Welcome to issue 12

Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to issue 12 of the ESPE Newsletter. As could be expected, this issue emphasises the upcoming joint meeting of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society/European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology meeting in New York, NY. In this issue there is a brief synopsis of what one can expect from this always interesting meeting. We do hope to see all of you in New York this September.

You will also find reports from the last ESPE Summer and Winter School’s and deadlines for upcoming events. We have included a report from the ESPE Corporate Liaison Board to help members to better understand the aims and responsibilities of the CLB as well as an article on the ESPE Clinical Fellowship Programme.

We would also like to draw the attention of all members, and non-members, to Hormone Research and the Hormone Research Prize. Remember, this is the official journal of ESPE and it is up to us to improve this journal as well as its impact factor. Please remember this when sending original articles to be published.

Finally, the planning of the ESPE 2010 meeting is well underway and the important deadlines for this meeting are included, as well as some brief information about next year’s meeting in beautiful Prague.

Once again, we look forward to hearing from all of you. Please remember, this is a great way to communicate with your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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The 8th Joint Meeting of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society / European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology

9–12 September 2009, New York, USA
www.lwpes-espe2009.org

The Lawson Wilkins/ESPE joint meetings occur every four years and this year it will be held in New York City. The congress venue will be the Hilton New York, located in mid-town Manhattan and close to various international airports.

The organising committee has put together an excellent programme. The meeting will begin on the morning of 9 September with Concurrent Sessions of the Bone/Growth Plate/Turner, Obesity, DSD, Turner and PAG clubs. This will be followed by a Yearbook Symposium and Interactive Sessions. The ESPE and SLEP business meetings will be held between 15:30 and 17:30. The day will finish with a Satellite Symposium and the Welcome Reception.

On Thursday, 10 September the programme starts bright and early with a Satellite Symposium at 6:30, followed by Meet-the-Expert sessions and selected Oral Communications. The first Plenary session will be held in the morning at 9:20, followed by more Meet-the-Expert sessions, Yearbook sessions and Oral Communications. The first Plenary session will be held in the morning at 9:20, followed by more Meet-the-Expert sessions, Yearbook sessions and Oral Communications. The first Plenary session will be held in the morning at 9:20, followed by more Meet-the-Expert sessions, Yearbook sessions and Oral Communications. The first Plenary session will be held in the morning at 9:20, followed by more Meet-the-Expert sessions, Yearbook sessions and Oral Communications. The first Plenary session will be held in the morning at 9:20, followed by more Meet-the-Expert sessions, Yearbook sessions and Oral Communications.

Once again on Friday morning we will start with a Satellite Symposium at 6:30, with Meet-the-Expert sessions and a Yearbook session preceding the third Plenary lecture. The four Concurrent Symposia will include endocrine imaging, international diabetes trials, longevity and a Ross Clark Memorial Symposium on IGF-1 in health and disease. The afternoon Concurrent Symposia will include diabetes in indigenous and developing populations, genome-wide association screening, sex chromosomes, pre/con sessions and vitamin D. The evening finishes with the fourth Plenary lecture and a Satellite Symposium.

The programme for Saturday morning again starts at 6:30 with a Satellite Symposium and Meet-the-Expert sessions. The Plenary Awards session will begin at 8:00. The Concurrent Symposia will include adrenal disorders, syndromic DSD, bone and the international consensus meeting report on insulin resistance. The final Plenary lecture session will take place at 13:30, followed by the meeting’s closing remarks.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming joint meeting as it is sure to be a huge success. In addition, New York City, with some of the best restaurants in the world, attractions such as the numerous museums, Empire State Building and Times Square, as well as the entertainment in the Broadway theatre district, will be an exciting location for this meeting. Register before 7 August and benefit from the early registration discount!

IMPORTANT DATES

8th Joint ESPE/LWPES Meeting
New York, USA, 9–12 September 2009
Please visit the website for further information: www.lwpes-espe2009.org

The 49th ESPE Annual Meeting
Prague, Czech Republic, 22–25 September 2010
Please visit the website for further information: www.espe2010.org

Society for Endocrinology
BES Meeting 2010
Manchester, 15–18 March 2010
Email: conferences@endocrinology.org
www.endocrinology.org/meetings/
The 2009 Winter School saw a return to Moscow in Russia for the first time in a decade. The venue was a spacious, simple pension in a forest near Otradnoe, a small town on the outskirts of Moscow. The building, which is surrounded by pine trees, serves as a cross-country ski resort as well as a hotel, and has a small skating rink. We decided on a two-hour break at lunchtime to allow the Winter School faculty the opportunity to walk and ski in the daylight, at the expense of working until 21:30 most evenings!

Of the 25 students attending the Winter School, 17 were from Russia – Khimki, Mordovia, Moscow, Novosibirsk, Orenburg, Samara, Saratov, Tomsk and Ufa. The remaining students were from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Israel, Lithuania, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The students got on together famously and it was inspiring to witness new friendships being formed.

