

# DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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**Dear colleagues, dear ESPA members,**



It is with great enthusiasm that I write this first newsletter as the new president of our Society. I would like to take this occasion to thank you again for your support and trust. As I highlighted at the closing ceremony of our Annual Congress in Rotterdam, I have the advantage of standing on the shoulders of former ESPA presidents and will do my very best to serve our Society. The ongoing success of ESPA is the result of the hard and devoted work of the members of our Executive Board, backed by our logistic support from Guarant and Association House. While the Executive Board provides leadership to our Society, I cannot emphasize enough that contribution from each and every member of ESPA was, and is, a key factor for development and success. Therefore, please do not hesitate to contact us with ideas, suggestions, or any other inputs.

In the name of the ESPA Executive Board, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Successful New Year.

Sincerely,

Laszlo Vutskits





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## NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The Executive Board of ESPA has recently revised the mission statement of the Society as follows:

***The purpose of ESPA is to promote education and research amongst practitioners of paediatric anaesthesia in Europe in order to provide safe and high-quality perioperative care and pain management in children.***

We believe that this phrase truly reflects the purpose of our Society, alongside the fact that we intend to engage with all practitioners involved in paediatric perioperative care.

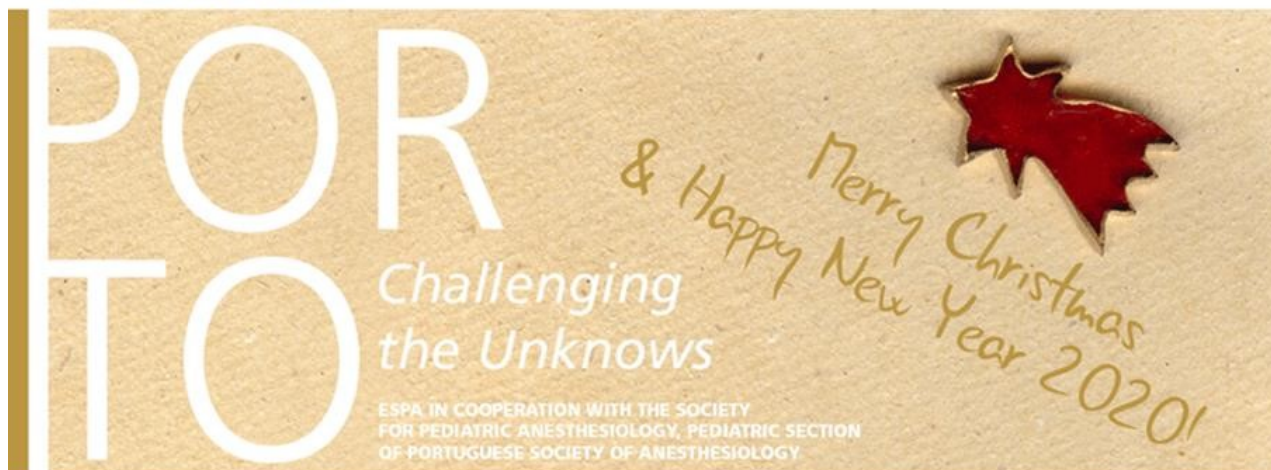
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## FEEDBACK FROM THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

**The 2019 Annual Meeting of ESPA** was held between **September 19 and 21 in Rotterdam**, and was a great success. We had 541 participants from 63 countries – the highest attendance numbers in the history of our Society. Both the plenary sessions and the workshops were well attended and appreciated. The ESPA Morning Run gathered over 60 participants - it was a true joy to run through the empty streets of Rotterdam in the early morning. We are planning to plan additional runs and pursue this social activity during upcoming meetings.

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**ANNUAL MEETING 2020**  
**22nd – 24th October, Porto, Portugal**



**12<sup>th</sup> European congress  
for Paediatric Anaesthesiology**

October 22–24, 2020, Alfândega Porto Congress Centre



Next year's annual meeting will be organized together with the Portuguese Society of Paediatric Anaesthesiologists in Porto. The Alfândega Porto Congress Center was formerly used as an important fishmarket on the side of the Duro River only a few steps away from the city center. The scientific program will be available on our website early next year. We have already reserved a famous **Porto Wine Cellar for the ESPA Dinner on Friday October 23rd.**

Save the date!

## ESPA AT THE ESA FOCUS MEETING IN ROME

The ESA organized a **Focus meeting on the Perioperative Management of Mother and Child in Rome on October 14 and 15th.** This meeting was endorsed by ESPA and the paediatric part of the program was the result of the collaboration of Subcommittee 5 of ESA and ESPA and was incorporated in the annual meeting of the Italian Society of Anaesthesia. This meeting was very successful: the lectures were presented by international experts and more than 500 people attended. Some sessions were mixed with similar topics on mother or child being presented and discussed such as cardiac disease or emergencies: this proved to be a very interesting and fruitful initiative, and there are plans to repeat this format with other national anesthesia societies.

## ESPA AT THE 1st RUSSIAN MEETING OF PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

Last October, Francis Veyckemans, Jurgen de Graaff and I were invited to represent ESPA at the 1st Russian Meeting of Paediatric Anaesthesiologists in Moscow. There were more than 800 delegates from all over Russia and the surrounding countries of the former USSR. It was very interesting to hear about their clinical practice

and challenges. We successfully engaged with the leadership of their Society and hope for a closer collaboration of Russian paediatric anaesthesia providers with ESPA in the near future.

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## JOINT ESPA PARTICIPATION IN UPCOMING CONFERENCES

In 2020, ESPA is contributing to a joint **Annual meeting with APAGBI**, 14-15th May 2020 at the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place in central London. Speakers from ESPA will host a full session on Thursday 14th, and also contribute to additional presentations throughout the meeting. Details of the Programme are available on the conference [website](#) and registration opens January 15th.

Furthermore, ESPA together with SPA organize a **Panel entitled: Current Controversies in Pediatric Perioperative Care: An International Perspective**. [Click to website](#)

Lastly, we are involved in the **Biannual meeting of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies** 16-20th October 2020 in Barcelona. This conference is expected to become an integration of all societies involved in the care of children. So an excellent location to hear up-to-date information and to meet up with general pediatric and associated specialties: ESPNIC neonatal and intensive care, ESPR research society, EAP academy of pediatrics, AEPC cardiology, EAPC palliative care, EPNS neurology, ERS respiratory, ESPE endocrinology, ESPGHAN gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, ESPN nephrology, EUSEM emergency.

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## NEW WEBSITE

After months of constructive work led by Nicola Disma and our administrative colleagues at Guarant, the new ESPA website is now available [www.euroespa.com](http://www.euroespa.com). We aimed for a major update from the previous website to facilitate search options and learning experiences for members.

Please check this out and do not hesitate to provide us with feedback!

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## ELECTION

The new ESPA Executive Board Election will take place in **April 2020**. The timeline for the election process, including candidacies and the voting procedure will be published on our website early next year.

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