

ESPNIC General Assembly Minutes

**1 November 2018, 18:00 – 19:50,
Paris, Palais des congrès de Paris, Hall 243**

Item	By	Estimated time
1. Welcome/Opening of the meeting	Simon Nadel Lyvonne Tume	18:00
Simon Nadel opened the meeting and greeted members present.		
2. Approval of minutes of the General Assembly in Lisbon in June 2017	All	18:05
Simon Nadel motioned the members to approve the ESPNIC General Assembly 2017 minutes from Lisbon. The minutes were formally approved and accepted.		
3. Reports of the Presidents	Simon Nadel Lyvonne Tume	18:10
<p>a. <u>Medical President</u></p> <p>Simon Nadel presented the Achievements of the society during the 2017-2018 period, including the successful congress in Lisbon as well as an improved financial and educational situation (incl. a positive revenue from the EPIC Diploma). He presented the possibility, under consideration, of holding an <u>annual meeting</u>, combined with other already successful educational activities. He continued to update that <u>the financial situation of the society has improved drastically, including the EPIC Diploma which is showing positive financial returns.</u></p> <p><u>Simon Nadel outlined and thanked the involvement of the ESPNIC Executive Committee.</u></p> <p>Simon Nadel continued to present in detail the situation of ESICM, ESPNIC Medical membership including how difficult it has been for ESPNIC to offer different Membership categories as well as the low financial contribution of the membership fees ESPNIC receives. Due to these reasons the <u>ESPNIC EC sent a letter to ESICM expressing the intention to maintain good relations but become financially independent (pending the confirmation by GA voting).</u> The EC then launched a survey to check the opinion of its members and Simon Nadel presented to the GA the results. <u>The survey showed strong support from ESPNIC members towards the split.</u> Simon Nadel also explained that a change in ESPNIC/ESICM relations may also affect the ICM participation, the EC have expressed the strong interest of ESPNIC to retain the current situation with ICM. Following these actions, and despite the intention to negotiate a smooth exit and include a possible joint membership, <u>ESICM informed in September that ESPNIC Medical Membership option will be suspended starting from 22 October 2018.</u> Therefore, a new Medical Membership Categories and membership management system will be introduced, fully operated by ESPNIC. <u>Categories for low and middle-income countries, trainees and students as well as lower fees for all members will be introduced and a joint membership with National societies is also foreseen in the future.</u> Access to the ICM journal is under negotiation and will be confirmed.</p> <p>A question was raised about the <u>ESPNIC ICM editor</u> and Simon Nadel explained the process of selection is based on candidate <u>suggestions from ESPNIC, however, ICM has recently changed the selection process by giving final decision to the editor-in-chief instead of to ESPNIC EC.</u> Further negotiations with ICM and ESICM will follow. A question was raised about a possible Paediatric Journal and Simon Nadel explained such an opportunity is being</p>		

discussed for the future. If in competition with PCCM it would need to have a high impact factor in order to be sustainable.

A further question was asked re the legal status of ESPNIC after the split and Pierre Tissieres confirmed ESPNIC is a legal entity in Switzerland with its own administration. Simon Nadel reminded that the split gives ESPNIC more freedom to control its membership and finances and expressed his hope to grow membership and to become the premier organisation for paediatric and neonatal intensive care clinicians around the world.

b. Nursing President

Lyvonne Tume presented the development in the number of nursing and Allied Health Professionals (AHP) members. AHP have doubled in the last year and nursing members from Europe have widened. She presented results from the PICU related survey conducted during the year and its interesting findings. Less than half of the countries which participated in the survey have specialised PICU education and more than 80% of participants expressed an interest for an association like ESPNIC to recommend minimum educational standards for nurses working in PICU. At the same time specialised courses were not of interest due to various reasons including price, local courses, etc.

Lyvonne Tume continued that her plans as president include engagement in “non-nursing” activities, realisation of one-day nurse science course and production of more consensus guidelines. A remaining project is to conduct a similar survey for NICU nurses and Lyvonne Tume suggested it should be led by a NICU nurse.

