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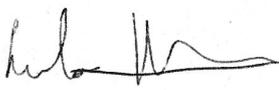
Dear colleagues, dear ESPA members,

I truly hope that you and your loved ones are safe despite the immense burden of the coronavirus pandemic. We are all facing heavy professional challenges related to this unusual situation. Uncertainties on the course of the pandemic, continuous and dynamic realignment of OR schedules and workforces are common part of our everyday life.

Our executive board has regular virtual meetings to keep our Society moving ahead and organize future tasks. Below, please find some important information in this regard.

Please stay safe, take good care of your patients and loved ones!

On behalf of the ESPA Executive Board



Laszlo Vutskits
ESPA President



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Annual Meeting 2020 22nd – 24th October, Porto, Portugal

International meetings are being cancelled one after the other and there is an obvious uncertainty about our own annual meeting. We are closely monitoring the situation and a decision will be taken by mid-July. If sanitary and travel restrictions will not allow us to meet in person, we are still considering to hold a meeting in a shorter e-format to keep our community together. All related information are regularly updated on the [congress website](#).

ESPA General Assembly in virtual format June 22nd 2020

Our General Assembly scheduled on April 21st in Prague has been canceled due to the intense phase of the pandemic. We should, nevertheless, go ahead with some important decisions that should be validated by our members. Therefore, and after consultation with competent authorities, we have decided to hold a **General Assembly in a virtual format using the GoToMeeting Platform**. This event is scheduled on **Monday June 22nd between 5 and 6 pm Central European Time**. We need to validate our annual budget report for the period of 2018-2019. Furthermore, we have to vote on the acceptance of the revised version of “*Deed of Formation of an Association*” document describing the rules of how ESPA operates. Since the ESPA is officially registered in the Netherlands, we provide the legal valid Dutch “akte van statutenwijziging ESPA” and the unofficial English translation: “draft deed of amendment articles of association ESPA”.

To this matter, the documents for consultation can be found below this text and any potential questions related to this matter should be addressed to our secretariat info@euroespa.com.

ESPA Elections in September 2020

Holding our General Assembly will allow us to proceed with the election of the new ESPA Executive Board. The election is now scheduled for September 2020. Modalities of applications are described in detail on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact Francis Veyckemans (veyckemansf@gmail.com) before **June 15** if you wish to nominate a candidate.

ESPA endorses the Paws Covid Registry

“The Paws-Covid-19 is a collaborative project from the collaboration of Nicola Disma (Genoa), John Fiadjoe (Philadelphia) and Clyde Matava (Toronto). The Paws is a registry aimed at collecting data in ALL patients anaesthetised within a 2-weeks period. The primary goal is exploring how clinical practice changed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the incidence of complications during airway management either in Covid (+) and Covid (-) children. All Institutions are welcomed to join the registry. Please register at the following link to receive the relevant documents: <https://is.gd/researchrequest>.

For further information contact Nicola Disma at nicoladisma@icloud.com.

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