



**ESPNIC**  
**JOINT MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday 13 June 2013**  
**18:15 – 19:45**  
**Rotterdam, the Netherlands**

**Attendees:**

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

ESPNIC Office: Mia Grupper, Valérie Kuffer (in replacement of Anastasia Mlotek-Soulié)

27 members

**1. Welcome and opening of the meeting**

J. Hazelzet welcomed all members saying this was an opportunity for them to receive an update on what is happening in ESPNIC. He mentioned that there had been some minor changes to the agenda.

**2. Approval of minutes of General Assembly, Istanbul, October 2012**

The minutes of the last meeting held in Istanbul in October 2012 were approved.

**3. Reports of the President**

***Nursing President***

A. van den Hoogen highlighted important achievements during her mandate. She mentioned that a Nursing position statement about Visitation Rights for Critically Ill Patients and their Family Members was being finalized and that it would be on the ESPNIC website within a month. She reported on the progress of the Delphi study and said that a road map would be developed for future directions. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been developed for collaborations with sister societies. An agreement had already been concluded with COINN which includes a complimentary booth at the COINN congress.

A. van den Hoogen concluded her report by saying that two new membership categories had been introduced during the year; “Trainees” and “Allied Health Professionals”.

***Medical President***

**Professionalism of the society**

J. Hazelzet presented the strategy plan 2010-2014 and mentioned that one of the major tasks had been to professionalize the society through electronic voting, SOP's describing the various procedures ESPNIC observes in regards to various aspects of the Society.

**Collaboration with national societies**



Another important task had been/will continue to be increased collaboration with national societies. J. Hazelzet requested the help of the ESPNIC members to get in contact with representatives from national societies. He mentioned that a national society meeting was going to be held during the ESPNIC congress. He emphasized how important it was for ESPNIC to get more feedback from national societies regarding which benefits they would like to see from cooperation.

### **Sponsorship and Endorsements**

J. Hazelzet reported progress in sponsorship and endorsement with reduced fees for ESPNIC members at congresses sponsored by ESPNIC.

### **Membership marketing plan**

A marketing plan was developed in 2012 to increase membership and the visibility of the Society in the field.

### **Social media**

There is an increased number of visitors to the ESPNIC website. This is most probably thanks to the various social media initiatives.

### **Education and Research**

It was mentioned that a lot of efforts had been put into the ESPNIC diploma project.

### **Collaboration with ESICM**

J. Hazelzet advised that a survey had been conducted with the aim to find out what members perception was about the value of the partnership between ESPNIC and ESCIM. The survey was anonymous and composed of 5 questions. 118 members completed the survey which was conducted by the ESPNIC secretariat.

The survey showed that almost 70% somewhat or strongly agreed that ESPNIC is benefiting from the collaboration with ESICM. The main reasons that people stated as an added value of the dual membership where:

- i. Journal
- ii. Congress
- iii. Learning & Education

It was confirmed that the existing journal contract with Springer is with ESPNIC and ESICM and that both societies are at the same level. The ESPNIC secretariat needs to find out the legal aspects of a "separation". It was confirmed that the current contract with Springer last until 2015. The journal royalty is today based on the number of pages that each society has in the journal.

JH also clarified that there is no formal agreement between ESPNIC and ESCIM.

It was proposed that ESPNIC would separate from ESICOM but still work closely together even though a "separation" could potentially mean some income loss for ESPNIC. This was accepted by the members.



## **ESPNIC registry**

J. Hazelzet mentioned that ESPNIC twice has applied for EU funding for the PICTURE project but that the application had been rejected both times. ESPNIC might try a third time to get a grant but for the time being the project needs to be funded with existing money if a decision is taken to move ahead.

## **2013 Congress**

It was reported that ESPNIC 2013 had the highest number of participants ever (1'100) and that Kenes International had done a great work with the preparations of the congress. A "blueprint" had been established and it facilitated the organization of the congress.

## **Report of the Secretary**

J. Brierley reported that ESPNIC has 133 members (excluding the members who signed up at the ESPNIC congress). He welcomed the 44 new members who joined during 2013 as well as the 20 additional nursing members who had registered at the ESPNIC booth during the congress. It was reported that the breakdown of members were as follows:

- 84% of the members are from Europe
- 10% are Allied Health Professionals
- Top 5 countries: Netherlands, UK, Switzerland, Germany and Norway (63 %)
- Average age of Nursing member = 44 years
- Membership retention rate = 69 %

J. Brierley explained that the ESPNIC secretariat was not managing medical membership directly, hence the difficulty to get any clear reporting for this category.