4. Report of the Secretary

Daniele De Luca

18:20

a. Membership status

Daniele De Luca shared that ESPNIC has 515 medical members, 90 nursing members, 20 AHP and 6 life members. Membership is growing.

b. Section election results

Daniele De Luca confirmed that the results of the recent elections will be presented by Chair of Scientific Affairs

c. Grants, Endorsement and Sponsorship

Daniele De Luca informed about the grants secured for ESPNIC via GETINGE and NeoSim of 5k each. In addition, the EC has secured sponsorship from Medtronic to the amount of 50K, for 2 years (25 K each year). It includes a 5K grant but also the possibility for industry sponsored workshops, educational webinars, scientific content, etc. Additional negotiations are ongoing.

Daniele De Luca Presented also the new membership categories and fees, including different fees for high and lower income countries, trainees and students. Joint membership with national societies is also under consideration. Simon Nadel reminded to those members present to cancel any automatic renewal of ESICM Membership since it will no longer contain ESPNIC membership.

A question was raised about the cost of system transition for medical member management. Frederic Valla explained that a price had been agreed with Kenes and the cost will be 10€ per member.

A member present gave an example from ICCM who block a certain amount to be given for some of their scientific activities and was curious if ESPNIC plans something like this. It was confirmed that ESPNIC has the freedom now to decide its own activities.



An additional question was raised about VAT added to membership and Frederic Valla confirmed there is no tax added to membership.

A motion was made to approve the new membership categories and it was unanimously approved.

5. Report of the Treasurer

Frederic Valla

18:30

a. Approval of Financial Statements 2017

Frederic Valla showed and explained in detail the Financial Statement of 2017. It showed an unstable financial situation which has been improved in the following period by a drastic reduction of expenses, increase of incomes and negotiations with Kenes for delayed payment of Educational bill payment. He asked the GA to approve the financial statements from 2017, this was approved by the GA.

b. Financial Statements 2018

Frederic Valla shared the current position for 2018. Currently the position is positive with €36,000 held in the bank accounts with expectation for a further €50,000 by end of the year. Frederic Valla outlined few key factors for the positive outcome of the budget: Positive revenue of EPIC Diploma (expected + 10 000 €), Management fees reduced, Grants for over 20 000 € and Kenes Education bill has been re-negotiated. This EAPS congress in Paris is also successful and positive revenues for ESPNIC are expected.

c. Draft 2019 budget

Frederic Valla outlined that the draft budget for 2019 looks positive with an expected positive balance of €50 000 but there are many uncertainties. The budget anticipates an increased medical membership fee income following the ESICM split, estimated at around €60 000, the ESPNIC congress in Salzburg where a positive profit of c. €40 000 is expected, agreed grants and sponsorships for at least 20 000 € and EPIC Diploma income forecasted for more than 10 000 €.

6. Report of the Chair of Scientific Affairs

Martin Kneyber

18:40

a. Scientific activities

Martin Kneyber reported that due to the financial restraints on the society it was not possible to realise the Section requests for finance, however this will change shortly.

He presented also a project for a Hot Topics book – a 4-page hot topics summary per section with relevant new findings for members, firstly for free and later for purchase.

Martin Kneyber continued to announce the new section chairs and vice chairs .:

- ✓ New Chair of Cardiac ICU and Mechanical Circulatory Support Section is Aparna Hoskote.
- ✓ New Chair of Cardiovascular Dynamics Section is Yogen Singh
- ✓ New Chair of Nursing Science Section is Joseph Manning
- ✓ New Deputy Chair of Nursing Science Section is Anne-Sylvie Ramelet
- ✓ New Chair of Paediatric and Neonatal Care Nursing Section is Barbara Geven
- ✓ New Deputy Chair of Paediatric and Neonatal Care Nursing Section is Julie Menzies
- ✓ New Deputy Chair of Pharmacology Section is Pavla Pokorna
- ✓ New Chair of Transport Section is Gilles Jourdain
- ✓ New Deputy Chair of Transport Section is Ulrich Terheggen

b. EAPS 2018 & ESPNIC 2019



Martin Kneyber briefed that at EAPS there are 58 ESPNIC sessions, 3 workshops and a Simulation lab. There are two confirmed keynote speakers for ESPNIC 2019.

c. Annual ESPNIC Congress

Martin Kneyber presented EAPS 2020 in Barcelona and the idea of Annual ESPNIC Congress.

