

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members of ESPA,

I am delighted to present the first issue of the ESPA Newsletter. The ESPA newsletter will be issued quarterly and is intended for all ESPA members, national representatives and other interested parties.

By issuing our newsletter we wish to maintain closer contact with our members and inform them about ESPA activities. We very much welcome any of your suggestions and contributions to our newsletter.

I am also delighted to present the ESPA President's report summarizing the activities of the Society over the past year. You can find the document on our website under the [Annual President's report](#).

We would like to encourage you to spread the message about ESPA and its mission so that we can together explore opportunities for improvement of anaesthetic services for children and contribute to the development and improvement of this field.

Sincerely yours,



Neil S. Morton  
President, ESPA

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<http://euroespa.org/index.php/scientific-information/programme>

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## ESPA ELECTION REPORT 2014

### Get to know your new ExBo!

As members will be aware ESPA was set up as a democratic society which is run by and for the benefit of its members. This means that we hold periodic elections for the three statutory officers of the society – the president, honorary secretary and honorary treasurer – and for members of the Executive Board, which is effectively the directorate of the Society.

According to the ESPA statutes the Executive Board (ExBo) may consist of up to ten members and the current ExBo has decided to keep this maximum number for the next two years. As Neil Morton is only half way through his term of office as

president and will remain in that office until 2015, there are nine other posts to be filled including the honorary treasurer, secretary and the vice-president who will be the president-elect. Therefore there were six other vacancies for members of the ExBo.

In the summer of 2014 we held elections for these officers and members of the Executive Board and the results are given below. You can click on the election statements of the new officers and ExBo members and get to know them a little.

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## STATUTORY OFFICERS

For each of the statutory offices there was one unopposed candidate, each of whom was elected by at least 80% of those voting, the remaining votes being abstentions.



### HONORARY TREASURER Michael Brackhahn

We therefore welcome as the next **honorary treasurer** of ESPA **Michael Brackhahn**, paediatric anaesthesiologist and intensivist from Hannover, Germany.

[Election statement HERE](#)



### HONORARY SECRETARY Torsten Lauritsen

We welcome back **Torsten Lauritsen** who will continue his great work as **honorary secretary** of the Society for the next two years

[Election statement HERE](#)



### NEW PRESIDENT! Ehrenfried Schindler

And we are delighted that **Ehrenfried Schindler**, who has been marvellous as ESPA's **honorary treasurer**, has been elected as our next president to take office in 2015

[Election statement HERE](#)

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## EXBO MEMBERS

Four of the current ExBo members – **Tom G. Hansen**, **Riku Aantaa**, **Marzena Zielinska** and **PA Lönnqvist** - stood for re-election and all were elected. The call for nominations generated initially six other candidates for the ExBo, four of whom confirmed their willingness to stand in the election.



[Election statements HERE](#) - Tom G. Hansen, Riku Aantaa, Marzena Zielinska and PA Lönnqvist

We are delighted to welcome as members of the Executive Board, **Pervin Bozkurt**, paediatric anaesthesiologist and intensivist from Istanbul, Turkey, who has previously served on the Executive Council of FEAPA; and **Maria Vittinghoff**, paediatric anaesthesiologist from Graz, Austria, who has been active in the ACORNS since its inauguration.



[Election statements HERE](#) – Pervin Bozkurt and Maria Vittinghoff

ESPA wishes to thank the unsuccessful candidates for their active involvement in this election.

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This was the third time that ESPA has held elections in its short history and was the first time that the voting was performed exclusively electronically. The voting engine, designed and operated by our new permanent PCO, GUARANT International of Prague, Czech Republic, worked excellently. The turn-out at the election was however somewhat disappointing with only 57 members voting.

We would also like to thank the out-going members of the ExBo – **Peter Crean** and **Karin Becke** – for their years of dedicated service to the Society and, most recently, for serving on the current ESPA Election Committee.

Most of all we wish all elected officers and members of the Executive Board every success in the coming years!

Nigel Turner  
Chair of the 2014 ESPA Election Committee

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## PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHESIA IN TURKEY – HOSTING COUNTRY FOR ESPA ANNUAL CONGRESS 2015

The first anesthesia practices started at the time of Ottoman Empire, between 1854 and 1856 at the Crimean War with the chloroform anesthesia applications to over 1000 soldiers. A lot of books were written in Turkish, French and Persian. Anesthesia developed rapidly since 1956 with the usage of volatile anesthetics in Turkey.

According to the 2012 Turkish Health Statistics of Ministry of Health, 24.9% of the overall population in Turkey is between the ages of 0-14. In other words, roughly every 1 person out of 4 is a child. This makes the medical areas regarding the children extremely important. There are 1483 inpatient treatment facilities in Turkey and 65 of them are university hospitals. There have been 4,410,228 surgeries in Turkey in the year of 2012. Almost 1/5 of those surgeries include children cases. Namely 800,000 children are operated with different reasons in a year.



With the developments in socioeconomic and sociocultural levels in Turkey, the application of anesthesia in children became more widespread. With the confidence parents and families have regarding anesthesia, the demand for sedation even in simple operations increased. While this is pleasing in the name of the given value to our profession it also brings a heavy load of work to do.

