number of Medical Members



As the year is not finished yet, the prediction will be to have the equal amount of members by the end of 2012 as in 2011. The aim, however, should be to grow.

Joe agreed with Jan's previous remark and said that the membership structure of ESPNIC and ESICM is not right and should be definitely changed.

It is very important to look to those countries where membership is very low and to approach those countries specifically. Also it is an idea to create a new membership category.

Jan pointed out during the first two day of the EAPS 2012 congress, there were as many as 25 doctors/nurses interested in becoming a member of ESPNIC and some of them were even present during the joint members meeting.

In addition it was suggested that current members of ESPNIC should encourage their colleagues from the national societies to become ESPNIC members. Jens Moeller noted that there are quite a few members of ESICM that are interested in paediatrics and can be viewed as potential ESPNIC members. Hannelore Ringe noted that a lower membership fee might attract higher number of members.

Due to the above mentioned, the membership structure should be analyzed and further approaches on members' acquisition should be investigated.

Report of the treasurer

Simma Burkhard announced ESPNIC financial report for the year 2011.

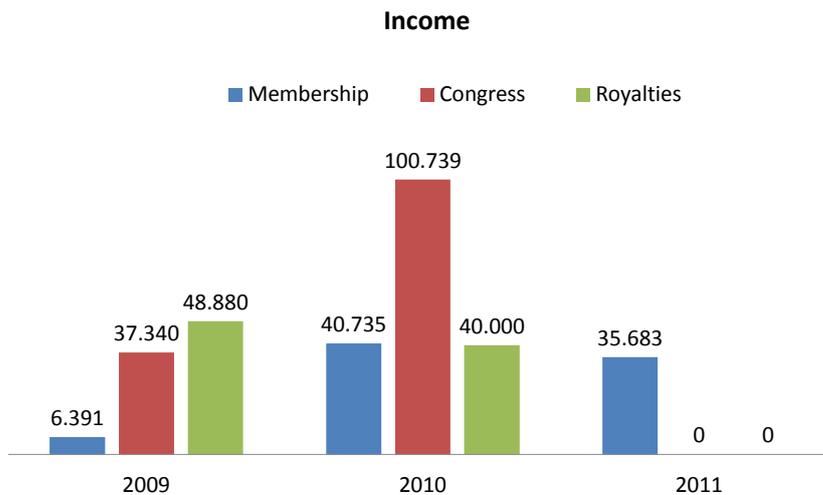
Below is the table that shows income/ expenses of ESPNIC society during that year.

Statement of accounts 2011
As of 31.12.2011

I. Income	
Bank interest	493
Membership	35.683
Royalties from Journal	0 (?)
TOTAL REVENUE	36.176
II. Expenses	
Administration/Accounting/Travel	50.119
Communication	38.577
Website	27.361
Projects	10.569
TOTAL EXPENSES	126.627
BALANCE	-90.451

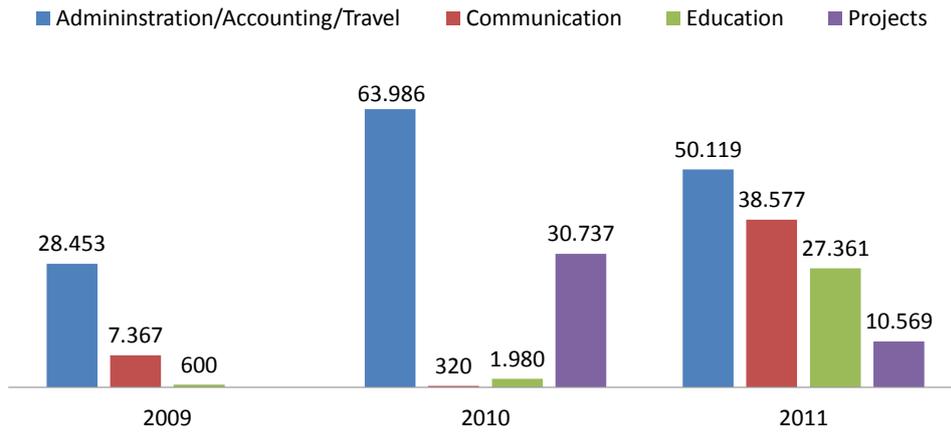
The balance amount is -90.451 € which is actually the desired situation.

The following slides show the trend of income and expenses of the past 3 years:



It is important to note that income from Congress is decreasing (from the 2011 Congress in Hannover there was no revenue at all)

Expenses



The trend for the expenses is to increase spending on Education and Projects

Below table presents the planned budget for 2013.

Proposed 2013 Budget

	Budget 2013	
	expenses	income
OPERATIONAL BUDGET	EUR	EUR
<u>1. INCOME</u>		
1.1. MEMBERSHIP DUES		30'000
1.2. CONGRESS REVENUE		30.000
1.3. JOURNAL		30'000
1.4. BANK INTEREST		500
subtotal		90'500
TOTAL		90'500
<u>2. EXPENSES</u>		
2.1. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	40.000	
2.2. SOCIETY PROMOTION AND MARKETING	28.000	
2.3. MEETINGS	23.000	
2.4. MEMBERSHIP AND JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	1.000	
2.5. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	14.000	
2.6. EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES	50.000	
2.7. PROJECTS	150.000	
TOTAL	306.000	
Balance	-215.500	

The members approved the financial report 2011, and released the Treasurer and Kenes of the responsibilities. Also the budget for 2013 was approved by the assembly.

Section activities / Scientific activities

Jan stressed the point that having set up the different scientific sections is an important strategic goal to pursue. ESPNIC members should be motivated to become section members. Section chairs are actively involved in co-organizing and preparing the content for the congress, guidelines, consensus meetings etc. Jan encouraged everyone to be active in the sections; to have meetings once a year during the congress, and to be active on the ESPNIC website.

It was mentioned that the program for the next ESPNIC congress in 2013 is almost finalized which is a big progress.

Professional Development Affairs

Edoardo Calderini raised the discussion on the continuous work related to the syllabus. It requires a lot of effort but is progressing well. The Standard Operating Procedures will be posted on the website soon.

Daniele DeLuca suggested looking into existing syllabus on neonatology of ESN which can serve as a good example of the criteria used.



Another course on ventilation will be launched in 2013 and is planned to be completed by the year 2014.

Jan announced that within several weeks there will be discussions about the paediatric PACT editor focusing on e-learning and education. Candidates are needed.

Future meetings

The future ESPNIC congress 2013 in Rotterdam was announced once more and everybody present was kindly invited to participate.

The next EAPS 2014 joint congress is already planned, and will be held in Barcelona.

Jan mentioned that it is very important to evaluate the EAPS2012 congress and asked everyone for their input and feedback to be considered for the coming ESPNIC congresses.

Everybody was welcome to share their opinions on the continuation of holding joint (EAP, ESPR, ESPNIC) congresses in the future.

Jan was happy to announce that the 25th anniversary of ESPNIC congress organization is coming soon and the society should celebrate this important event in the future.

Any other business

The meeting closed at 19:40