
ESPGHAN Newsletter 2020

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Dear Colleagues, dear Friends, at this very difficult and unprecedented time, our thoughts are with all of you. Although the situation may become even more testing in the coming weeks, by standing together, by sharing knowledge, experience and personal wisdom, we will endure this most difficult of times, both as colleagues and friends, and as a society.

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1. WCPGHAN Update

The Congress Management Team has been working continuously and tirelessly towards finding the best possible solution for everyone with regards to the 6th World Congress. There are, of course, multiple implications relating to any solution and we have therefore been exploring every possible scenario. We highly appreciate your patience in this process and apologise for the continued delay, but we want to ensure that the final decision has the least impact on every party involved.

Please look out for an address from the ESPGHAN President within the next week, most probably **before/on the 6th of April**.

2. Upcoming Events

Our event schedule for 2020 has been affected by the current restrictions in accordance with national regulations and the most up to date information on postponements and event overview can be found on our [Meetings and Events](#) section of the ESPGHAN website.

Call for events 2021 and 2022

Although it is difficult at this time to contemplate future events, we would like to ensure that we will be well prepared for events in coming years and to provide coverage of the ESPGHAN syllabus. With this in mind, we have amended the deadlines for event submissions and encourage all Members interested in applying for a school to do so, in consultation with the relevant Committee Chair. The dates for submission can be found below:

Events for 2021: **30th June 2020**

Events for 2020: **30th September 2020**

Guidance on how to apply can be found [by clicking here](#). For more detailed information on what is required for the application, please contact us at office@espghan.org.

3. Important Information for Members

COVID-19 and Paediatric Digestive Disease

To address current concerns with COVID-19 and paediatric digestive disorders, ESPGHAN will be including short statements and information produced by the respective Working and Special Interest Groups. Statements/information on Endoscopy, EGID and PIBD factors can be found in the Societal Papers section of the ESPGHAN website ([please click here](#)).

As part of the drive to understand these conditions better in relation to the virus, we would like to bring to your attention a call for case studies for both EGID and Paediatric IBD. The links for submitting cases can be found below:

Covid-19 and EGID: [Please click here](#)

Covid-19 and PIBD: [Please click here](#)

The ESPGHAN Office will remain operational during the continued restrictions, with staff working from home. The staff can be reached via email and phone during regular office hours.

4. European Affairs

UEG Abstracts 2020

UEG would like to announce the abstract submission for UEG Week Amsterdam 2020. More information can [be found by clicking here](#).

EMA Information

EMA would like to bring to your attention that EU authorities have published recommendations to guide sponsors on how to manage clinical trials and the people who participate in these trials, given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on European health systems. The guidance can be [found by click here](#).

BioMed Alliance updates

The BioMed Alliance would like to share a statement calling for support for medical and research societies to mitigate the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic. The statement and background information can be [found by clicking here](#).

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