Anesthesia expertise duration is 4 years in Turkey. 6 months of that duration is specifically for pediatric anesthesia. Expertise education is being given in universities and the training and research hospitals of the Ministry of Health. With the cooperation of Turkish Anesthesiology and Reanimation Association and Ministry of Health, the education became

standardized. The basic information on the assessment of pediatric patients, physiology and anatomy is given during the anesthesia expertise education. The students of the expertise education learn all of the difficult airway technics and invasive intravenous attempts. The education of regional block is a routine. The developments in ultrasonography are being followed and being used in the operations of opening an airway, intravenous technics and blocks. All of the anesthesia experts get basic pediatric anesthesia education. Organ transplantation, cancer surgeries, cardiac surgeries for pediatric patients are common in university hospitals and big training centers. Doctors practicing anesthesia in major surgeries specifically work for pediatric anesthesia.

There are almost 5000 anesthetists in Turkey. Although pediatric anesthesia is not a certification or a post specialization there are roughly 500 doctors specialized in pediatric anesthesia. Most of these doctors are anaesthetizing only pediatric patients. A few of them are also anaesthetizing adults too because of the work distribution. The developments in advanced imaging technics and interventional radiology increased the amount anaesthetizing out of the surgery room.

There is one national anesthesia association in Turkey. The Turkish Anesthesiology and Reanimation Society includes a lot of sub-groups and pediatric anesthesia is one of those sub-groups. The association now has 250 members, the amount is increasing every day and it became a member of FEAPA in 2000. The high population of children in Turkey makes pediatric anesthesia special. Anesthesia and pediatric anesthesia which are already valued in Turkey have a promising future. Our dear colleagues moved ASPA to the West by hosting ASPA 2014 in İstanbul. Young and dynamic population aspired ESPA 2015 to be in Turkey and with the support of the European colleagues this dream has come to be true. ESPA 2015 will be held in the youngest populated country of Europe and in the oldest city of it, İstanbul. As being a bridge between east and West, İstanbul is also has the heritage of both Ottoman and Roman Empires.

It will be an honor to be hosting you in İstanbul for ESPA.

**Prof. Dr. Dilek Özcengiz**

Çukurova University of Medical Faculty, Dept. of Anesthesiology and Reanimation

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## THE PRAGUE CONGRESS 2014 – COMING SOON!

Dear colleagues,

It is great pleasure to invite you to the next Annual Congress of the European Society for Paediatric Anaesthesiology (ESPA) which will be held in September 2014 in Prague. The Congress is organized in cooperation with the Czech Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine ČSARIM.

The ESPA congress provides an unique opportunity to meet paediatric anaesthesiologists from around the world, to attend lectures presented by top experts, gain new knowledge and experience in interactive panel discussions, meetings, workshops and informal exchanges of views during social events.

The Program prepared by the ESPA Scientific Committee in cooperation with the Czech Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (ČSARIM) focuses on the traditional areas of interest of paediatric anaesthesiologists: inhalation anaesthesia and TIVA, pain management, local anaesthesia difficult airway management and care of the neonate. Last but not least, the program is aimed at improving the quality and safety of the care for paediatric patients. We hope that this outstanding Congress will meet, as every year, the expectations of all the participants.

In addition to the scientific program, an appealing social program, a dinner at a restaurant near the Prague Castle and an offer of a series of visits to Prague's historical landmarks and excursions to the most famous sights of the Czech Republic have been prepared for the visitors of the Prague congress as well.

Sincerely yours,

Neil Morton  
President, ESPA

Karel Cvachovec  
President ČSARIM

Vladimir Mixa  
Chair Local Organizing Committee



**REGISTER HERE FOR THE CONGRESS**

Further information about registration for the congress, together with the scientific program and other relevant information can be found at:

<http://euroespa.org/index.php/congress-information>

In the spirit of traditional Czech hospitality, we cordially invite you to visit Prague and to attend the annual ESPA Congress.

We look forward to welcoming you to Prague!

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## AGENDA ESPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Friday 19th September 2014 at 12:30**

Room 1, Clarion Congress Hotel; Prague

1. Minutes of the last ESPA General Assembly 5th September 2013; Geneva
2. President's report, being the official annual report of the executive board, for approval – Neil Morton
3. Treasurer's report – Ehrenfried Schindler:
  - a. Official report of the annual accounts of the society – for approval
  - b. Budget 2014-15 - for approval
4. Results of the voting for members of the ExBo – Nigel Turner
5. Short report of the Executive Board meeting 17th September 2014 – Neil Morton
6. Short report of the ACORNS meeting 18th September 2014 – Neil Morton
7. Short report of the business with GUARANT International
8. Vote to grant discharge from liability to the Executive Board for the policy conducted during the past financial year in so far as that policy appears from the annual accounts or statements made in the General Assembly about that policy;
9. Any other business
10. Date of the next meeting 18th September 2015, Istanbul, Turkey

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- **33th Annual ESRA Congress**

Date: 3-6 September, 2014

Location: Sevilla, Spain

Organizer: European Society of Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Therapy

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

- **Challenges in Paediatric Anaesthesia, Copenhagen**

Date: 23-24 October, 2014

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Organizer: Copenhagen University Hospital Rigshospitalet

Url: <http://www.apagbi.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/CiPAC%20kursusopslag%202014.pdf>

- **ESA Focus Meeting on Peri-operative Medicine: the Paediatric Patient**

Date: 14-15 November, 2014

Location: Athens, Greece

Organizer: ESA in collaboration with ESPA, European Society of Paediatric Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC), Hellenic Society of Anaesthesiology (HSA)

Url: <http://www.esahq.org/congresses/focus-meeting-2014>

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