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## ESPGHAN Newsletter 2020

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Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

In the weeks following our announcement of [postponement of the World Congress](#), we hope you have received the positive news that the World Congress will instead take place in Vienna in 2021. With the pandemic ongoing, we have included some information in the Newsletter below to try and keep you all informed on societal decisions and strategies. We wish you strength and good health in the coming weeks.

**Sanja Kolacek**, ESPGHAN President

**Annamaria Staiano**, ESPGHAN Treasurer

**Jorge Amil Dias**, ESPGHAN General Secretary

### 1. Annual General Meeting 2020

In accordance with our constitution and to enable us to keep our members informed on our decisions, initiatives and ongoing strategies, we will aim to hold a **virtual AGM for 2020**. This will also ensure that we will uphold our compliance to Swiss law and provide the membership with the voting rights allocated to them. The provisional timing for the AGM is set as follows:

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, 17:00-19:00**

More details will be provided in the coming weeks, with voting options and documentation included. Members will be kindly asked to register, which is necessary to ensure an adequate platform for the virtual meeting, and these details will be included also in the informational email.

### 2. Upcoming Events

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

#### Reminder of Call for events 2021 and 2022

We would like to ensure that we will be well prepared for educational 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: **30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Events for 2022: **30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@espghan.org).

### 3. Important Information for Members

#### WCPGHAN 2021, Vienna, Austria

As mentioned in the President's address and in the information above, the **World Congress** will take place in Vienna in 2021. As part of the decision to hold the World Congress, ESPGHAN has ensured that the programme will be tailored more to the needs of the society. More information will be given during the virtual AGM and we encourage all Members to join and keep up to date with our recent challenges and decision-making processes.

## 4. European Affairs

### ESPGHAN PAC COVID-19 Guide for Parents

The ESPGHAN Public Affairs Committee have created an infographic guide for parents to address key questions during the current pandemic. The guide can be found by [clicking here](#).

### UEG COVID-19 Survey

UEG would like to invite you to take part in a short survey on the impacts of Covid-19 on the digestive health community. The survey can be found [by clicking here](#).

### COVID-19 Paediatric Endoscopy Practice Change Survey

Given that endoscopy procedures can increase the risk of exposure to health care professionals as intubations and endoscopies themselves are considered aerosol-generating procedures, PEnQuIN are assessing the current changes to clinical practice in response to COVID-19 at paediatric institutions and invite you to participate in a survey to assess these changes, with a view to collate important information for future guidelines and recommendations.

The survey can be found [by clicking here](#).

Further information on COVID-19, current recommendations on the practice change, etc. can be found on the dedicated section of the ESPGHAN website. [Please click here](#).

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