A message from the Secretary General

It is now just a couple of weeks until the global endocrine community gathers in Washington DC for the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology, from 14-17 September. ESPE will of course have our usual Connect stand and we will be welcoming all members and prospective members at Stands 510 and 512, so do come and chat to our team. You’ll also be able to find out more about ESPE 2018 in Athens (27-29 September) and other future meetings. The ESPE stand is shared with the International Consortium of Pediatric Endocrinology (ICPE), which is made up of global, regional and supra-regional pediatric endocrine societies and will manage the organisation of future joint international meetings as well as the co-ordination of other international activities.

Our Annual Business Meeting (ABM) takes place on Friday 15 September at 16.00 in Washington and you should all have received the draft agenda. If you have any questions you would like to ask during the ABM, please do submit them in advance to the ESPE team at espe@eurospe.org. Immediately after the ABM, at 17.00, we will be presenting our prestigious ESPE awards to some highly deserving winners. All attendees of the IMPE are welcome to join us to celebrate these outstanding achievements.

We are very excited to be unveiling our new website during the International Meeting. The team has been working hard to develop a clear, fresh and dynamic website that reflects all that ESPE has to offer its audiences. Whether or not you are able to join us in Washington, we hope you will enjoy the new look and layout on your next visit to the website.

Immediately prior to the International Meeting, the Global Fellows Program takes place in Maryland. This is organised by a committee made up of representatives of all the participating Societies in the International Meeting and incorporates the ESPE Summer School (which takes place prior to ESPE annual meetings). The Global Fellows Program offers the opportunity to present cases to faculty and peers, promote discussions and networking between younger and more senior physicians, and aims to develop the next leaders in paediatric endocrinology.

While in Washington, many of ESPE’s committees will be meeting to discuss recent and upcoming activities and to plan for the coming year. We embrace involvement from our members and our committees are a great way to harness the skills and knowledge that reside within our membership. We will soon be advertising a variety of committee vacancies so do come and talk to the team in Washington if you think you would be interested in getting involved.
Did you know that it is International Growth Awareness Day on Wednesday 20 September? Each year on this day members of ICOSEP (International Coalition of Organizations Supporting Endocrine Patients) unite to send emails and post messages to social groups across the world. This effort is called the Children’s Growth Awareness campaign. All emails and posts contain the exact same educational message:

*Is your child growing normally? Find out!*
*Because a child’s growth pattern is a major sign of his or her overall health!*

I would encourage you to visit the [website](#) to find out more.

Enjoy the end of the summer and I look forward to seeing many of you in Washington.

Best wishes
Peter
ESPE Secretary General