

ESPNIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday 11 June 2015
18:00 – 20:00
Vilnius, Lithuania

Attendees:

Executive Committee:

Peter Rimensberger, Medical President
Odile Frauenfelder, Nursing President
Simma Burkhard, Treasurer
Joe Brierley, Medical President-Elect
Barbara Grädel, Nursing President-Elect
Simon Nadel, Secretary
Pierre Tissières, Chair of Scientific Committee
Marek Migdal, Chair of Professional Development Committee

ESPNIC Office: Ella Nkanagu, Maria Fredin Grupper and Ulrika Smrekova

42 ESPNIC Members

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

P. Rimensberger and O. Frauenfelder welcomed all members.

2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly, Barcelona, EAPS 2014.

The minutes from the last meeting held in Barcelona will be circulated at a later stage. P. Rimensberger apologized for the omission.

3. Reports of the Presidents

P. Rimensberger introduced the two newly elected officers: L. Tume as Nursing President-Elect (87 votes) and S. Nadel as Medical President-Elect (98 votes). Both new officers were elected by the ESPNIC members via an electronic voting platform. He announced that the position of Secretary was now open and members were invited to apply. The deadline for call for candidates will be 18 July.

a. O. Frauenfelder provided a status report of the activities undertaken by the nursing members:

- She highlighted the education and research projects which included an educational grant given to Joseph Manning to pursue a fellowship in 2014 enabling him to visit Sophia's Children Hospital, Rotterdam to undertake research on the psychosocial long term wellbeing and needs of surviving childhood critical illness.
- The paper of the Delphi Study has been published.
- In recent years there has been a decline in nursing members due to a split of scientific nurse versus bedside nurses. There is a need for new ideas to attract more bedside nurses as ESPNIC members.
- The pain and sedation paper has been reviewed and endorsed.

b. Report of the Medical President

- P. Rimensberger provided an update on the major achievements against the Strategy Plan 2010-2014 with the announcement of the ESPNIC Academy and the development of the European Diploma.
- The Congresses have finalized the blueprint and will lead to only small changes if necessary for each Congress.

- He reminded the sections chairs that input for the program in Geneva is needed.

P. Rimensberger concluded his report by stating that the society has achieved new things and is proud of the Education Concept and the Diploma Program moving forward.

4. Report of the Secretary

S. Nadel thanked everyone who voted for him for the President-Elect position and handed the stand back to P. Rimensberger to explain the tax issue and the required voting by the General Assembly.

a. Tax Issue and Proposed Changes of the ESPNIC Statutes¹

P. Rimensberger explained that ESPNIC as a society is officially registered in the Netherlands with its administrative office in Geneva, Switzerland. In January 2012 a new international tax treaty between the two countries would ensure that if effective management of ESPNIC were to be transferred to Switzerland, the Netherlands would no longer have the right to tax ESPNIC with Dutch corporate income tax. However this results in tax filing obligations in both countries during the transition.

If ESPNIC were to be established as a non-profit organization in Switzerland under Swiss laws, ESPNIC could be eligible for tax exempt status and a formalised request to the Swiss tax authorities. One of the requests was to amend the Society's statutes in order to be compliant with the local Swiss tax exemption requirements before they can process our request.

For this reason it has been proposed to amend the Society statutes, which will have to be voted during this General Assembly meeting.

Prior to proceeding with the amends, P. Rimensberger reminded all members that according to the statutes, any amendment needs to be circulated to ESPNIC members 4 weeks prior to the General Assembly. However, as we only received the correspondence from the Swiss tax authorities recently this required us to take more urgent action. This issue was raised in a letter sent to all members one week prior to the General Assembly, allowing those who could not attend to express their opinion. If we do not proceed with the voting this year, voting will be postponed to the next General Assembly scheduled during EAPS in October 2016.

i. First voting: To accept the late announcement to proceed with the voting today

RESULT: ALL members (42 voters) voted yes.

ii. Second voting: three modifications to the ESPNIC Statutes summarized below:

1. Change the address of the Administrative office

¹ Commentary subsequent to the meeting

Due to certain legal and administrative matters, ESPNIC is not currently entitled to the federal and cantonal Swiss exemptions if it does not become a Swiss non-profit association. In order to overcome these legal and administrative issues, the EC subsequently decided that it is preferable to dissolve ESPNIC in the Netherlands and create a new ESPNIC in Geneva, Switzerland.