7. Report Chair of Professional Development Affairs

Alberto Medina

18:50

a. ESPNIC Educational activities – past and future

Alberto Medina presented that the EPIC Diploma is gaining popularity and ESPNIC will continue to ensure a correlation between its events and the Diploma curriculum. He also shared statistics about the Summer and Winter school topics and high satisfaction of attendees. He presented the plan for next Winter school foreseen in March 2019 as well as a Master class, organised in India. The ESPNIC Children's Intensive Care Textbook is a future project and will be a preparation book for the EPIC Diploma.

b. ESPNIC endorsed activities

Alberto Medina continued to outline that further activities (NIV and respiratory courses) were organised as a blended form (combination of online and hands-on trainings) and can be included in the ESPNIC Educational agenda. He asked the sections for greater involvement as there is an intention for preparation of both face-to-face and online courses on nutrition, ethics, mechanical ventilation, ultrasound and mostly – the simulation course. Such a course will be organised in April in La Coruna and is endorsed by ESPNIC.

c. Medical trainee update

Anna Zanin presented the various activities she has organized as the ESPNIC Medical trainee representative. She has formed a group of around 30 young trainees from 12 countries who are searching for the most interesting educational topics. At EAPS a simulation lap was organised with more than 100 attendees from 45 countries. A joint session with EAP also took place during EAPS. A Young Aperol was organized as an informal activity on the 1 November. A fun run will be organised during EAPS with the support of Medtronic.

In addition, an Educational survey was conducted, and its results showed the preferred topics and type of activities among young members. Anna Zanin briefed also that the group is working on development of webinars and webcasts and asked all ESPNIC members for support in the development and promotion.

d. EPIC Diploma update

Pierre Tissieres presented an EPIC Diploma update showing the diversity of applicants and the increased numbers of eligible applicants. Currently 28 EPIC Diplomas have been awarded to people from 20 countries. The financial results are already positive, and programme is advancing well. Translation of the exam and practice test in collaboration with national societies was mentioned by Pierre as one of the steps forward. An orientation session at EAPS was announced. EPIC Diploma Heroes were congratulated.

8. ESPNIC relations with ESICM

Simon Nadel

19:05

Lyvonne Tume

a. ESPNIC relations with ESICM – membership, current situation and survey results

b. New membership categories & benefits

These items were covered in previous sections and so were not repeated.

