A message from the Secretary General

We are fast approaching the end of the year, but that does not mean we are slowing down our ESPE business. An important deadline coming up is that of ESPE’s Awards on 10 December. These prestigious awards recognise winners’ achievements at different stages of their careers across the broad field of paediatric endocrinology. There has been an important change to the criteria of applicants for the Young Investigator Award this year, namely that we no longer refer to the age of the applicants but rather the stage of their career and therefore we welcome applications from candidates who are still in Training or no more than 5 years in a Senior (PI) role. Please do consider any of your colleagues who you feel should be recognised in any of the categories and either make the nomination or encourage them to apply if appropriate. The awards will be presented at ESPE 2018 in Athens in September.

I am delighted to announce that registration and abstract submission for ESPE 2018 is now open! The meeting takes place from 27-29 September at the Megaron, Athens, under the theme of ‘Narrative and Precision Medicine in Paediatric Endocrinology’. The POC, under the leadership of Mehul Dattani, have put together the usual high-level scientific programme that we have come to expect from ESPE meetings. Please do check the website for all the details and the key deadline dates relating to the meeting.

If you would like to play a role in the development of the programmes for ESPE meetings, we currently have a vacancy on the Programme Organising Committee (POC), with a deadline of 31 January 2018. We’re also looking for a new member of the Andrea Prader Committee to help with the evaluation of those all-important awards. The deadline for this vacancy is 2 January. The previously announced vacancy for the Clinical Fellowship Committee is still open for applications, with a deadline of 17 January. It’s really rewarding to play a more active role in our Society, so do consider applying.

Looking forward to early 2018, the IFCAH-ESPE Grant application is coming up on 15 January and our first quarterly deadline of the year for the Early Career Scientific Development Grant is on 31 January. You’ll find details of how to apply on each of the web pages.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Best wishes
Peter
ESPE Secretary General