- **Current Statutes – Introduction**

The person appearing has declared that on **the twenty third day in the month of October two thousand and ten** the General Meeting of the association, incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands: European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC) with its registered office in the Hague (The Netherlands), and address at: **CH1211 Geneva 1 Switzerland, 1-3 Rue de Chantepoulet**, hereinafter referred to as: “ESPNIC”, has resolved in a meeting to amend the articles of association of ESPNIC and to authorize the person appearing to execute this deed.

- **To be replaced with:**

The person appearing has declared that on **xx date, 2015** the General Meeting of the association, incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands: European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC) with its registered office in the Hague (The Netherlands), and address at: **CH1207 Geneva Switzerland, 7 rue François-Versonnex**, hereinafter referred to as: “ESPNIC”, has resolved in a meeting to amend the articles of association of ESPNIC and to authorize the person appearing to execute this deed.

2. **Clarification on the remuneration of the committees of the EC**

- **Current Statutes – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – REPRESENTATION. Article 16.**

6. Without prejudice to that determined in the last full sentence of section 4, the Association shall be represented by:

Either the Executive Committee;

Or:

the Medical President and the Nursing President, acting collectively;

the Treasurer or the Secretary, acting collectively;

the Medical President and the Treasurer or the Secretary, acting collectively;

the Nursing President and the Treasurer or the Secretary, acting collectively;

- **To add:**

7. No member of the Executive Committee is entitled to receive any financial contribution for their work other than reimbursement of travel expenses to attend meetings of the association.

3. **The dissolution of the Association: funds need to go to a society with a similar activity.**

- **Current Statutes – DISSOLUTION. Article 19.**

2. The General Meeting shall decide on the disbursement of **any positive balance on hand which disbursement shall, if possible, agree the goal or goals of the Association.** In no way, the assets of the Association may be distributed to its members or returned to the donators.

- **To be replaced with**

2. In case of dissolution of the association, the General Meeting will be responsible for the decision on the distribution of any remaining assets to a tax-exempt institution with similar goals to the Association. In no event will the assets be returned to the founders or members, nor be used to their benefit in full or part, in any manner whatsoever.

RESULT: ALL members voted yes with 42 votes for all three amends.

b. Membership Status

S. Nadel reported on the decrease in membership, particularly from nurses, may be due to location of the conference. It has been discussed that in the future ESPNIC will send reminders regarding expired memberships, which will hopefully be sorted out by this year. He emphasized marketing the Society's benefits to encourage colleagues to join and predicts numbers will rise in the future.

Members have confirmed that they did not receive a reminder this year. Joe Brierley confirmed he will work with the ESPNIC Secretariat to send out personal letters to all expired members.

There is a need to improve the communication to all expired members, but also to current members throughout the year.

c. Strategy 2015-2020

J. Brierley explained the strategy for the 2015-2020 period which will focus on:

- Establishing a joint multi-disciplinary committee on paediatric intensive care
- Education with the successful launch of the Diploma Program and Collaboration with OpenPediatrics
- Research
- Collaborating with other organizations, national societies, and regional societies
- Building strong reference in the field
- Encouraging real membership of the field
- Advocating for the specialty

J. Halzezet expressed his concern in not continuing the Registry project which was a priority in the previous strategy plan. J. Brierley confirmed that the Registry remains in the new strategic plan.

5. Report of the Treasurer²

B. Simma reported that there is currently a negative balance, this is in line with the agreement with the Dutch tax authorities to invest heavily in educational activities and have a negative balance for a few years to avoid paying tax penalties. The increase in spending is reflected in the investment in the Diploma Programme and the ESPNIC Academy. He concluded that the income is a trend and not an absolute number, but the reality is that the two years' income remains the same. However, education has been a large expense for the society.