9. Report of the Sections

Section Chairs

19:20



<p>Cardiac ICU and Mechanical Circulatory Support</p> <p>Eduardo Da Cruz presented the achievements of the section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple sessions at ESPNIC 2017 and EAPS 2018 • Workshop on Pediatric Heart Failure and MCS – ESPNIC 2017 • AEPC and EACTS Councils have approved collaboration for future recommendations • Collaboration with AEPC and European Conference on Pediatric Neonatal Cardiac Intensive Care • Collaboration with ESPNIC POCUS initiative • Collaboration with ESPNIC Monitoring consensus • Writing ESPNIC supporting statement • Refreshing AEPC Training Guidelines (Cardiol Young 2011) as the AEPC/ESPNIC Training guidelines (EACTS-endorsed) • A number of publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ “Enteral Feeding practices in Infants with Congenital heart disease across European PICUs” – Journal publication ✓ “Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease” - book • Two European surveys (TRANS-SECTION COLLABORATIVES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enteral feeding practices in CHD patients ✓ Demographics of European CICU research practices/platform <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Quality & Safety Cardiac Intensive care Score Card (seeking collaboration Health Services research, Administration, education, information technology and Long term outcome, Nursing section, etc.) • European Manual of Paediatric and Congenital cardiac Intensive Care (trans-societal endeavour; Springer-Verlag) • Junior endowment • Website • Optimize trans-section and trans-societal collaboration (IPTA-EACTA-EAPA) 	Eduardo Da Cruz	
<p>Cardiovascular Dynamics</p> <p>Joris Lemson shared the developments within the section</p>	Joris Lemson	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair position was open for election – former deputy chair Yogen Singh will be the new chair • Consensus statement hemodynamic monitoring: work in progress, publication June 2019 • Yogen Singh is active with ESPR and POCUS (point-of-care ultrasound) group in developing guideline and running POCUS workshops. • Members of the sections worked with ESPR / ESM working group and successfully published recommendations on NPE training in Europe • Members of the sections worked with members from ESPR and published 8 research articles in Paediatric Research relevant to intensivists • Members of the sections are actively involved in running TINEC course in Switzerland. Currently completing European study on use of POCUS in PICUs in Europe <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising Workshop in Salzburg – pilot project of theoretical lectures and then practical session on Ultrasound and Simulation 		
<p><u>Critical Care Nephrology</u></p> <p>No report was provided as both chair and deputy were missing.</p>	Akash Deep	
<p><u>Ethics</u></p> <p>Joe Brierly provided the update from the section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided content to ESPNIC & EAPS meetings • Provided content to Diploma Winter school • Several members contributed to PCCM August EOL supplement, but not as section... • Collaboration with ECHO (European Children’s Hospital Organization) ethics group (Florence lead) set up exploring case studies • Collaboration with ELPAT paediatric group – paper being written on brain death in Europe • Paper on children’s rights in PICU sent to ICM but refused after a revision. Currently under review EJP <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of section name to Ethics & end of life care? • Survey monkey re ethics support to children’s hospital – launched at EAPS meeting • Eurydice 2019 – planning point prevalence end-of-life management in European PICU • EVOLVE study - professional attitudes to EOL care • Work with POKER group re attitudes to oncology patients in PICU 	Joe Brierley	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Webinar with ELPAT on organ donation – available for members • Position statement Re involvement in end-of-life decision-making 		
<p><u>Infection, systemic inflammation and sepsis</u> Etienne Javouhey presented the updated from the section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals for the ESPNIC Salzburg Congress and Strong involvement in the EAPS/ESPNIC Congress • A lot of members of the section are involved in the <u>Surviving Sepsis Campaign</u> (SCCM/ESICM/ESPNIC) and the Task force on the new definition of sepsis (ESPNIC, SCCM, WFPICCS) • RSS project is ongoing + International survey • One editorial for ICM; project of a survey on clinical practice and adherence with SSC guidelines <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of SSC guidelines in the end of 2019, preparation of survey in connection with its preparation. • Collaboration with the educational section (Alberto Medina) to elaborate an online course on sepsis and severe infection • Winter School on sepsis as soon as the recommendations on the sepsis will have been published (2020?) • Possible Workshop in Salzburg <p><u>She continued to share some possible weakness of the section:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough educational proposals • Insufficient communication and involvement of all the members in the activities of the section. • Collaborative project with nurse section is lacking (sepsis recognition, control and prevention of hospital acquired infection...) • Delay in the response of the solicitations of the ESPNIC committee or scientific chair (the 4 pages hot Topics!!) 	Etienne Javouhey	
<p><u>Metabolism, endocrinology and nutrition</u> Sascha Verbruggen provided the update from the section :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to Program of ESPNIC Salzburg 2019 • Collaboration with ESPGHAN and ESPEN regarding the updated Paediatric Nutrition guidelines (published Clin Nutr, July 2018) • Participation with Sepsis guidelines SCCM 	Sascha Verbruggen	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constituted core-group with ESPNIC MEN Members to work out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ New PICU Nutrition recommendations ✓ Future research perspectives ✓ Research collaborations ESPNIC MEN <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development PICU Nutrition recommendations ○ Working group: finish 2018, will be submitted to ICM • Evaluation of multicenter research collaboration between ESPNIC MEN members for 2019-2020 • ENTERIC study: together with respiratory section on nutrition and NIV • Webinar for all members with presentations on new guidelines 		
