A message from the Secretary General

I hope you enjoyed the latest ESPE newsletter sent to you last week. As well as excellent articles on the adrenal gland, you will have had a glimpse of just some of the excellent content being prepared for the ESPE Annual Meeting in September. I would like to remind you that the early bird deadline for discounted registration is in three weeks: 22 June.

ESPE has always been keen to provide online content to its members and the wider paediatric endocrine community, to enhance knowledge and learning. We want to ensure we do that in a useful, relevant and accessible way and, as I have indicated previously, we will be asking for your thoughts on our ‘ESPE Live’ project later this year, by survey and in Athens through face-to-face interviews and focus groups. Additionally, we have begun a review of ESPE’s e-learning provision. With online learning defined as a key priority for ESPE, this project will look at how the e-learning portal fits within the wider education and training strategy so that we can maximise its benefit. The review, conducted by an independent company Renew Consultants, will also cover the functionality, usability and costs of the portal, taking into account user data and feedback, as well as conversations with stakeholders. I hope to be able to report on the results of this review by the end of the summer and I look forward to ESPE’s e-learning, and all its quality content, continuing to develop and prosper for the benefit of its users.

The ESPE Research Fellowship (supported by Novo Nordisk) is currently open for applications. It is one of ESPE’s longest standing programmes and provides an incredible opportunity for a talented young investigator to conduct research at a world-leading centre of excellence, with financial support for two years. The Research Fellowship has launched the careers of many leading paediatric endocrinologists and I encourage those of you starting out in the field to apply by 11 June. ESPE Grants are a substantial benefit of ESPE membership, giving opportunities to members across the different stages of their careers. We are grateful to the industry partners who support our grants and to the ESPE Science Committee who manage them so successfully.

While we cannot accept projects related to diabetes and obesity for the Research Fellowship, I would like to draw your attention to our Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism (DOM) School. Now in its 5th year, the DOM School will this year be held in Delphi, Greece, immediately after the annual meeting. This school is for anyone looking to enhance their knowledge within areas of diabetes, obesity and metabolism in a friendly, interactive learning environment. Our schools are a great way not only to learn from dedicated faculty members, but to develop connections.
and collaborations with peers from across the world. You will find more information and the School’s programme on our website. The deadline for applications is 1 July.

Best wishes,
Peter
ESPE Secretary General