² Commentary subsequent to the meeting

The 2014 and 2012 numbers in the table below were subsequently revised to reflect the most accurate numbers based on the financial statement report as of 31 December 31st 2012 and 31 December 31st 2014.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*
Income	92'611	181'474	36'176	202'866	144'750	93'196	156'798
Expenses	36'419	97'023	144'815	149'055	377'918	195'331	37'794
Result	56'192	84'451	- 108'639	53'811	-233'168	-102'135	119'004
Total Equities	539'205	623'656	515'017	455'517	335'660	233'525	352'529

*As of 31 May 2015

B. Simma detailed the statement of accounts 2014.

Statement of Accounts as of 31.12.2014	
INCOME	
Congress Income	35 000
Membership dues - Nurses	6 757
Membership dues – Doctors	29 328
Royalties	21 731
Bank Interest	380
TOTAL INCOME	93 196
EXPENSES	
Administration expenses	47 904
Congress costs	3 640
Research Activities	-- --
Board meetings	14 154
Other meetings	3 252
Educational activities	124 565
Journal costs	1 323
Bank charges	493
Nursing	-- --
TOTAL EXPENSES	195 331
Net (loss) income for the year	(102 135)

The accounts were approved as presented.

P. Tissières informed members that research was a top priority and is working to establish a criteria for grants. The society will set up a research committee and the ultimate goal will be to set up an ESPNIC trial unit.

6. Report of the Chair of Scientific Affairs

a. Scientific Affairs

P. Tissières emphasized the importance of the section meetings as the only time during the year when the members can meet face to face. He thanked the section chairs for contributing to the congress success with a strong and attractive scientific programme.

P. Tissières reported that the strong push for research has led to positive outcomes with more active sections. The Society needs to evaluate and discuss how to improve the overall efficiency of all the sections.

b. ESPNIC 2015

P. Tissières announced the huge success in attendance with 766 delegates in Vilnius. He thanked everyone, Kenes and the Scientific Programme Committee and emphasized the need to pursue and develop workshops, as they will become essential to ESPNIC.

The goal to hold the meeting in Central and Eastern Europe, was a challenge but a success.

c. EAPS 2016

P. Tissières informed that all members have been contacted through the sections and the Secretariat to provide their inputs for the next EAPS conference taking place in Geneva in 2016. These feedbacks should be collected by the end of the congress as the first EAPS scientific committee meeting will take place on the 16 and 17 June in Munich.

7. Section Report

a. Section Evaluation

P. Tissières announced that there was a need for the strict evaluation of the sections through feedback from the members of the section.

He emphasized many problems have risen from the lack of communication between the chair and deputy chair and the members and urges members to take more action. He announced that next year, and in the future, all members will evaluate the chairs and deputy chairs.

b. Section Modification

After individual evaluations, P. Tissières announced there were two sections (Hemodynamics and Pediatric Intensive Care Nursing) that had many difficulties and this will be reviewed next year. He strongly encouraged nurses to be more active in all sections, which are multidisciplinary, and all sections need to be active in promoting this.

c. Research Committee

He urged the Congress to push harder and focus on research. He announced committee chairs will be invited to work with the research committee in the coming weeks.

d. Change in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

P. Tissières reviewed and explained the changes in the current SOPs.

Sections and Working Groups

Current text

- Provide content for **monthly** newsletter

To be replaced by

- Provide content for **trimester** newsletter

Current text

Approval of the work plan performance indicators and budget (if applicable) during face to face meeting during congresses as per below timeline:

- Submit proposals and performance indicators to EC **in July approval by EC within 4 weeks**

To be replaced by

Approval of the work plan performance indicators and budget (if applicable) during face to face meeting during congresses as per below timeline:

- Submit proposals and performance indicators to EC **in June approval by EC within 4 weeks**

Section 3 – Sections and Working Groups

To be added

- **Evaluation and monitoring**
 - Each section will be evaluated by all section members and the EC, on a yearly base, following review of the performance indicators and yearly plan provided in June.
- **Congress programme**
 - It is expected that each section propose to the congress committee proposals for plenary sessions and workshops. All section members should be requested to do proposals to section chairs and deputy chairs. Once a year, the chair of the scientific affair will request all sections chairs to submit the section proposals.
- **Dissolution of Sections**
 - In case a section evaluation failed to reach the minimal standard (<15), the EC will either request the chair and deputy chair a plan for the upcoming year, or will propose the dissolution of the section. Decision will be voted at the majority of the EC and confirmed at the General Assembly.

