

Summer 2021 Presidential letter

Dear ESPES Members,

We are arriving to the end of the first half of 2021 and thanks to the COVID restrictions and the vaccination campaign the situation with the Pandemic is getting better in Europe. This will allow us to have our XI ESPES Annual Congress in presence in Lugano Switzerland on September 15-17, 2021.

The Congress will include great pre-congress workshops; one MIS basic hands-on course, one urology masterclass that will focus in pediatric urolithiasis and one masterclass with updates in Robotics in children. The scientific program is very attractive and will include almost 145 presentations, the IRCAD Keynote lecture and 2 Round Tables that will discuss the strategies in intralobar sequestration and the benefits of MIS in gynecological pathology in neonates, children and adolescents. Special thanks to Prof. Philippe Montupet for his important support with the organization of the UEMS certification and credits.

This year is also very important because we will have our elections for President Elect and 3 new Executive Board members. I would like to remind you that from July 1st 2021 the electronic voting will be available in the ESPES website / members section. Your participation is very important in order to continue to support the health of our Society. Remember that the Executive Board works in the best interest and on behalf of the members and the Society. We would like to remind you also that **only Active ESPES Members** (full paid membership up to 2021) that have paid their membership before 31 July 2021 will be allowed to vote (for technical/informatics reasons this is necessary to guarantee the best function of the system). If you are still not updated with your membership fees please **do it fast!** Voting will be allowed until September 10th and the results will be notified during our General Assembly.

Regarding our ESPES LAP (African) Masterclass, the last session is previewed on Friday July 23rd 2021 and the exam for the participants will take place during our XI ESPES Annual Congress. This Masterclass has been a success.

In the next days you will receive the Minutes of the last General Assembly held during our E-Congress in the facilities of IRCAD in Strasbourg, France last September 2020, as well as the Agenda for the next GA.

I would like to thank all members of the EB Board and specially our Administrative Secretary for the great support and hard job that they are continuously doing for our Society. We are doing a great team-work!

Hope to see all of you soon in Lugano this September

Sincerely,



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