



Dear Member

Tertiary facilities and trained personnel for paediatric diabetes and other endocrine diseases are virtually non-existent in Africa. Responding to the need to put in place programs that address the care for children with endocrine diseases in Africa, a joint project of ESPE and three pediatric departments in Nairobi, Kenya aims at training African paediatricians to recognize and treat these diseases. The University of Nairobi, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Kenyatta National Referral Hospital, Aga Khan University Hospital, and Gertrude's Children's Hospital in partnership with ESPE has initiated a fellowship program for paediatricians in Africa to enhance access to care and treatment.

During the project period of 3 years, ESPE tutors will live in for 1-2 months at a time, and fellows will have a training period of 12 months, including 9 months on site. The volunteering ESPE members will train the fellows to become accomplished experts in pediatric endocrinology and diabetes. During the 3-year project period, 3 Kenyan fellows will train to become the permanent faculty of an ongoing fellowship program after we leave. The programme has been granted €297,000 from the World Diabetes Foundation (WDF).

ESPE members who wish to take part in this programme between January 2008 to December 2010 are asked to make contact with Ze'ev Hochberg at z_hochberg@rambam.health.gov.il and indicate their preference of time and length of stay.

Volunteers will receive travel expenses, use of a 1-bedroom apartment, a modest honorarium but no salary, assuming they will be on the payroll of their home institute. Spouses are welcome to join but regrettably, ESPE is unable to contribute towards their travel expenses.

Best wishes
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