6.8. Endorsement – Publications

- **Two publication endorsements are considered:**
 - 1. Sections are allowed to publish in their own name “On behalf of the ESPNIC /section name/”. This endorsement is an option for all articles prepared by the section and needs to be validated by the section chair, deputy chair and chairman of the scientific affairs.
 - 2. “ESPNIC endorsement “is allowed ONLY if the article is in line with the educational standards of ESPNIC and after review by three members of the EC, including the chair of the professional

development section ???and the medical or nursing president. Such articles should be proposed by section chair.

6.10. Research Proposal for Funding

- Current text
 - Members can apply for funding for specific Research projects by sending their request to the members of the Executive Committee or to the ESPNIC Office directly The Chair of Scientific Affairs and the Chair of the Professional Development Committee evaluate the submitted request and will complete the evaluation from based on the information received and submit it together with their recommendation to the Executive Committee who will make the final decision
- To be added
 - Research projects should have already a significant recognition (at least one publication from the section or member) in an international peer reviewed journal. The research project needs to be endorsed by an ESPNIC section and/or ESPNIC EC.

P. Tissières urged the use of Survey Monkey but should be used through section proposals. In response to a question regarding meetings held at the same time, P. Tissières stated that at this meeting due to lack of space, there will be an overlap in meeting times.

e. Section reports

P. Tissières invited the section chairs to provide their summaries. Each Section Chair presented as follows:

i. Respiratory Failure

Martin Kneyber presented the activities as well as the achievements and the challenges.

Achievements

- Continuation of NIV courses throughout Europe (Spain, France, Italy, Portugal and recently in United Kingdom). Local instructors, making it easier for attendees with limited English skills. Part of future diploma. Erasmus grant requested for online course and European NIV research network – *Edoardo Calderini, Marti Pons, Alberto Medina Villeneuve, Sandrine Essouri*
- Participation in the Pediatric ARDS consensus definition designed to develop a better taxonomy for P-ARDS and to make recommendations regarding treatment and research priorities– *Peter Rimensberger, Sandrine Essouri, Marti Pons, Martin Kneyber*
- Main paper published PCCM, supplement PCCM published June 2015

Activities

- PEdiatric MEchanical VEntilation Consensus Collaborative (PEMVECC) - Ongoing
 - Conference September 2015
- Roles And Responsibilities for mechanical Ventilation and weaning practice in European PICus (BRAVO-EPIC) and VEntilator Settings in Pediatrics European Registry (VESPER) 2015

- Collaboration between Section Respiratory Failure and Nursing Science Section - Ongoing

Challenges

- Neonatal ARDS definition
 - To develop and validate a ARDS definition for neonates
 - Phase 1 consensus collaborative
- HFOV survey
 - To understand the use of HFOV and whether the two adult trials had an impact on the use of HFOV in paediatrics
 - Survey, completed and under analysis
 - Manuscript in preparation
- Communication to members
- Involvement of members
- Recruitment of new members

ii. Hemodynamics and Congenital Heart Disease

Joris Lemson presented activities as well as the achievements and future plans.

Achievements

- Program ESPNIC 2015
- Survey concerning hemodynamic monitoring PICU submitted
- Survey concerning hemodynamic monitoring NICU finished

Activities

- Discussion on the future of section
- Delay in activities working group microcirculation due to technical problems
- Awareness to change leadership style

Future: Two Sections

- Cardiac critical care and mechanical support (with working groups)
- Pediatric cardiovascular dynamics (with working groups)
- Recruiting (active) members for both new sections

He reports that in agreement with the section chair and the deputy chair of this section the EC has dissolved the section for various reasons, among others that the topic was becoming too large. The EC suggested to create two new sections. Joris Lemson and Eduardo Da Cruz will come up with a new proposal for these sections. A message will then be sent out to all ESPNIC members for declaration of interest to become a member, since it must be remembered that a new section can be only proposed with a minimum of 10 members according to the SOPs.

iii. Ethics Section

Jens Möller presented the activities as well as the achievements and future plans.