<p><u>Neuro Critical Care</u></p> <p>Barney Scholefield presented the summary from the section :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to EAPS and ESPNIC Congresses • Support for Winter school • Contribution to Hot Topic project • Early rehabilitation work <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring AEGs around Europe and knowledge exchange with USA • Potential development of Emergency Mirror Live support Course also in favour of EPIC Diploma with potential simulation • Collaboration with Resuscitation section 	Barney Scholefield	
<p><u>Nursing Science</u></p> <p>Erwin Ista provided the update from the section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section has developed the following studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>European PARK-PICU study</u> has its 2nd prevalence day in Nov 2018 and was realized in collaboration with neuro section (Barney) • <u>Post Intensive Care Syndrome – pediatrics (PICS-p)</u> - Development and publication of framework in PCCM • <u>Set of Core Outcome Measures for survivors and their families following PICU</u> - International group led by Professor Scott Watson, PALISI Network is currently undertaking scoping review of reported outcome measures within the literature and it will inform the content of a Delphi study. 	Erwin Ista	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with FCC: multi-national study implementation FCC in NICUs (Jos) • Following activities has been launched: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PEWS: Development of Position Statement</u> • <u>Dissemination & Implementation Pain-Sedation Position Statement</u> • In collaboration with SCCM to be developed <u>International Guideline Pain, Sedation, Delirium, IWS, Early Mobility</u> 		
<p>Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing New active chair and deputy chair elected. And their plans were discussed at the section meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to map paediatric critical care nursing education programmes across Europe; in collaboration with NICU/PICU Nursing section – will be main project of the new chairs • Collaboration with the following study groups: FCC: multi-national study implementation FCC in NICUs; Pain & Sedation: European Point prevalence of Delirium and Early Mobilisation and PEWS: Development of Position Statement 	Andy Darbyshire	
<p>Pharmacology Dick Tibboel shared the report from the section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of knowledge re pharmacology among ESPNIC members and this is a potential opportunity • There are a few joint proposals for ESPNIC 19 • Strong connection with ESPA (European Society Paediatric Anaesthesiology) • Involvement of EuroEuso • Support for ESDPPP congress – development at perinatal and paediatric pharmacology • Collaboration with Nursing Science group • Thanks to funds from EU FP7 project – a conference is foreseen in Athens on Pharmacological therapy, spring 2019 	Dick Tibboel	
<p>Quality improvement, patient safety and long-term outcomes Hennie Knoester gave the update from the section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on consensus statement of follow up of PICU patience – input from members is needed 	Hennie Knoester (deputy chair)	
<p>Respiratory failure Marti Pons provided the section update as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>ESPNIC NIV workshop: Bangalore, Interlaken (winter school), Paris</u> 	Marti Pons	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>ESPNIC NIV COURSE</u>: Chandigarh, Oviedo, Izmir, Bristol, Barcelona, London ✓ <u>EAPS MV workshop</u> – upcoming 30th Oct ✓ <u>ESPNIC NIV TRAINERS COURSE</u>: 2nd Barcelona ✓ ESPNIC online NIV COURSE at www.formacionsanitaria.eu ✓ <u>ESPNIC blended MV COURSE</u> - coming 2019 ✓ Mechanical ventilation course – partnership with EUROELSO 2019 • Research project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ “NIV practices in children across Europe” – published in Pediatric Pulmology ✓ Participating in Pardie Survey ✓ PEDIAPART, HFNC survey Prospect HFO <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building RESPnic network – not only for ESPNIC Members • Gathering outstanding researchers working in National networks • Applying for EU grants • Answer relevant questions in PEMVECC consensus • Achieve higher levels of EBM 		
<p><u>Resuscitation</u></p> <p>Jimena del Castillo presented the future plans of the section:</p> <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with Neuro Critical Care and Nursing Science section • Set up European registry of paediatric cardiac arrest research • New deputy chair Susan Chapman (UK) 	Jimena del Castillo	
<p><u>Transport</u></p> <p>Padmanabhan Ramnarayan gave the section update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The section has conducted a European survey of current practice in PIC/NIC transport - the data is being analyzed and prepared for publication • There were 7 sessions related to transport at EAPS - cross-section: simulation, nursing • A Transport study day (Sept 2018) was organised as a Summer Class, Geneva • Collaborative sessions at Transport of the High Risk Neonate and Infant conference (Oxford, 2017) – possible future collaboration. • New leadership <p><u>Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible workshop at ESPNIC 19 	Padmanabhan Ramnarayan	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible further collaboration for High Risk Neonate and Infant conference • Simulation and transport course under planning 		
10. AOB	Simon Nadel Lyvonne Tume	19:40
There were no items of other business.		
11. Members agenda items	All	19:45
There were no items from the members		
12. Close of Meeting		19:50
The meeting was closed at 19:50		