A message from the Secretary General

This month I would like to draw your attention to two fantastic opportunities coming up that I would encourage you to look at and consider an application. The first one is the Research Fellowship and the second is the Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism School. The Research Fellowship is one of ESPE’s longest standing programmes that has launched the careers of many leading ESPE members, both clinicians and scientists. This programme offers young investigators 2-years financial support to conduct research at world-leading centres of excellence, learning new skills, techniques and gaining an in-depth understanding of paediatric endocrine disorders. This is a great opportunity for the fellow to build and develop their scientific knowledge as well as providing the chance to build a strong network of like-minded colleagues and collaborators. You can find further information about the 2017 Research Fellowship including details of how to apply here.

Secondly the Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism (DOM) School, taking place from 9-11 November 2017 in Rome, is now open for applications. The DOM school is the newest addition to ESPE’s wide-range of schools and offers students up-to-date teaching in selected areas related to diabetes and metabolism disorders. The DOM school promotes discussion amongst younger students and senior faculty members, which is such a valuable experience to enhance your clinical practice and research. If you are interested in applying for the school you can find all the details here.

As part of the International Programme Organising Committee, I have been involved in the preparations for the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology and I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Washington in September. The early-bird registration rate is still available and will be until mid-July so please do take advantage of this offer. I would also like to remind you of the opportunity to apply for an ESPE travel grant. This year we are offering €750 per travel grant, in recognition of the international travel to the meeting. You are eligible to apply for a travel grant if you have submitted an abstract to the meeting. You will need to apply by 31 May 2017, for more details please visit the website here.

Jumping ahead to ESPE 2018 you may have already seen a call for suggestions for the programme which was sent to members last week. This is your chance to input into the programme so please do take a moment to think about the sessions you would like to see in Athens. You can make your suggestions via the following link.

Finally, I would like to highlight the survey in this month’s alert which is aiming to find out about the use of technologies for treating diabetes. The survey is on behalf of the ESPE Diabetes Technology Working Group and the data collected will help to look at ways to enhance the use of available diabetes technologies and hopefully create a forum for centres that treat diabetes. Please do take a moment to complete the survey.

As ever do get in touch with me if you would like to discuss anything ESPE-related.

Best wishes
Peter
ESPE Secretary General