Achievements

- New section constituted in Barcelona
- Program: Survey to get information on what members want to be discussed – ongoing

Activities

- Planning topics and discussion points based on survey results

- Focusing on practical ethic aspects of everyday work
- Inclusion of parents versus fundamental ethics (utilitarianism)
- Highlighting and formulating differences between European countries

Future

- Organ transplantation and allocation
- End of life decisions
- Migrants, ethics of rationalizing therapies, new dimension of psychosocial stress
- Defining optimum versus maximum therapy

iv. Nurse Science

Lyvonne Tume presented the activities as well achievements, proposed plan until 2020, and the 2015 year plan

Achievements

- Agreed a 5 year Nurse Science Section roadmap
- Two Delphi studies complete and published in high impact journals
- The Section has directed the content of the annual congresses
- First PICU & NICU Research Summer School successfully run Aug 2014
- Annual pre-congress nurse science workshops very successful including a joint ESPR research workshop pre EAPS
- Section members surveyed in late 2013 re section aims: networking, support, collaboration, education and discussion forum
- Established database and network of nurse researchers across Europe
- Produced a consensus statement around pain, sedation and withdrawal for PICU awaiting pharmacology section input and ESPNIC approval
- Current paid up membership n=43 (some inaccurate records and might be higher)

Activities

- Third study (bRAVO-EPIC and PEMVE = VESPER) in collaboration with the respiratory section in development
- Produced a consensus statement around pain, sedation and withdrawal awaiting pharmacology section input and ESPNIC approval
- Publish the roadmap on ESPNIC website and an editorial paper (Nursing in Critical Care) referring to this roadmap

Proposed Plan

Timeframe	Strategy
0-2 years by 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue annual or bi-annual PICU and NICU Research summer school at rotating European venues Continue to run pre-congress Nurse Science workshops to promote nursing engagement with and participation in research Establish a group of European and International nursing faculty to lead on the above two points Publish (as an editorial) the ESPNIC Nurse Science section 5 year roadmap in addition to including it on the ESPNIC website Formalise the links between the Nurse Science and other sections in ESPNIC to facilitate more multidisciplinary research Improve electronic access to nurse science meetings Maintain database of research active nurses within Europe Following EC approval of consensus statement on pain, sedation and withdrawal, active promotion and implementation of these guidelines into PICU and NICUs across Europe (including translation)
2-4 years by 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a process of mentorship of individuals under the supervision of a ESPNIC nursing research faculty Develop and link into educational resources to promote research knowledge and usage amongst nurses Formalise links with other research organisations such as ESPR to collaborate on research ESPNIC to establish and hold a multidisciplinary database of research-active individuals with topic areas, expertise and contact details that members wishing to pursue research can check and consult
By 5 years by 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective and sustainable research collaborations established and working on collaborative projects to completion as evidenced by published work Research to target priority areas identified by European Delphi studies in 2013 (eg Pain and sedation guideline implementation) Measure effectiveness of implementation of pain, sedation and withdrawal consensus statement across European PICUs and NICUs Joint ESPNIC member publications produced through ESPNIC collaborative studies.

Year 2015

- To undertake planned roadmap activities to strengthen the nurse science section and increase membership
- To input into the 2016 EAPS/ESPNIC conference program
- To explore the use of more electronic resources at congresses eg to enable ESPNIC members to dial into conference meetings
- Organise another PICU & NICU Research 'winter' school – Agreed: Lausanne, CH Jan 14 & 15th 2015

v. Pharmacology

Dick Toebbel presented the activities as well as the achievements and the 2015 year plan

Achievements

- Active participation in the yearly ESPNIC conference (Barcelona).
- Preparation of mission statement on sedation together with the section of nursing research.
- Integration with the preparation of the FP7-EU project on Clonidine versus Midazolam.

Activities

- International survey on state of the art analgo-sedation of postcardiac surgery patients.
- Finalization of the mission statement on sedation (final June 2015). Active participation in ESPNIC Vilnius (June 2015).

Year 2015

- Organize an invitational conference on pharmacodynamic parameters of pain and anxiety.
- Active expansion of study sites mainly in Eastern Europe for randomized controlled trials.
- Pharmacokinetics of drugs during ECMO at the background of centrifugal pumps and smaller systems.

vi. Infection, Inflammation, and Sepsis

Koos Jansen presented the activities as well as the achievements and the 2015/2016 year plan

Achievements

- Delphi Study on Refractory Septic Shock [RSS];
 - Part 2 - results are processed at the moment (LM, PT)
 - Part 3 - multicentre retrospective study in RSS is planned
- Effectiveness of IV Immunoglobulines in Toxic Septic Shock [TSS]: a multicentre rct ;
 - Feasibility study in France ongoing (EJ)
 - International participation PICUs in Europe ?

