



European Society of Paediatric Endoscopic Surgeons
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SPRING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

Dear ESPES Members, dear Friends

Ski lovers had a short but fantastic “powder snow” winter season this year. Since several days, spring is opening its doors and drinking a glass outside is again possible.

Time passes so quickly!

As President of the **ESPE** I have the pleasure to send you this spring letter full of news about our Society.

The Executive Board met last week end in **Vicenza (Italy)** in order to prepare the 2019 Congress. The venue is wonderful. We count on you in order to make from that Congress an outstanding scientific meeting.

Abstract submission will open today. To submit your abstract go to the page: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/962/submission> or click the button at the end of this page.

Check the ESPES website in order to have more information about.

2019 is for our Association an **elections’ year**. As per our Constitution the Board has to be renewed with the election of:

- a) our future President
- b) our next treasurer
- c) 3 new Board members

The election process will be performed, as usual, through our official www.espes.eu website.

I am officially asking to all **Candidates** to send their application to our Secretary, Doctor Isabela Draghici (secretary@espes.eu), who will be in charge with this important issue.

ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

Opening of the candidatures: April 1st

Deadline of the candidatures: June 30th
Opening of the web voting process: July 15th
End of the web voting process: September 5th
Communication of the results: during GA of the ESPES in Vicenza

I would like also to take the opportunity of this letter, to remind you all that the **poll is only accessible to active members who have paid their 2019 fees before June 30th, 2019.**

As ESPES President, I take also the chance to remember to all of you that membership fees are an important revenue for our society; **please renew your membership NOW** ! Moreover I ask colleagues, in particular younger ones, to join our Society.

ESPES is growing up. The Members of the **3 committees** (Scientific, Educational and video) have been nominated. They have assigned spots. You will hear very soon about what they will offer to ESPES members.

I have the pleasure to remind you also the **IPEG/ESPES/ESPU 4th Edition Masterclass** that you can be joined by web. This meeting will take place on March 13th, 2019 (3pm to 6.30pm) You can connect at this link <https://www.ircad.fr/live/?live=pediatric20190313>

I am also delighted to inform you that our **2020 Annual Congress will be in Vienna, Austria in conjunction with IPEG and EUPSA**. It's official. Pediatric surgeons from over the World all together in a same meeting. Put the dates (June 9th – 13th, 2020) on your agendas right now!

Last but not least it's a duty for me, and for the ESPES, helping colleagues who have not the chance to be able to use all the needed material in Minimal Invasive Surgery. But ESPES needs also money in order to develop it's activities.

For those reasons **ESPES will collect grants in order to help**. Soon you will see appearing a tab "**donate**" on our website and we will also add a "donation" line on the annual fee online payment process. We count on the generosity of our Members but we count also on you in order

to stimulate people interested in helping the Pediatric Surgical Field.

Making the ESPES great in **quality and friendship**: these are the tasks of our Board Members that I would like to thank again and again for their invaluable help.

See you in **Vicenza in September 2019**.

Henri Steyaert

ESPES President

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