A message from the Secretary General

As we approach the end of the year, it is important to look back on what we have achieved as a Society. 2017 has been busy so I thought it would be good to remind you about all the activities we’ve been working on:

- Most recently, in line with ESPE’s aims to maintain and improve clinical practice standards in paediatric endocrinology, the ESPE Clinical Practice Committee (CPC) has developed funding guidelines and a formal application process for members who wish to hold a consensus meeting or develop a guideline. For more information and to apply please visit the Clinical Practice section of our website. The CPC also meets with counterparts from the other international paediatric endocrine societies at a yearly Intersociety Clinical Guidelines Committee (ICGC) meeting that has become a very valuable forum to drive a global agenda on consensus statements and guideline development. Many thanks to Lia Charmadari for your leadership of the CPC.
- We’ve launched our newly designed website at www.eurospe.org, which has received excellent feedback and which we will continue to update and evolve. Many thanks to Indi Banerjee for his leadership in this key development.
- We enjoyed an excellent International meeting hosted by the Pediatric Endocrine Society in Washington in September. Many thanks to David Allen and Mitch Geffner for hosting this meeting and to the POC and LOC for all their hard work and commitment. As usual, we used the annual meeting as an opportunity for our Committees to meet, and continue the all important behind-the-scenes work of our Society.
- This year, the 31st ESPE Summer School was also a combined meeting, with faculty and 36 fellows representing the ten paediatric endocrine Sister Societies involved with the International Meeting. Many thanks to Nick Shaw for his major contribution to this School. ESPE’s many other schools held during the year also brought high quality education to paediatric endocrine fellows at every stage of their career.
- We have had initial discussions about our ESPE 365 project, with the aim of producing online materials and resources that extend the life of our annual meeting and other educational activities so that they are accessible to members year-round. We will be progressing this project in the New Year, and I hope that we start to introduce these new developments later in 2018.
- Throughout 2017 we have continued to collaborate with other Societies, working closely with the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE). The main focus of our collaboration has been the ENDO-ERN but we have also joined forces on the important issue of endocrine disrupting chemicals as well as a Global Symposium on Obesity at the annual ESE meeting. We look forward to developing our collaboration further over the forthcoming year and will keep you updated with our progress.
- Many of you will be involved in Endo-ERN and ERN BOND. A huge amount of work has been put into establishing these networks, and there is a great deal of current activity as we approach the end of the first year of operation. Many thanks to Olaf Hiort who is our Paediatric Chair of Endo-ERN.
• There has been the continued development and advancement of the **International Consortium of Pediatric Endocrinology (ICPE)**. ICPE includes all the major PE Societies around the world, as well as ISPAD & GPED and we are currently in the process of developing a new website which will be launched in the New Year.

• We have developed a new **ESPE Science Symposium** to give a forum for high quality scientific learning, discussion and dissemination. The first symposium will take place in 2018.

• Our Corporate Liaison Board has continued to develop **Framework Agreements** for longer-term, secure partnerships with our sponsors.

With the highlight of the ESPE calendar being the annual meeting, don’t forget that **abstract submissions** are now open for ESPE 2018 in Athens. If you would like to attend the meeting, the **early bird deadline for registrations** is 22 June. For all information about ESPE 2018, [please visit our website](#).

Looking further forward, we are now recruiting for a host for the 62nd ESPE annual meeting in 2023. This is your opportunity to bring our high profile meeting for 4500-5000 delegates to your city and we eagerly await applications from interested parties. All the information you need is on the [Future Meetings page of our website](#).

We are also currently seeking a Deputy Chair of our Education and Training Committee (ETC) to support Rasa Verkauskiene in achieving the committee’s strategic goals and steering its activities. If this is something you would be keen to be involved with, please do take a look at the **vacancy advert** and submit your application by 1 March 2018 to espe@eurospe.org.

The deadline for applications for a position on the Andrea Prader Committee is also fast approaching. This is an opportunity to be in the privileged position of helping to select winners for our ESPE awards. The deadline for applications is 2 January and the **vacancy advert can be found here**.

As always, we have a wealth of opportunities open to members, from grants, to participation at our schools, or being involved with one of our committees or meetings. All deadlines for applications are listed in our news alert and on our [website](#), so make sure you don’t miss out.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all our members for keeping ESPE relevant, dynamic and effective in improving clinical care of children and adolescents with endocrine conditions. We really do appreciate your involvement. May I also thank Council, our School Convenors and all our Committee members for giving their time, knowledge and energy so generously to ESPE.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to wish you, your colleagues and family season’s greetings and a happy and successful new year.

Best wishes
Peter
ESPE Secretary General