Activities

- ESPNIC Vilnius 10-14 June 2015: 3 sessions on I,I&S
 - Systemic Fungal Infections [12 June – 09:00]
 - Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections / CLABSI [12 June - 16:00]
 - Fever: treat or not to treat [13 June – 08:00]
 - Section meeting [12 June – 17:30]
 - Pre Congress workshop: ECHO for intensivists [11 June]

Year 2015

- Input section members into the EAPS/ESPNIC congress program in October 2016, Geneva
- New activities for research in I,I&S [proposals]:
 - New diagnostic tools in viral infections
 - Microbiome and lower respiratory tract infections
 - Malignant Pertussis [database, pathophysiology, treatment]
 - Database on Sepsis in Europe in collaboration with SSCM [Tex Kissoon]

Year 2016

- Program EAPS/ESPNIC Geneva - October 2016
 - Sessions and workshops
- New activities for research in I,I&S
- Proposals:
 - ESPNIC 2017
 - Collaboration with ESICM regarding Sepsis research

vii. Neurocritical Care

Hannelore Ringe presented the activities as well as the achievements and the 2015 year plan

Achievements

- Establish workshops and lectures for the ESPNIC in Vilnius
- Not achieved: A higher number of active members in the section

Activities

- Retrospective data collection of current treatments
 - In children after head trauma
 - And after cardiac arrest
- Topics for workshops in 2016

Year 2015

- Install a network in Neuro Critical Care
 - Recruit active members into the network
 - Start the EURO-Pack Study

viii. Metabolism, endocrinology and nutrition

Koens Joosten presented activities as well as the achievements and 2015 year plan

Achievements

- Barcelona EAPS congress Organisation contribution (nutrition and metabolism sessions)
- Collaboration and networking with nutrition societies (ESPEN, ESPGHAN) : writing of PICU parenteral nutrition guidelines (to be published in 2015)
- Networking to recruit active members in the section
- Education : participation to ESPEN LLL courses (life long learning)

Activities

- Diffusion of a survey to help define members centers of interest, availability for the section
- Vilnius congress organisation participation (nutrition and metabolism sections), workshops
- Collaboration with Nutrition scientific societies (ESPGHAN and ESPEN) to write parenteral nutrition guidelines (to be published in 2015)

Year 2015

- Section meeting in Vilnius
 - Report and discussion of the ESPNIC MEN section survey
- Guidelines
 - Collaboration with ESPGHAN/ESPR
 - Define and publish some topics for « ESPNIC guidelines » (eg GRV, etc,)
- Education
 - LLL : Life long learning courses (ESPEN)
 - Post graduate course EAPS/ESPNIC
- Network
 - New members : enlarge MEN section
- Website feeding
 - papers, presentations, agenda of future events

ix. Health Services and Outcome

Jan Hazelzet presented the activities as well as the achievements and the 2015 year plan

Achievements

- Merge of Section Health Services and Section Long Term Outcome

- Section Meeting Barcelona

Activities

- Preparation Consensus statement on Minimal dataset Outcome

Year 2015

- Definition Activity plan
- Attract more (active) Members

x. Renal /CRRT

Akash Deep presented the activities as well as the achievements and the 2015 year plan

Achievements

- CRRT Workshop at the World Congress in Istanbul – fully booked
- CRRT Workshop at EAPS in Barcelona
- ESPNIC CRRT survey finalised

Activities



Year 2015

- 8th International Conference of Paediatric CRRT – London 2015
- Survey of AKI/CRRT practices across all PICUs in Europe/Asia and US
- Handbook of ESPNIC endorsed Acute Care Nephrology
- Consensus statement on CRRT guidelines/HRS

xi. Resuscitation

Dominique Biarent presented a preliminary proposal of an EUROPEAN PEDIATRIC IN-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST REGISTRY (EPIHCAR) It is presented on behalf of Antonio Rodríguez-Núñez, Nieves de Lucas, Jesús López-Herce and Dominique Biarent

Potential results and impact

- European and national specific recommendations for the prevention of CA in hospitalized children.
- Clues to identify specific groups at risk of CA on whom to implement specific preventive measures.
- The release of European guidelines focused on the organization of health care assistance to CA.
- New evidences that could be the basis for the modification of the international guidelines on pediatric CPR.
- The rationale to develop prospective intervention studies about the prevention and clinical treatment of cardiac arrest in children.

