



Minutes

ESPR Section Meeting

NEW NAME! Circulation, Oxygen Transport and Haematology

Nice 25.10.2008, 2:15 – 3:00 pm

Welcome of the attendees (23) by Claudia Roll and approval of the agenda by the participants

Report of the secretary

Claudia Roll reports on the meeting in Nice and the activities of the section. The section has organized a session with invited speakers and free papers. Further free papers on topics of the section as well as posters are presented at the meeting, but unfortunately, they are not put into context to each other. There is some regret on this expressed by the attendees, especially Berndt Urlesberger.

Special thanks Gerhard Pichler who initiated and is the first author of a paper published in Neonatology as a result of the round table of the section held in Prague (Pichler G, Wolf M, Roll C, Weindling MA, Greisen G, Wardle SP, Zaramella P, Naulaers G, Pellicer A, Austin T, Bartocci M, Urlesberger B. Recommendations to Increase the Validity and Comparability of Peripheral Measurements by Near Infrared Spectroscopy in Neonates. 'Round Table', Section of Haematology, Oxygen Transport and Microcirculation, 48th Annual Meeting of ESPR, Prague 2007. Neonatology. 2008; 94(4) :320-322).

Change of section name

A change of the section name has been proposed, from "Microcirculation, Haematology and Oxygen Transport" to "Circulation, Oxygen Transport and Haematology". The aim is to give a platform to ESPR attendees interested in and actively working on circulation – not restricted to microcirculation. We hope to enlarge our section by this and to attract more people.

This change has especially proposed by Tom Stiris (NO), former president of the ESPR, and by Adelina Pellicer (ES), former treasurer of the ESPR and member of the section.

All attendees of the section meeting agree to the change the section name. This change was then presented at the business meeting.

Next year's ESPR congress in Hamburg

In contrast to the joint meeting in Nice, the next meeting in Hamburg will be ESPR-only. This increases the impact of individual sections on the program, as compared to the joint meetings (as in Nice). Plans of the section for Hamburg are discussed.

Topun Austin (UK) proposes a pre-congress course on Cerebral Autoregulation. He is willing to organize this course, and this is highly appreciated by the section members. He will get into close contact to Martin Wolf (CH) and Gerhard Pichler (AT), the section council members of the section to go into details for planning. It is also discussed that a broader topic on circulation might be more appropriate as topic for the course. The decision on the final topic is pending.

As the round table on NIRS in Prague has been a success, we plan to do something similar in Hamburg. The aim, however, is to have a more informal way of communication between NIRS users. Therefore, instead of a round table, a workshop is proposed by Adelina Pellicer. This idea is supported by the several members. Gerhard Pichler, Martin Wolf, and Berndt Urlesberger will organize the workshop (held during the congress in Hamburg) and define the topics.

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