Potential "plans" for the future were:

- ESPNIC will control medical membership
- Have new categories
- Joint membership with national societies
- Expansion of members outside Europe

He concluded his report by saying that several activities were done during the congress to drive delegates to the ESPNIC booth (lottery, quiz, interviews etc.) and get them to sign up for a membership.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

B. Simma was pleased to present the current Financial Status. He concluded that ESPNIC's finances were in a good situation and that the negative results for 2011 and 2012 are the consequence of the tax issue in the Netherlands.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
<b>Income</b>	92'611	181'474	36'176	83'403	137'830.32
<b>Expenses</b>	36'419	97'023	126'627	142'903	40'969.00
<b>Result</b>	56'192	84'451	- 90'451	-59'500	96'861.32
<b>Total equities</b>	539'205	623'656	515'017	455'517	n/a

\*As of 31.05.2013

B. Simma detailed the statements of account 2012.

<b>Income</b>	
Bank interest	346
Membership	23,720
Royalties from Journal	59,337
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>83,403</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Administration/Accounting/Travel	36,997
Communication	44,350
Website/Webcasting/Social media	45,683
Projects	15,873
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>142,903</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-59,500</b>

B. Simma presented the budget 2013 and concluded that ESPNIC had to spend some money on activities in order to have a negative balance.

	<b>Actual 31.05.2013</b>		<b>Budget 2013</b>	
	<b>expenses</b>	<b>income</b>	<b>expenses</b>	<b>income</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
<b>1. INCOME</b>				
<b>1.1. MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>		27'924		20,000
<b>1.2. CONGRESS REVENUE Istanbul 2012</b>		59'336.32		30,000
<b>1.3. JOURNAL 2012</b>		50'508		30,000
<b>1.4. BANK INTEREST/EXCHANGE GAIN</b>		62		500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>137'830.32</b>		<b>80,500</b>
<b>2. EXPENSES</b>				
<b>2.1. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b>			25,000	

<b>2.2. SOCIETY PROMOTION AND MARKETING</b>			29,000	
<b>2.3. MEETINGS /CONGRESSES</b>	3,918		22,750	
<b>2.4. MEMBERSHIP AND JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>			850	
<b>2.5. OTHER OPERATING</b>	7,207		15,185	
<b>2.6. EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES</b>			50,000	
<b>2.7. PROJECTS</b>	29,844		48,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,969</b>		<b>190,785</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>96'861.32</b>		<b>-110,285</b>	

J. Latour asked if there was any possibility to allocate some money to the sections in the future. J. Hazelzet explained that the sections would be included in the ESPNIC spending plan. The sections chairs need to submit a budget proposal for their section to the ESPNIC Board.

The accounts were approved as presented.

### **Report of the Chair of Scientific Affairs**

J. Hazelzet advised that Mark Peters from London recently had been appointed as a new Chair of Scientific Affairs. The EC committee had received four nominations for the position.

M. Peters presented the current situation of the ICM and said the journal had received 23 submissions in 2013 but that only 4 had been accepted. He said that the aim for the journal was to increase the impact factor to 5 and that in order to reach this the editorial board had to be very strict on the quality of the articles. He encouraged members to send their best articles. A discussion developed regarding the difficulty to have ICU articles cited 5 times. J. Hazelzet explained that the priority was to get as many good articles as possible in order to maintain the journal.

### **Report of the Sections**

J. Hazelzet reported that there are now 12 sections within ESPNIC. He said that the success of each section is very much related to their leadership. This was the first time that the section Chairs had been asked to do a short presentations about their current activities and plans for 2014.

Each Section Chair was called to make a 2 minutes presentation.

### ***Respiratory failure***

M. Kneyber presented the activities as well as the year plan 2014.

Current activities

- Setting up protocol for consensus guideline Paediatric Mechanical Ventilation
- Setting up protocol for European database Paediatric Mechanical Ventilation



- Validation of Berlin criteria for ARDS in infants (paper under revision for ICM, first author Daniele de Luca, last author Martin Kneyber)
- Participation Paediatric Acute Lung Injury Consensus Conference (Peter Rimensberger, Martin Kneyber – meetings held Chicago, Montreal)
- Draft program ESPNIC 2014
- iVENTPRO Program shared with ESPR and ESN for teaching invasive mechanical ventilation over a standardised didactical program with two certifications (basic-advanced). Steering committee mixed between ESPNIC and ESPR (Chair Daniele De Luca, both of us present)
- Support to European Courses on NIV (organization: Edoardo Calderini, endorsed by Section)

#### Year plan 2014

- Consensus guideline Paediatric Mechanical Ventilation – Expert Meeting (during EPNV, Montreux?)
- Going live with European database Paediatric Mechanical Ventilation
- Preparations for first RCT
- Survey on high-flow nasal cannula oxygen supplementation
- Elections chair, deputy chair

#### ***Haemodynamics and congenital heart disease***

Joris Lemson presented the activities as well as the year plan 2014.