- European recommendations to the clinical follow-up as well as the integrated social and health care assistance to the children victims of a CA episode and their families.
- The accomplishment of an European permanent registry of CA in children that would allow a continuous assessment of the effects of the implemented preventive and health care measures.

Objectives

- To study the causes (diseases, accidents), individual factors (genetics, ethnics, age, sex, underlying problems), and environmental factors (place of arrest, type of hospital, country), associated with pediatric in-hospital CA in the different European countries.
- To analyse the characteristics of the in-hospital CPR efforts in Europe, in order to determine the clinical and health care's system factors that could have impact on survival and neurological outcome.
- To assess the long-term outcome of children resuscitated from an in-hospital CA.

Preliminary proposed methods

- Subjects: Children who suffer from a CA when hospitalized during the study period.
- Inclusion criteria: Age from one month to 16 year-old, hospitalized in pediatric wards or PICU.
- Exclusion criteria: CA occurring in the operating room or in the emergency department before the child admission.
- Data collection: Following the Utstein style, through a web-based data sheet.
- Ethical issues: Anonyme data collection. Consent to collect data according to the local Ethical Committee.
- Study period: One-year, from October 15th, 2015 to October 14th, 2016.
- Data analysis period: From October 14th, 2016 to March 1st, 2017.
- Manuscripts writing period: From March 1st, 2017 to December 31st, 2017.

Proposed working team

- Coordination: Dominique Biarent, Nieves de Lucas, Antonio Rodríguez-Núñez.
- Advisory Committee: Jesús López-Herce, Robert Berg, + 2-3 experts from the ESPNIC.
- Country monitor: A collaborator per country involved.
- Data monitor: To be decided.
- Statistical expert and data analysis: José María Bellón.
- Writing committee: To be decided.
- Year plan 2015 -2017
- ILCOR process
- New Guidelines in Paediatric resuscitation :Implementation – Education – Clinics - Research
- EuReCa : European Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Registry including Paediatric CA
- In-Hospital CA Registry : ESPNIC

P.Rimensberger reminded all sections that they have the possibility to submit a proposal for funding along with a budget to the EC. The EC will then review the proposal and make a decision regarding the funding. P. Rimensberger invited D. Biarent to submit the proposal, who then mentioned that the funding would be around 50,000EUR.

xii. Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing (N/A)

No presentation received.

8. Report of the Chair of Professional Development Affairs

M. Marek updated the members with the progress of the European Diploma programme. The purpose of the Diploma in Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Program is to *harmonize and improve quality standards* for safe, independent practice in paediatric and neonatal intensive care in Europe and elsewhere. According to the project schedule, ESPNIC is about to launch Phase 3 of the project.

- **June 2015 and forward** – Phase 3 – Launch marketing and start accepting applications for Parts 1 and 2
- **2 November – 15 December 2015** – Administer exam (Parts 1 and 2) as a Beta test to first cohort of eligible candidates
- **August 2016 and forward** – Administer final version of exam (Parts 1 and 2)

The criteria for eligibility for the candidates to participate in the Beta test are as follow:

General Medical Training	Medical school / faculty / university degree
Primary Specialty Training	Completion of a training programme in one of the following primary specialties: Anaesthesiology, paediatrics, paediatric surgery, or intensive care
Trainer Reference	None
Licensure	A valid (current), unrestricted medical license in at least one jurisdiction. If multiple licenses are held, each must be valid and unrestricted.

To participate in the Beta test, interested individuals should contact David Rozsa at espnic-diploma@espnic-online.org.

9. Young Investigator Awards

P. Tissières presented the two winners of the Young Investigator Awards.

1st Prize: Luc Morin, France

2nd Prize: Tobias Krieger, Austria

Member's agenda items

P. Rimensberger reminded that the next General Assembly meeting will take place the next EAPS conference taking place in October 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:05.