
ESPGHAN Newsletter 2019

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Our recent schedule included the Autumn Council Meeting in Barcelona, the main points of which have been summarised below, in addition to a very successful Meeting with many of the European National Societies Presidents and a constructive meeting of the Public Affairs Committee. Annual Meeting planning is ongoing with the website now live and the call for abstracts open ([please click here](#)). The event programme for 2020 will be published on the website shortly, and we encourage all Members to check the [Meetings and Events](#) page over the coming period.

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1. ESPGHAN Autumn Council Meeting Summary

Summary of main outcomes

Dear Members,

As part of our drive to involve all our members in the ongoing initiatives and progress of the society, we would like to share with you the main outcomes of our recent Autumn Council Meeting:

- ESPGHAN Council, as part of the strategic financial strategy, decided on a reduced registration fee for ESPGHAN Members for the Annual Meeting which will come into force for the 2021 meeting.
- The educational events deadline will be changed to enable a more thorough review of the applications and to allow the planning to be aligned with the ESPGHAN syllabus two years in advance. For 2021 events, the submission deadline will be June 30th 2020 and for the 2022 events, the deadline will be September 30th, 2020. Reminders will be sent closer to the time of the deadline.
- A new educational diploma will be introduced to recognise those who have covered specific areas of the ESPGHAN syllabus. More details will be given in early 2020.
- Council approved a new Endoscopy Fellowship Programme, with more information to follow regarding the finalisation of the processes and structures.
- A new Task Force will be formed to initiate the Quality of Care project (as part of the Strategy Plan 2019-2022)

ESPGHAN would like to congratulate Lissy de Ridder on the award of one of the [UEG Top 5 Abstract Awards](#) for the following presentation: *Top-down Infliximab superior to step-up in children with moderate-to-severe Crohn's Disease - a multicenter randomized controlled trial* (study conducted within the IBD Porto Group).

2. Open Positions

Council Positions for 2020

We are seeking applications for the following Council positions, which will become available in 2020:

International Affairs Representative

Education Secretary

An overview on the role and responsibilities can be found on p.11 and 12 of the ESPGHAN [Rules and Regulations](#). If you are interested in applying for one of the above roles or require further information, please contact the office at office@espghan.org.

Deadline for applications is 07.01.2020.

Committee Positions for 2020

We are seeking applicants for the following Committee Positions for 2020;

Hepatology Committee;

3 positions in the Hepatology Committee

Gastroenterology Committee;

1 position in the Gastroenterology Committee

Young ESPGHAN Committee;

1 Position in the Young ESPGHAN Committee

1 Position as Young ESPGHAN representative on the Hepatology Committee

1 Position as Young ESPGHAN representative on the Gastroenterology Committee

Allied Health Professional Committee;

2 Positions in the AHP Committee

1 Position as AHP representative on the Nutrition Committee

1 Position as AHP representative on the Gastroenterology Committee

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

Deadline for application is **31.12.2019**

3. Upcoming Events

Below is a list of events with an upcoming deadline. For the full event programme of 2019, please visit our [Meetings and Events](#) section on the ESPGHAN website.

Monothematic Conference: Acute Liver Failure

Date: **30 January-01 February 2020**

Venue: **Athens, Greece**

Organiser: **Aglaia Zellos**

Application Deadline: 30.11.2019

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

Our Event programme for 2020 is currently being finalised and will be included on the website in the coming weeks.

4. Important Information for Members

ESPGHAN Office

The office has now relocated to the following address: **Rue Pellegrino Rossi 16, 1201, Geneva, Switzerland**. Please note the new address if forwarding any information by post. The new contact telephone number for the Office is **+41 (0)22 9000 401**.

Distinguished Service Award for 2020

The Distinguished Service Award was created to recognise those who have made a major contribution towards the development of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology or Nutrition. Nominations can be submitted by any ESPGHAN members with the current deadline for submission set for the **31.12.2019**.

For further information on eligibility and standards as well criteria and selection process, please visit the awards section of our website ([please click here](#)).

If you require any assistance in the process, please do not hesitate to contact the ESPGHAN Office (office@espghan.org)

FISPGHAN Awards 2020

As part of the World Congress 2020, FISPGHAN would like to announce the following awards:

FISPGHAN Outstanding Achievement Award

Awarded to individuals who have made a major contribution to international paediatric gastroenterology or hepatology or nutrition with respect to clinical care, research, setting or implementing standards, education or training, or strengthening in other ways the field or FISPGHAN as a society. The award may recognize a major achievement or a lifetime accomplishment. More information on the criteria and selection process can be found by [clicking here](#).

FISPGHAN Award for disseminating video clip-based information on treating children with acute gastroenteritis

FISPGHAN is interested in having this video-based information ([found by clicking here](#)) shared with both health care professionals and families as widely as possible. Therefore, FISPGHAN offers up to two Awards funded with up to 5000 US-Dollars each for innovative proposals and their implementation that will effectively enhance the visibility and usage of the available video clips.

For more information on how to apply, [please click here](#).

Request from Microbiota Special Interest Group

The SIG on Gut Microbiota and Modification would like to engage members with an interest in Faecal Microbiota Transplant with the idea of forming Working Group on the topic. A short survey is available on the My ESPGHAN section of the website and will help to gauge interest in the formation of this group. The survey can be found by logging into MyESPGHAN → Members Library → [Questionnaires](#).

Request from Endoscopy SIG Chair

As part of initiative on awareness of Battery Button Ingestion, Members are kindly requested to fill in a short questionnaire on the topic. The survey can be found [by clicking here](#).

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