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HOT News

■ Time to renew your membership with ESPA

Do not forget to renew your membership for 2015 to continue accessing the members-only area of the ESPA website and enjoying other benefits (reduced registration fee to the annual congress, reduced subscriptions to journals etc.)

Renew your membership [HERE](#)

■ Share case with the ESPA Panel

ESPA is setting up a panel on [DefinitiveDx](#), the new case sharing and discussion tool for doctors.

[Join DefinitiveDx](#) and [share your case with the ESPA panel](#).

DefinitiveDx

Education

Have a look!

New educational material has been added into the USRA section of our website: [Supraclavicular brachial plexus block](#)

[CBD, poster and oral presentations](#) from the 6th ESPA European Congress on Paediatric Anaesthesia are **now available** in the members-only area of our website. [Check it out!](#) Login [HERE](#)

7th ESPA European Congress on Paediatric Anaesthesia

SAVE THE DATE
September 17th-19th, 2015

REGISTRATION

Registration to the 7th ESPA European Congress on Paediatric Anaesthesia is open! For further information about the registration fees and how to register, see [HERE](#)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

For submitting your abstract(s) please use the [on-line form](#)

DEADLINES

Abstract submission deadline	May 15, 2015
Information about acceptance/rejection	June 30, 2015



PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

<http://www.euroespa.com/congress/2015-istanbul/scientific-programme/>

Thursday, September 17 th , 2015			
ACORNS Meeting	Turkish session I – New methods in paediatric anaesthesia		
ACORNS Meeting	Turkish session II – Changes in Pediatric Anesthetic Practice		
Opening and Welcome Ceremony			
Monitoring	Microcirculation in children	US in regional anaesthesia	US for vascular access
The CNS	Drugs	US in regional anaesthesia	US for vascular access
ESPA General Assembly			

Friday, September 18 th , 2015			
“Paperless anaesthesia”	TOP 10 Best papers for ESPA prize 2015	US in regional anaesthesia	US for vascular access
New insight into education, training and safety	NIRS	Bedside use of echocardiography	MEPA
The lungs and airways	The circulation	Bedside use of echocardiography	MEPA
ESPA Guest lecture			

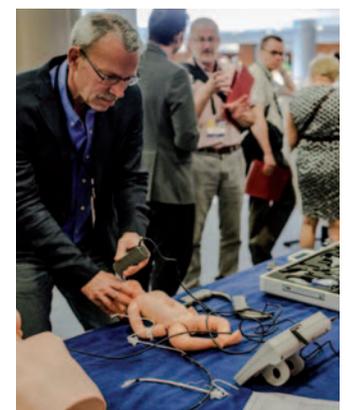
Saturday, September 19 th , 2015			
Best paediatric papers	Case-based discussions 1	Bedside use of echocardiography	MEPA
Lessons from the big projects	Case-based discussions 2	Bedside use of echocardiography	MEPA
Prizes and closing (Exbo/Organizing Committee)			

SOCIAL PROGRAMME – BOAT CRUISE

We have prepared for you an exciting gala dinner on boat. Don't miss it. Register [HERE](#)



ESPA 2014 – Prague



Share Case with the ESPA Panel

ESPA is always looking for innovative ways to improve the anaesthetic care of sick children around the world. This year we are setting up a panel on **DefinitiveDx**, the new case sharing and discussion tool for doctors.

On **DefinitiveDx** doctors can help each other improve patient care by simply sharing cases online and get support on diagnosis and management from colleagues around the world. Doctors can choose to share their cases with a known panel, known colleagues or even all members.

The panel is now ready to help ESPA members diagnose and manage ESPA members' complex and interesting patient cases. We invite you to **join DefinitiveDx** and **share your case with the ESPA panel**.

We have a lot of ideas on how we can make of the ESPA Panel a truly innovative ESPA asset. We are working closely with medDigital, the company who has developed DefinitiveDx, and are planning exciting updates for you over the next few months. If you have any questions, just get in touch with Chiara (chiara.facco@medDigital.com) and Ali (ali.whittaker@medDigital.com) who are very happy to help.