#### Current activities

- Survey about hemodynamic monitoring at PICU (abstract presented today)
- Survey about hemodynamic monitoring at NICU (in preparation)
- Involvement in ESPNIC 2013
- Involvement in ECPNCIC (European Conference on Pediatric and Neonatal Cardiac Intensive Care) 2013, a joint effort with PCICS 2013
- Working group of microcirculatory research in pediatrics
- Writing clinical guidelines for management of transposition of the great arteries (pilot project involving EACTS, AEPC, EACTA, ESPNIC)

#### Year Plan 2014

- Consensus conference on HD monitoring (and therapy?) end 2014
- Project on pulse contour cardiac output algorithm
- Project to develop training guidelines for cardiac intensive care



- a. Ethics
- b. Nursing Science Group
- c. Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing
- d. Pharmacology

Joris Lemson also reported that the section had received three EU grants. He mentioned that the section needs more active members.

### ***Infection, systemic inflammation and sepsis***

Pierre Tissières reported that the number of members present at the section's annual meeting had increased. He presented the activities as well as the year plan 2014.

#### Current activities

- Postgraduate course organization (educational content, hands on)
- Research: develop inter-individual network and collaborations

#### Year plan 2014

- EAPS 2014 postgraduate course organization on ECHO in P/NICU in collaboration with respiratory failure section
- Future congress program: section members based, 50% of speakers from the section
- Develop educational materials (MCQs)
- Promote individual scientific collaborations proposals

### ***Neuro Critical Care***

Robert Tasker reported that the section planned to conduct two studies. He mentioned that the group would send a proposal of the studies to the EC committee.

### ***Long term outcome***

Corinne Buysse reported that the members of the section are not very active.

#### Current activities

- Consensus meeting autumn 2013
- ESPNIC long-term symposium 1x/year
- Review "long-term outcome after critical illness"

#### Year Plan 2014

- Structural ESPNIC follow-up programme , simple and feasible
- Patient groups: CPR, TBI
- PICU variables: basics



- Outcome variables: basics
- Assessment: 3m-1y-...
- ESPNIC follow-up database
- Patient care + research
- INTERVENTION studies

### ***Metabolism, endocrinology and nutrition***

K. Joosten presented the activities as well as the year plan 2014.

#### Current activities

- Mails to section to give information of activities of the section and ESPNIC congress
- With a subgroup abstract handling for the congress
- With a subgroup set up a postgraduate course for ESPNIC 2013
- Development of a survey

#### Year plan 2014

- International survey concerning nutritional practices in PICU's all over the world
- Discuss development of standard postgraduate course and collaborate with ESPEN LLL course
- Evaluation of protocols for glycaemic control and develop standard protocol
- Building website with information and links

### ***Health Services, research administration, education and information technology***

J. Hazelzet encouraged all members to become active in the sections. He also emphasized the importance of having one to one meetings between congresses.

#### **Report of the Chair of Development Affairs**

E. Calderini reported that the ESPNIC Diploma program Phase 0.5 Exploration Report had been presented at the EC meeting and that the group had decided to move forward with phase 1 and 2 of the project subject to approval at the General Assembly. He explained that this European Diploma in Intensive Care was a very important milestone for the society as it would attract members and professionalize the society. It was mentioned that the diploma project would require an investment of about USD 250'000 from ESPNIC. Several educational tools need to be developed and inserted in the program in the future.

#### Decision:

All members approved the project which will require a considerable money investment.





## **PACT**

E. Calderini presented the PACT (Patient-centred Acute Care Training), which is an up-to-date, on-line, modular curriculum for Intensive (Critical) Care Medicine. More than 40 modules on specific topics have been already published.

E. Calderini explained that volunteers were needed to act as reviewers of the recent and new modules. Section chairs were requested to identify reviewers in their sections and ensure the consistency and quality of the pediatric output.

## **Future meetings**

### ***EAPS 2014***

J. Hazelzet reported that the next EAPS meeting would be held in Barcelona in 2014. Official representatives of ESPNIC would meet on Sunday for a meeting to discuss the organization.

### ***ESPNIC 2015***

J. Hazelzet announced that the next ESPNIC congress would be held in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2015. With this destination, ESPNIC kept its promises to go to Eastern Europe.

## **Members agenda items**

J. Hazelzet asked the ESPNIC members to become more active on social media.

## **Elections**

J. Hazelzet reported that the 2 new presidents Elects were Barbara Grädel (Nursing President Elect) and Joe Brierley (Medical President Elect).

He explained that the Medical Presidency would now be passed to P. Rimensberger and the Nursing Presidency to O. Frauenfelder . He reported that he found his term as President extremely enjoyable and a lot of work but also a very rewarding experience.

P. Rimensberger took this opportunity and thanked J. Hazelzet for his hard work and major achievements and mentioned that under J. Hazelzet's leadership, there had been impressive progress and profile for the organization.

P. Rimensberger presented the ESPNIC priorities for the coming years which were:

- Clarify the membership relationship with ESICM
- Develop the sections
- Education and the European Diploma

He thanked the members present for coming and for their ongoing support of ESPNIC.

O. Frauenfelder expressed her satisfaction about the strong nurses' voice in ESPNIC and promised to continue on the same track during her mandate. She mentioned that she was looking forward to working with P. Rimensberger and to have B. Grädel as the Nursing President Elect.

*The meeting was adjourned at 19:50.*