
ESPGHAN Newsletter 2019**Issue 87 February 2019**

Dear Members,

We have recently concluded a very busy period of societal meetings with the Annual Strategy Day and Winter Council Meeting held in the first week of February. In addition, the scientific Committee finalised our exciting and engaging programme for our 52nd Annual Meeting, which will take place on the 5th-8th of June, in Glasgow, UK. Please visit our dedicated [congress website](#) to view the programme and all other relevant information. The 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Friday, 7th June, with all Full Members in good standing expected to attend. Please join us at the AGM and help shape the future of our society. Planning is also in progress for our Educational events programme for 2019, with the full overview available on the ESPGHAN Website ([Meeting and Events](#)).

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1. Key Points and Actions from the Winter ESPGHAN Council Meeting

Dear ESPGHAN members,

These are the main issues and decisions that were made at the 2019 Winter Council meeting:

- Based on the approval of the AGM in 2018 and after Council review, ESPGHAN have purchased an Office space in the centre of Geneva. The Office will serve as our main administrative hub and further consolidates our commitment to remaining a Swiss society.
- The address of our new office is **Rue Pellegrino-Rossi 16, 1201 Geneva** and we hope to start using it as soon as possible and you will be fully informed when this happens.
- A very productive and efficient Strategy Day was held with a focus on six main topics for the future of ESPGHAN. The topics discussed were Finance, Education, Membership and Organisation, Quality of Care, Public Affairs/Lobbying and Research/Science. An overview on the action plans will be made available before the Annual Meeting in Glasgow.
- Council reviewed the applications and presentations for the JPGN Editor role and are pleased to announce that **Prof. Dominique Belli** will be the European Editor from the AGM on 2019 till the AGM on 2024.
- Council approved the further development of the ESPGHAN educational Microsite (available to view by [clicking here](#)), with a view to have societal papers and all other relevant education materials available on a user-friendly and accessible platform.
- Council approved a change in Rules and Regulations adding a page with 5-10 key messages to each societal guideline. This will enable National societies to translate and disseminate these key points. This change will be effective after the summer council meeting,
- A decision was made on the IT company which will upgrade and improve our current system to ensure we are offering our Members the most up to date and efficient platforms for all Membership related benefits.
- As part of our ongoing drive to harmonise our procedures for societal papers with NASPGHAN, CME accreditation was deemed beneficial and will be phased into our procedures for future papers, based on the wishes of the author group.
- Our Rules and Regulations have been updated and are now available to view on the ESPGHAN Website ([please click here](#)). Included in the updates are new structures concerning Educational Events, guidelines on the submission of Working Group and Special Interest Group budgets and addition of public consultation opportunities for Societal Guidelines.
- The timeframe for notification and review of the Research Initiative have been slightly amended, with all details available on the ESPGHAN Website section for funding resources ([Please click here](#)). The deadline for the initial application remains as the 30.03.2019 and we look forward to receiving your applications.

- Council agreed to the principle of an open access journal to diversify our publishing portfolio and to provide an alternative outlet for all PGHN manuscripts including case reports. More details and information will follow, after further discussions and fine-tuning of the proposal are finalised.
- Terms of reference have been submitted for each Working Group and Special Interest Group, which will be finalised and published in the coming months.

2. Open Positions 2019

Committee Positions

We are seeking applicants for the following Committee Positions;

Young ESPGHAN Committee;

1 position in the Young ESPGHAN Committee will be available in June 2019.

Deadline for application is 15.03.2019.

If you are interested in applying for the above role, please contact the office at office@espghan.org.

3. Upcoming Events

ESPGHAN Monothematic Conference on Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases (EGID)

Date: **11-12 April 2019**

Venue: **Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Course Director: **Rok Orel**

For more details [please click here](#).

Deadline for Application: 03.03.2019

ESPGHAN Endoscopy Hands-On Course

Date: **19-23 June 2019**

Venue: **Athens, Greece**

Course Director: **Alexandra Papadopoulou**

For more details [please click here](#).

ESPGHAN GI Summer School

Date: **26-29 June 2019**

Venue: **Montecatini, Italy**

Course Director: **Paolo Lionetti**

For more details, [please click here](#).

Additionally, our programme outline for 2019 can now be found on the ESPGHAN website in our [Meetings and Events](#) section. More details will be added for each event in due time, including programme and deadline for applications.

4. Information for Members

ESPGHAN Research Initiative Reminder

Dear Members,

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter edition, the call for our Research Initiative is now open (deadline for initial applications is **30.03.2019**).

Further details on procedures and applications can be found on the ESPGHAN website ([please click here](#)).

If you require any further information on the processes, please do not hesitate to contact us at office@espghan.org.

UEG Week 2019 – Call for Abstracts

UEG would like to announce their abstract submission for UEG Week 2019 in Barcelona. UEG invite all colleagues to submit their research to facilitate presentation to an international audience.

[Please click here](#) for all relevant information concerning the submission, including timelines and procedures.

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