
ESPGHAN Newsletter 2020

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Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Given the postponement of the World congress that should have taken place this month, we have continued our work virtually and planning has already begun for [Vienna 2021](#), where we hope we can all meet once again in person. We hope you can enjoy a well-earned summer break.

Sanja Kolacek, ESPGHAN President

Annamaria Staiano, ESPGHAN Treasurer

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1. AGM 2020

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Thank you to all Members who attended our first virtual AGM on the 5th of June. As mentioned during the meeting, all presentations, supporting documents and minutes are in the **Members Library** area of the website → **AGM 2020** (please see below update on website). Congratulations once again to our incoming Council Members, Giuseppe Indolfi, Hepatology Committee Chair, Patrick Bontems, International Affairs Representative and Andreas Jenke, Education Secretary. In addition, Christina Almuthe Hauer will continue in Council in the role of President of the World Congress, Vienna 2021.

Important update since the AGM - New ESPGHAN Website

As mentioned during the AGM, we are now delighted to announce the launch of our new website, enabling a more user friendly and modern platform for all our Members and non-members alike. An email will be sent within 24 hours requesting you to re-set your password for the members area to ensure full access to all your most up-to-date information (please check your junk/spam if not received within this time). The website can be found at the usual address (www.espghan.org), and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at office@espghan.org. Updates/improvements will be ongoing in the coming weeks so please feel free to comment on the various sections.

2. Open Positions

Open Council Positions for 2021

We are seeking applicants for the following Council positions, available in 2021;

- **President Elect (2021-2022) /President (2022-2025)**
- **General Secretary (2021-2024)**
- **Scientific Secretary (2021-2024)**

Please see [rules and regulations](#) p.09-12 for details on tasks and responsibilities and eligibility/criteria.

If you are interested in applying for any of the above roles please contact the ESPGHAN Office at office@espghan.org. The deadline for application will be **7th January 2021**.

3. 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.

6th WCPGHAN – 02-05 June 2021, Vienna, Austria

We are delighted to announce the [Website for WCPGHAN 2021](#) is established and more content will be added in the coming weeks. All updates can be found on the page, and we encourage all Members to check regularly for the most up-to-date information on the scientific programme, registration details and much more.

Call for applications - deadline extension for 2021 submissions

For the submissions for 2021 events, we have now extended the deadline to **31st July 2020**. Please ensure your applications are submitted before this time. The deadline for 2022 applications will remain the **30th September 2020**.

Please note that for 2022 submissions, only outline applications are required (title of school, potential location, outline programme and estimated date/time) with the full information to be requested at a later date in 2021.

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.

4. Important Information for Members

Summer Council Meeting 2020 – Summary of outcomes for Members

During the Summer Council Meeting, the following important decisions were finalised:

- Education and Research Committee rules and regulations reviewed and finalised (updated document can be found [here](#))
- Standardisation of Societal paper titles discussed and agreed upon
- Strategic decision to assess current needs and target groups for of our educational and scientific information.

ESPGHAN Networking Grant – Deadline July 31st, 2020

The deadline for the submission of the ESPGHAN Networking Grants is the **31st July 2020**. All relevant information on criteria and application can be found at the funding resources section of the ESPGHAN Website → Networking Grants ([please click here](#)).

Young ESPGHAN Image of the Month (IoM)

The Young ESPGHAN IoM aims to present a monthly clinical image and case on the ESPGHAN website and on the social media sites of both YOUNG ESPGHAN and ESPGHAN (LinkedIn and Twitter). For more relevant information and to view the June 2020 IoM, [please click here](#).

Survey Request

ESPGHAN and NASPGHAN are working on a joint societal paper outlining lessons learned from the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and a path forward and would kindly invite you to participate in a **short survey** to help understand the **impact of COVID-19** on our specialty and the response thus far. The link can be found by [clicking here](#).

Obituary - Prof. David Shmerling

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Prof. David Shmerling, who was a prominent member of ESPGHAN from its inception and was highly influential in the field of PGHN. He will be remembered fondly by colleagues and those who were influenced by his works. An in-depth obituary can be found by [clicking here](#).

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