



Circulation, Oxygen Transport & Haematology

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Welcome to the summer newsletter from the ESPR section for Circulation, Oxygen Transport & Haematology .

Request for Nominations for New Section Council Member

Gehard Pichler is stepping down as section council member. We therefore need nominations for his post to work alongside Topun Austin, Willem de Boode and Elise Verhagen. If you would like to have a role in developing the section over the next 3 years and have an interest in Circulation, Oxygen Transport or Haematology, please send your nominations, or nominate a colleague.

Applicants must be paid members of the ESPR by October 1st 2014. Nominations should be received by **21st July 2014** and should consist of a brief statement of why you would like this position (no more than 250 words).

Election of the member will take place at the annual business meeting during the EAPS meeting in Barcelona (time and date to be confirmed). A list of candidates will be circulated one month before the conference, alongside the agenda for the business meeting.

For further information please contact the section secretary: topunaustin@doctors.org.uk



Preparations are well underway for the 5th EAPS meeting in Barcelona. The section was well represented with over 100 abstracts received. There will be 3 parallel sessions and 3 oral poster sessions as well as the final keynote parallel on the heart. The full programme can be accessed at the conference website: www.kenes.com/eaps.

The ESN are organising a preconference course on the neonatal circulation. Aimed at trainees this forms part of the ESN curriculum for training in Neonatology. Registration for the course is on the conference website. To join the ESN go to www.esn.espr.info.

ESPR/ESN Special Interest Group: Setting practical standards in functional echocardiography in neonatal intensive care

It has been suggested at the ESPR council that the society should work towards producing a consensus statement on a practical approach to training, competencies and standards for functional echocardiography in neonatal intensive care. Although US and European statements have been developed on targeted neonatal echocardiography (www.ehjcimaging.oxfordjournals.org/content/12/10/715.extract) it seems difficult to translate the recommendations for neonatologists in training across Europe.

We are therefore looking for expressions of interest from individuals with expertise in this area to form a working group to look at developing a practical working document addressing key issues in training and governance in echocardiography on the NICU. If you are interested please email the section secretary (topunaustin@doctors.org.uk) before the EAPS meeting. Further discussion will occur during the circulation business meeting with the aim of having a 2 day meeting in 2015 sponsored by the ESPR/ESN and producing the document in time for the ESPR meeting in September 2015.

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