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ESPGHAN Public Affairs Committee Report – September 2018

The ESPGHAN PAC Committee has taken a significant step forward in its still youthful history by securing a Public Affairs Symposium at the 2019 Annual Meeting. For the first time delegates will be able to hear what the PAC has been working on, its priorities for the future and from a range of key stakeholders in European Policy from across the continent – including representatives of the European Commission, the European Medicines Authority and European patients' associations.

The PAC is also delighted to announce that Luisa Avedano, the Chief Executive Officer of the European Federation of Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Associations (EFCCA), has agreed to join the committee over the next year, to help the committee expand its activities relating to engaging with patients and parents. Luisa will also help to plan and deliver the agreed joint awareness activities planned between ESPGHAN and EFCCA for the 2019 World IBD Day. This collaboration will help to further strengthen the ties between ESPGHAN and its patient and parent partners across Europe.

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