STAY TUNED!

DefinitiveDx

Introducing national societies

The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (APAGBI)

The APAGBI was formed in 1973, which we think makes it the first specialist paediatric anaesthesia association in the world. The initial intention of the founding members was to develop a forum for the meeting of anaesthetists from the specialist children's hospitals in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. There was also much interest from overseas paediatric anaesthetists, mainly from Europe and the British Commonwealth, so a separate membership category was introduced for them. During the 1990s there was increasing demand from colleagues who cared for children in non-specialist centres to allow them membership. It was clear by this time that the association could not properly fulfil its intention to spread information and guidance without being open to all anaesthetists who had an interest in children and by the end of the '90s membership was opened up to any anaesthetist who wished to join. This gave a major boost to the Association's influence and has allowed us to develop links with almost all of the anaesthetists who care for children in the UK and Ireland.

The membership currently stands at just over 1200 with nearly 300 trainee members and over 100 from overseas (mainly Europe, Americas and Australasia). The business of

the Association is conducted by a Council, which is elected by the members and includes representation from all the constituent geographical areas together with specialist and non-specialist interests. The work is grouped under four main committees:

- The Professional Standards committee oversees the production of information for patients and families and guidelines for professionals as well as developing and maintaining a conduit for the passage of information to and from the members via the Linkman scheme and its annual meeting. The well respected Peer Review process also falls under this committees
- The Education committee develops and supports educational materials and has recently been extremely busy producing some very interesting interactive content on the website (see below)
- The Science committee awards research grants and support audits and surveys and evaluates scientific statements from other organisations
- The Meetings committee organises our Annual Scientific Meetings, the next of which is in Aberdeen in May 2015

Due to this activity and the large membership, the APAGBI is now seen as the primary source of information and guidance for all aspect of paediatric anaesthesia by the Royal Colleges and other regulatory authorities in the UK and Ireland.

For more information on the background to the organisation, the work of the Council and much useful information, the website is well worth a visit on:

<http://www.apagbi.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,

Bob Bingham, President of APAGBI

Up-Date from the Pain Section

During the recent ExBo meeting in Copenhagen the ExBo members decided that the structure of the different sections and interest groups should be reorganised to result in a more intuitive and functional way. Therefore, pain, US guided regional anaesthesia, and long-term pain is now together. Please, log on to the ESPA website to view the new structure.

The ESPA pain network has so far been dormant. However, as discussed at the ACORNS meeting in Prague we will soon initiate the **Postoperative Analgesia Ladder** project where six common surgical procedures will be included at the first round. The Pain section will produce a template for inguinal hernia repair and will decide on the other five procedures. Then the Pain network will be asked to contribute with these additional five surgeries. Hopefully the result will be ready by the end of the year and posted on the ESPA website.

Yours sincerely,

PA Lönnqvist, Chairman Pain Section

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Principles of Pediatric Anesthesia and Critical Care

Date: May 8–10, 2015

Location: The Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston, MA

Organizer: Harvard Medical School, Boston Children's Hospital

Url: <http://www.pediatricanesthesiaconference.com/>



APA Annual Scientific Meeting, Aberdeen

Date: May 14–15, 2015

Location: Aberdeen, Scotland

Organizer: Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland, Society for Pediatric Anesthesia

Url: <http://www.apagbi2015.co.uk/>



5th International Congress on Neuropathic Pain

Date: May 14–17, 2015

Location: Nice, France

Organizer: IASP

Url: <http://neupsig.kenes.com/>



26th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care

Date: June 10–13, 2015

Location: Vilnius, Lithuania

Organizer: ESPNIC

Url: <http://espnice.kenes.com/>



34th Annual ESRA Congress 2015

Date: September 2–5, 2015

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Organizer: The European Society of Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Therapy

Url: <http://esra2015.kenes.com/>



7th ESPA Annual Congress on Paediatric Anaesthesia

Date: September 17–19, 2015

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Organizer: ESPA

Url: <http://www.euroespa.com/congress/2015-istanbul>



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