A message from the Secretary General

I hope you have all had a positive start to 2018 and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

We are pleased to start the year by announcing the launch of the new ESPE Science Symposium. This opportunity for paediatric endocrinologists and basic researchers to meet to share high quality scientific knowledge will take place for the first time this year in London. We are grateful to the Gender Identity Development Service for hosting our first Science Symposium, which will this year focus on the science of the assessment and treatment of Gender Dysphoria. A limited number of free places will be available for junior clinicians and scientists who have been working for fewer than 8 years (FTE) since completing doctorate training. More details will be available soon so do keep an eye on our website for more details.

We had a motivating and productive session earlier this month to discuss the ESPE 365 project, which has been discussed as a concept during recent Council meetings. The task force appointed by Council agreed that this (now with a working title of ESPE Live) should be “A live online resource for the paediatric endocrine community to access inter-related ESPE activities for the purposes of improving the health and care of children and young people with endocrine conditions including diabetes.” The next phase will be to develop a project plan and timeline and we will update you as we bring these ideas to life.

Many of you will be making plans for the rest of the year and I do hope a visit to Greece will feature in those plans. The 57th Annual ESPE Meeting will be held in Athens from 27-29 September and the preliminary programme is now available to download. We look forward to receiving your abstracts, which should be submitted by 16 April. The early bird deadline for the best registration rates is 22 June.

Looking a little further forward, we welcome your ideas for the programme for ESPE 2019 in Vienna. Please follow this link to pass on your suggestions to the Programme Organising Committee. Any final applications to host ESPE 2023 are also welcomed and should be sent to espe@eurospe.org today. Details can be found on our website.

If you’d really like to be at the heart of planning for our Annual Meetings, don’t miss the other deadline today to apply for a position on the ESPE Programme Organising Committee.

I also wanted to point you to The 7th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies, EAPS 2018, which will be taking place in Paris from 30 October.
to 3 November 2018. As a member of ESPE, you save on registration with a member’s registration rate. For further information or questions, please contact the EAPS registration manager at reg_eaps18@kenes.com.

Some of you may have noticed that some contact details are not currently showing within the online membership directory on the website. This relates to new European data protection regulations which are coming into force in May 2018. We will shortly be writing to all ESPE members to request some information relating to the new regulations and will resolve any issues with the membership directory at that point. However, in the meantime if you have any questions relating to this, please contact the ESPE office.

Finally, before I write to you again, delegates of the 2018 ESPE Winter School will be gathering in Ain Sokhna, Egypt for an interactive programme of learning. We thank all those involved in organising the school and wish all attendees a productive and interesting week.

Best wishes
Peter
ESPE Secretary General