

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on the 22nd of October 2016 in Geneva

Present

Topun Austin, UK

Willem de Boode, The Netherlands

Afif El-Khuffash, Ireland

Mayka Bravo, Spain

Colm Breatnach, Ireland

Robin van der Lee, The Netherlands

Beate Horsberg Eriksen

Heike Rabe, UK

Eleanor Molloy, Ireland

Morten Breindahl, Denmark

Adelina Pellicer, Spain

Drude Fugelseth, Norway

Marilena Savoia, Italy

Christoph Schwarz, Germany

Apologies

Elise Verhagen, The Netherlands

Samir Gupta, UK

Bart van Overmeire, Belgium

I. Election of New Chair, Council Member and Junior Council Members

Elections were held to elect a new Chair, Council member and Junior Council Members. By popular vote the following candidates were chosen:

Section Chair:	Willem de Boode, The Netherlands
Section Member:	Eirik Nestaas, Norway
Junior Member 1:	Mayka Bravo, Spain
Junior Member 2:	Colm Breatnach, Ireland

The Council and its members would like to thank Topun Austin for all his fantastic work over the past years in advancing the profile of the Section. The above members will join Afif EL-Khuffash (Section Member) for form the group.

The terms of the section council are:

Willem de Boode 1 st Term	October 2016 - October 2019
Afif El-Khuffash 1 st Term	October 2014 - October 2017
Eirik Nestaas 1 st Term	October 2016 - October 2019
Mayka Bravo 1 st Term	October 2016 - October 2019
Colm Breatnach 1 st Term	October 2016 - October 2019

II. Special Interest Group Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography (NPE)

A. Review article series

The ESPR/ESN special interest group "Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography" is an initiative of the Section Circulation, Oxygen Transport and Haematology, that is formulating European guidelines regarding the use of echocardiography on the NICU. Recently the first paper "NPE training guidelines in Europe" has been published (Pediatr Res. 2016;80(4): 465-71). Additional papers are in preparation and will be submitted around January 2017.

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Outline of papers

1. Introduction to Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography
2. Tissue Doppler Velocity Imaging and Event Timings
3. Deformation Imaging and Rotational Mechanics
4. Application of Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography (NPE) in Patent Ductus Arteriosus Management
5. Application of Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography (NPE) in the management of PPHN
6. Application of Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography (NPE) in the assessment and management of neonatal shock
7. Application of Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography (NPE) in the assessment and management of cardiomyopathy (hypoxic-ischaemic cardiomyopathy and therapeutic hypothermia, congenital cardiomyopathy and viral cardiomyopathy)
8. Education, Training and International Accreditation of Neonatologist Performed Echocardiography in Europe

Willem de Boode will discuss with ESPR and ESN about possibilities for funding the publication costs.

B. Governance Structure for Training Oversight and Accreditation

We agreed that we need to form an oversight body that will be responsible for providing assessments and accreditation to neonatal trainees undergoing NPE training. We all agreed that the published guidelines have clearly outlined how to train and the centres that can train. As a result, this body will not be responsible for training but will be responsible for assessment and accreditation. A similar model exists for CHD in Europe. We need to seek endorsement for this governance structure from the following organisations:

- Association for European Paediatric and Congenital Cardiology (APEC)
- European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC)

III. Europe Wide Collaborative Research Network

There was significant enthusiasm for a collaborative research network which includes echocardiography and Haemodynamics research. Willem de Boode will work on this.

Next Section Meeting

Venice, October 31st - November 4th 2017

