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Presidential newsletter

Dear colleagues and friends,

We will be meeting soon in our next Annual Congress in Madrid. As confirmed with the announcement of our honorary secretary, Mario Mendoza-Sagaon, our GA will be held on Sept 29, 2016. The Minutes of the last GA in Bucharest, approved by the whole Executive Board (EB), have to be validated at this GA. Therefore the ESPES Constitution should be respected and its registration pursued. Due to the delay in its achievement/delay in submission, the process took longer than initially expected.

Since Bucharest, I am sincerely pleased to inform you that our elected EB has been working hard and achieving excellent positive results. As such the scientific program of our annual congress was completed on time, accepted for European ACCME credits, and thanks to Mario Mendoza and Juan de Agustin, each congress chairman can already read his session selected abstracts. Moreover, a new and exclusive ESPES bank account was opened by our treasurer Paul Philippe. Payment of dues with credit card is now available in the website via Paypal into this account. We are sure that the large majority of our 400 recorded ESPES members will appreciate such a step to officially secure the ESPES membership annual fee payment.

Currently, there are no changes planned within our EB for this year. The chairman of the 2017 congress will replace Juan de Agustin and the congress venue will be officially chosen at the next EB meeting and presented to the GA for validation. Regarding the ESPES website, we were fortunate to benefit from the excellent work that Jozef Babala and Juan De Agustin invested throughout the entire year. We extremely appreciate the support and great work of Juan during the past 6 years as webmaster. We will of course continue to pay close attention to your suggestions for its development.

As the ESPES president, I attended as many Pediatric MIS congresses as I could since my election. This year alone I participated in the BAPES meeting in London, IPEG in Fukuoka and GECl in Limoges. My presence was not only to be representative of our energy, but also to start actively discussing our future joint projects with other societies. My intention behind each encounter was

simple: the better we are able to collaborate, the more likely ESPES will continue to grow with great success. Throughout the year, a monthly skype video-conference brought together the EB members. These videoconferences were followed by a memorandum written by Mario and approved by all EB members. Therefore a lot of new ideas were discussed, such as Educational and Scientific committees proposed by Piergiorgio Gamba and Ciro Esposito, or the ESPES video-library that will be managed by Raimundo Beltra. Communicating in this manner between the EB members also meant that these virtual meetings were equally beneficial in solving many problems.

Last but not least, 2017 will be an election year. Although the Constitution has been efficient in the past, we remain open to any comments regarding the future vote. Personally, I will hand over the presidential function to Ciro Esposito. I wholeheartedly trust him to continue to provide a happy and successful future for ESPES. I thank you in advance for continuing to support our team.

See you very soon,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philippe Montupet', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Philippe Montupet