

President's report 2022-2023

This document reports the activities of the European Society for Paediatric Anaesthesiology (ESPA) between July 1st, 2022 and June 30th, 2023.

1. ESPA Executive Board

Members of the Executive Board for 2020 – 2023 are:

Jurgen de Graaff (The Netherlands), President Elect

Laszlo Vutskits (Switzerland), Past President

Michael Brackhahn (Germany), Secretary

Peter Frykholm (Sweden), Treasurer

Nicola Groes Clausen (Denmark), Head of the Scientific Committee

Tamas Kovesi (Hungary)

Dusica Simic (Serbia)

Nadia Najafi (Belgium)

Anne Laffargue (France)

Ignacio Malagon (The Netherlands)

2. ESPA Executive Board Meetings

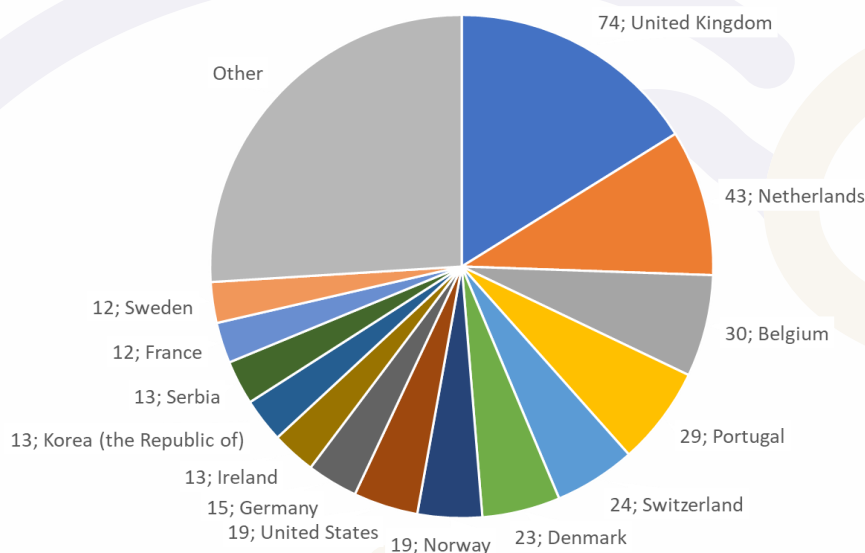
Communication and concerted actions between members of the Executive Board were achieved via monthly and regular emails, monthly teleconferences and one face-to-face meeting in September in conjunction with the ESPA conference September 2022 and one in February 2023 in Prague. This constant and dynamic interaction allowed to discuss regular housekeeping issues related to running our Society as well as to organize our Annual Meeting, collaboration with other Scientific Societies and other important issues which are listed in this document.

3. ESPA General Assembly

The annual general assembly was held September 29th, 2022 during the ESPA congress in Lisbon, Portugal. The Presidential Report and the Financial Report for the exercise 2021-2022 were approved at this meeting.

4. ESPA2022 Annual Meeting and Webinar

From September 29th until October 1st ESPA organized the annual congress in Lisbon, Portugal. The attendance to the Congress in was excellent: 577 participants from 49 countries.



On April 20th 2023 ESPA organized a webinar in collaboration APAGBI: *Non cardiac anaesthesia for the paediatric patient with a congenital heart disease*. The webinar was attended almost 500 participants. During the webinar, participants had the opportunity to ask questions via a chat forum, to which the speaker have had the opportunity to respond on-line.

5. Collaboration with Guarant International and Association House

ESPA has a longstanding collaboration for its annual meetings with Guarant International and for its day-to-day management with Association House.

7. ESAIC Associate membership for ESPA members

The European Society of Anaesthesiology (now European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care) is keen to offer an associate membership for free to all ESPA members. All ESPA members will automatically become associate members of ESAIC.

8. Collaboration with other Societies

In addition to its close collaboration with ESAIC, ESPA continued ongoing work with other major paediatric (anaesthesia) societies, including, amongst others, APAGBI, ASA, ESPNIC, SPANZA SPA, IARS and European Academy of Paediatric Societies. These collaborations include(ed) elaboration of common perioperative guidelines as well as providing speakers for the annual conferences/meetings of these Societies (some in virtual format).

Jurgen C. de Graaff
August 2023