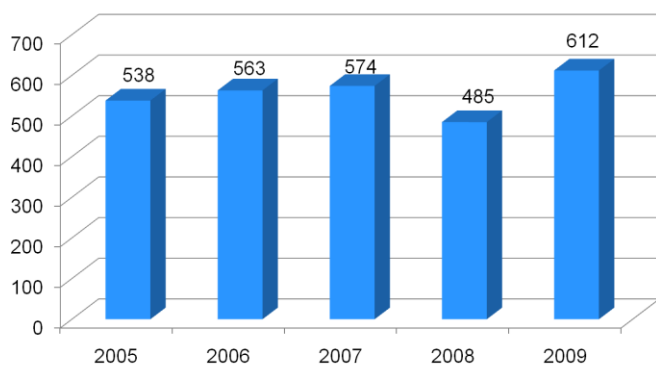


ESPNIC Joint Members Meeting
Tuesday 16th June 2009
13:00- 14:00
Verona, Italy

Attendees: 33 ESPNIC members

Report from ESPNIC Medical President – Paolo Biban

Paolo Biban, President of ESPNIC Medical started the meeting and welcomed everyone. He presented the new figures of the membership statistics for the medical members explaining that the society is growing. As of June 2009, ESPNIC medical could count 612 members.



Then Paolo gave a brief presentation on the Verona Congress. 918 delegates from 85 countries have registered which is a good number is considering the difficult time with the current economic situation. This is the most attended ESPNIC Congress and participation is growing each year.

Most of participants are coming from Western Europe (67 %) and Paolo Biban stressed the fact that about 30 % of the congress participants are Young Investigators below 35 years of age.

Scientific Programme:

Total number of Abstracts: **548** (excluding Invited Speakers)

Total number of Sponsored Sessions: **1**

Total number of Scientific Sessions: **34**
(including 2 Workshops)

Total number of Posters: **465**

Future Congresses

Bid for Next ESPNIC Congress: Paolo Biban announced that the next ESPNIC Congress will take place in the city of Hannover in June 2011. Paolo encouraged every member to advertise this important next congress of ESPNIC.

Collaboration with ESPR and EAP: the collaboration will continue and a joint congress EAPS – European Academy of Paediatric Societies will take place in Copenhagen in October 2010.

World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care, Sydney 2011: Paolo explained that ESPNIC will not be able to participate to this congress in Sydney in 2011.

Report from ESPNIC Nursing President – Fiona Lynch

° Review 2009

Membership situation:

Fiona Lynch mentioned that the membership situation for the nursing section is disappointing.

The membership status for 2009 is 110 members.

In order to increase the membership Fiona Lynch presented some new ideas:

Membership campaign: Kenes International and the EC nursing will work on a new membership campaign.

Institutional membership: this new membership model will be discussed shortly.

Feedback from nurses: Fiona Lynch contacted the nurses who did not renew their membership to get their feedback and learn from that.

° Collaboration with Society

EfCCNa: ESPNIC nursing is a member of EfCCNa – the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations. A joint position statement on Family Presence during CRP was developed.

Royal College of Nursing (RCN): collaboration with ESPNIC on developing paediatric and neonatal educational standards.

° Meeting with EAP + ESPR

Fiona explained that she attended a meeting with EAP and ESPR in London in March for the collaboration on the next EAPS congress in Copenhagen 2010.

° Promotion

Presentations at other congresses

Lifetime Achievements Awards: two nursing awards will be presented for 2010:

- Educational Award: up to 400 Euros to facilitate attendance at the next ESPNIC Congress
- Fellowship Award: up to 1000 Euros to facilitate the development of nursing practice.

Presidents' Letter: a letter was sent beginning of June informing all nursing members of the activities and projects. Fiona Lynch explained that ESPNIC nursing continues to keep their members informed through President Letters sent several times a year.

° Awards

Best Poster Awards and Best Oral Presentation Awards will be granted during the Verona Congress.

° **Elections 2009 - 2010**

Vacancy for Vice President: due to Anton Meijer resignation the position of Vice –President Nursing is vacant.

Fiona Lynch thanked Anton Meijer for his great job as Vice-President and invite members to submit their candidacy.

° **Lifetime Achievement Awards**

Fiona Lynch presented the 3 winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award:

Jos Latour (The Netherlands)

Will de Groot (the Netherlands)

Franco Carnevale (Canada)

Fiona thanked them for their outstanding contributions to ESPNIC Nursing.

° **EAPS Congress in Copenhagen 2010**

ESPNIC Nursing will present two full days of nursing programme at the Congress (General Care and Critical Care).

Report from ESPNIC Medical Scientific President – Robert Tasker

° **New scientific committee member:**

Robert Tasker started acknowledging the candidacy of Simma Burkhard at the position of Scientific Committee Member. Simma Burkhard presented his nomination last year and Robert Tasker explained that he should be properly elected during this General Assembly. The members present were asked to raise their hands to vote. Results: 3 abstentions and 30 yes.

Robert Tasker welcomed Simma Burkhard as a new member of the scientific committee.

° **Awards**

2 awards will be given (2 oral and 2 posters) and the winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner.

° **PICS 2009 – Cambridge** September 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2009

Robert Tasker presented the Paediatric Intensive Care Society 2009 in Cambridge and invites all to attend. The PICS 2009 conference will be a joint meeting with our counterparts from the Netherlands.

The programme includes a pre-conference master class based on simulation followed by a two day programme of invited speakers from home and abroad. Plenary sessions will include Neurocritical Care, Analgesia, Ethics, the Microcirculation and Infant Respiratory Failure.

Report from Treasurer (Medical) – Ivan Vidmar

Ivan presented the statement of accounts for the Medical and the Joint Accounts.

Recommendations for ESPNIC Accounts:

Ivan suggested diversifying the accounts and getting a different saving account.

He also suggested that ESPNIC needs to get a financial advice on tax through a consultant in the Netherlands.

This last suggestion was also raised by one of the member during the meeting, with the need to define and identify a clear budget to present to members. The need for a 5 year budget plan is understood and Paolo Biban mentioned that ESPNIC is and will be working on it on the next months.

Report from Treasurer (Nursing) – Hannah Tonsfeuerborn

Hannah Tonsfeuerborn presented the Nursing account and explained the 3 different accounts that ESPNIC holds.

She mentioned that the revenue from the EAP Congress in Nice 2008 is not yet approved as they are some questions, but this will be finalised soon.

Hannah gave also a report on the budget for ESPNIC nursing and the main expenses identified were for the promotion of the society and the awards.

Other Topics discussed

PCCN Journal: Fiona Lynch explained that a new Journal will be proposed to members. This journal will be in addition to the ICM Journal which will remain the main Journal of the society.

Registry for Paediatric Critical Care in Europe

Denis Devictor presented a new project that ESPNIC will held. In order to improve the communication he will lead the creation of the Registry of Paediatric Critical Care in Europe.