The teaching faculty consisted of Gary Butler (UK), Malcolm Donaldson (UK, co-ordinator), Christa Flück (Switzerland), Ahmed Gaouzi (Morocco, local organiser for 2010), Anatoly Tulpakov (Russia, local organiser), Guy van Vliet (Canada), and Jerry Wales (UK).

As usual we tried to cover all the main areas of paediatric endocrinology during the five days with a combination of interactive lectures, student presentations, and small group teaching. There were also research lectures, following which the students presented their research projects and proposals in small groups. Twelve students were then selected to present their work to the plenum. As ever, the most popular sessions were the small group sessions of Teacher’s Cases, particularly those of Christa Flück, a new comer to the faculty, whose groups regularly insisted on her continuing her teaching far beyond the normal ½ hours!

To look out for news of next year’s in Prague. For information on future training courses visit: http://www.eurospe.org/education/.

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The ESPE Corporate Liaison Board

The ESPE Corporate Liaison Board (CLB), Chaired by Professor Chris Kelnar, was set up to in order to facilitate communication and co-operation between ESPE and Industry with the aim of furthering research, education and clinical care in the field of paediatric endocrinology. At all times benefit to the child is the prime consideration.

To further these aims, the pharmaceutical industry works closely with ESPE in this context both to support the Annual Scientific Meetings of the Society and key ESPE activities such as the Summer and Winter Schools, Clinical and Research Fellowships, the Research Unit, Sabbatical Leave and Visiting Scholarship Programmes, and Awards (Andrea Prader Prize, Research Award, Young Investigator, Outstanding Clinician awards etc). Full details are on the ESPE web site.

The relationship between clinicians and the pharmaceutical industry must be carefully defined but is potentially of benefit to both parties and to patients. The ESPE CLB has been cited as a paradigm for how this association should be constituted, developed and monitored so that the relationship between clinicians and industry is well defined and structured. Full integrity regarding all scientific issues is carefully monitored and maintained within the increasingly stringent rules concerning the services that may be provided by the pharmaceutical industry.

Within these guidelines, ESPE is always seeking additional ways to support educational activities and the Annual Scientific Meetings. Any ESPE member who can contribute suggestions or key contacts should get in touch with Professor Kelnar (chris@kelnar.com).

PROFESSOR CHRIS KELNAR, Chair, ESPE Corporate Liaison Board

The ESPE Clinical Fellowship Programme

The ESPE Clinical Fellowship Programme aims to promote clinical management expertise and clinical research through a training programme in a European clinical centre of excellence, and thus help to develop, achieve and maintain the highest standards of paediatric endocrine clinical care worldwide.

Clinical Fellowship Awards support the training of paediatricians in paediatric endocrinology for whom the possibilities for such training are insufficient and to introduce them to clinical research. The training period is between 3 and 12 months and is provided by European Centres with a high reputation in clinical paediatric endocrinology.

In recent years Fellowships have been awarded to trainees from Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, India, Pakistan, The Middle East, China and South America. The clear expectation is that, on completing their Fellowship, Fellows return to develop paediatric endocrinology clinical care in their home countries and institutions.

The Committee that administers the Programme consists of Professor Chris Kelnar (Chair), Professor Jan Lebl (Secretary), Dr Rasa Verkauskiene and Dr Violeta Iotava, with a representative from Merck Serono who generously support the Programme, as does ESPE itself.

The deadline for applications is May 31st each year and details about the Programme and details of how to apply are on the ESPE web site.

The Committee is always pleased to hear from further Centres who would be willing and able to host Fellows and to provide further information to potential applicants for Clinical Fellowships from anywhere in the world.

PROFESSOR CHRIS KELNAR, Chair, ESPE Clinical Fellowship Committee

The ESPE Clinical Fellowship Programme
The ESPE 2010 website is now live! Keep up to date with information on the meeting at www.espe2010.org.

The theme of the meeting will be “Bridging Clinical Care and Basic Research”. The Scientific Programme will start on Wednesday 22 September and end on Saturday 25 September and will include Plenary Lectures, Symposia, Free Communications, Poster Presentations, New Technologies, Meet-the-Expert Sessions and Exhibitions, allowing both clinicians and basic researchers to hear the most recent developments and future perspectives of the field.

Deadlines
Abstract submission March 2010
ESPE travel grant application March 2010
Early registration June 2010

Further information on abstract submission, applying for ESPE travel grants and registration will be available later this year.

50th Annual ESPE Meeting
25–28 September 2011
GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Remember to pay your membership fee for 2009

Any members who have not paid their membership subscription prior to the Annual Business Meeting in New York on 9 September will not be entitled to vote at the meeting.

To pay your 2009 membership online, please visit http://www.eurospe.org/members/renewal/index.asp. Please contact the ESPE Secretariat at espe@eurospe.org if you have any membership queries.

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