

European Society for Paediatric Research



Notes from the Section Business Meeting 18th September 2015 Budapest

Attendees: Sebastian Heinmann, Martin Wolf, Willem de Boode, Afif El-Khuffash, Yogen Singh, Samir Gupta, Beate Horsberg Eriksen, Duede Fugelseth, Inger Elisabeth Sillerg, Eirik Nestaas, Topun Austin (chair), Gorm Greisen, Petra Lemmers, Elise Verhagen (minutes).

- **Review of jENS 2015**

Preconference NIRS meeting: 42 attendees; feedback from those who provided it was positive. The pro-con debate with Willem de Boode and Gorm Greisen was particularly well evaluated. Thanks to Elise Verhagen for organising the meeting and Hamamatsu for sponsoring it.

The conference included 3 parallel sessions and 2 poster sessions as well as an industry sponsored symposium.

- **Neonatal functional echocardiography working group (chair Willem de Boode)**

This group had a successful 2 day meeting in Copenhagen in May 2015 and follow up meeting during the jENS meeting in Budapest. The plan is to have a consensus statement presented in the EAPS meeting in Geneva in 2016. It was suggested to present the European and UK statements during this meeting and then perhaps arrange a pro-con debate at the jENS meeting in Venice in 2017. ***TA will ask the EAPS scientific committee to have a session in the 2016 meeting***

- **Elections 2015/2016**

Willem de Boode's first term finished in 2015 and he was happy to continue for a second term until 2018.

At the conference in 2016, Geneva, the position for **Section Secretary** and **Young Section Council Member** will be up for election. All expressions of interest must be received by 31st July 2016. All applicants must be members of the ESPR and must provide a brief statement supporting their application. A list of candidates will be circulated over the summer ahead of the EAPS meeting and voting will take place during the section business meeting at the EAPS conference. Voting by email is possible.

Anyone interested in either position please email Topun Austin: topunaustin@doctors.org.uk

- **Development of the section**

The section currently consists of a section secretary and 3 section council members (including a young investigator-member). The work of the section has increased as has the areas covered (particularly neonatal cardiology) and scope (eg functional echocardiography working group). TA suggested that perhaps the section should increase in size to reflect the growing activity, with two additional section council members. In 2016 both section secretary and young section member are due for re-election, with the other council members due for re-election in 2017 and 2018 respectively. The proposal would therefore be to have two council members elected in 2017 and 2018. This should be discussed at the business meeting in 2016 and the section constitution changed accordingly.



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