


**National Societies Meeting 2018**
**Minutes**

Thursday, October 18 – 14:00 – 18:30 hrs.

Hotel Kempinski Palais Hansen, Vienna, Austria

Meeting Chair	A. Christina Hauer (ACH) – ESPGHAN Internationals Affairs Representative
ESPGHAN Executive Committee	Raanan Shamir (RS) – ESPGHAN President, Annamaria Staiano (AS) - ESPGHAN Treasurer and Italian Representative on behalf of C. Agostoni
Attendees – Representatives	Henedina Antunes - Portugal (HA), Jiri Bronsky – Czech Republic (JB), Stephan Buderus - Germany (SB), Nick Croft - UK (NC), Marianne Horby Jorgensen - Denmark (MHJ), Ilse Hoffman - Belgium (IHO), Jaroslaw Kwiecien - Poland (JK), Zrinjka Misak - Croatia (ZM), Rouzha Pancheva - Bulgaria (RP), Tudor Pop – Romania (TP), Carsten Posovszky – Germany (CP), Susan Protheroe- UK (SP), Enriqueta Roman – Spain (ER), Ron Shaoul – Israel (RSH), Gabor Veres – Hungary (GV), Daniel Weghuber – Austria (DW)
Excused	Carlo Agostoni - Italy (CA)
Other	Katharina Ikrath (ESPGHAN Office), Justin Wilkes (SPINK)

Time	No.	Topic	Owner	Deadline
14:00	1.	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> RS welcomed all representatives and presidents of the National Societies and started the meeting with an introduction round. RS later gave a brief overview on the society, it's aims and structures. <b>Membership</b> The current statistics for Membership numbers are 986 active Members with the breakdown of Members as follows: Full Members (57%), Trainee Members (25%), AHP Members (3%), Corresponding Members (2%), Emeritus Members (13%). <b>Annual Meeting</b> Final figures for the annual meeting were confirmed as 4.627 delegates, a record number of abstracts submitted and accepted. 619 participants to the PGC, IBD master class and AHP courses all together and 120 participants to the ELZ. The congress had 53 exhibitors and sponsors and 100 countries were represented. <b>Education</b> RS briefly gave an update of the societies' educational activities for 2018 and 2019.		
14:20	2.	<b>PROVISION OF SERVICES BY ESPGHAN</b> <b>2.1. Links between ESPGHAN and National Societies</b> ACH explained the idea of digital links by giving a short overview on the respective website sections of the German, British and Austrian National Societies. All include a prominent direct link to the ESPGHAN Website. <b>2.2. Missing Information</b> ACH presented an overview on the status of information received from the National Societies to be included on the National Societies Section on the ESPGHAN Website. While some societies have provided all information requested (name of the society, website, president, contact email), details of other societies are still insufficient. ACH		

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	<p>highlighted that ESPGHAN is keen to complete the missing information and suggested to remind all representatives of these updates twice a year to ensure information is up to date on the website.</p> <p>The representatives were invited to comment on the issue. It was suggested to spread general information about ESPGHAN, as presented during the president report, to the National Societies to promote and introduce ESPGHAN to their members. It was deemed important to clarify within the National Societies that ESPGHAN Membership is open without having presented at an annual meeting, as seems to still be a common misunderstanding. The following points were agreed upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Societies in cooperation with ACH and the ESPGHAN Office will ensure their information is up to date on the ESPGHAN website with a mutual &amp; synchronized layout</li> <li>• Translate essential figures about ESPGHAN for distribution to National Societies</li> <li>• send a welcome and introduction letter in the name of RS and ACH to National Societies as Word and PDF for distribution by email and upload to National Societies and ESPGHAN websites</li> </ul> <p>RS highlighted the importance of keeping the sections simple by just including the website link; ESPGHAN material can be provided for upload to the National Societies webpages. It was further agreed that information about ESPGHAN can be posted to social networks such as Twitter or Facebook.</p> <p><b>TO DO: ensure that information is up to date on the National Societies Webpage</b> <b>TO DO: create a first letter for distribution introducing ESPGHAN and promoting aspects of membership</b> <i>After Meeting Note: an email on behalf of ACH and RS was sent to all presidents/representatives on October 29.</i></p>	Office/ACH ACH/RS	continuously completed
14:45	3. <b>PROVISION OF ESGHAN GUIDELINES IN ADAPTED VERSION</b>	Owner	Deadline
	<p>3.1. Creation of Special Task Force? (authors, legal issues, etc.) 3.2. Council consultation with National Societies when planning next Guidelines</p> <p>ACH explained that the issue of guidelines translation was previously raised by Frederic Gottrand due to a still existing language barrier in France. The lack of english skills makes it difficult if not impossible for French physicians to understand ESPGHAN guidelines and thus, keep them from consulting them. NC suggested ESPGHAN Guidelines should be open for consultation of the National Societies which was well received by all. RS explains that the current issue is focused on the dissemination and translation of guidelines rather than the consultation from outside. However, ESPGHAN agrees that consultation as an important issue that the society is moving toward in the future.</p> <p>It was proposed that for translation, ESPGHAN authors define crucial bullet points and/or 5 – 10 hot topics of the guidelines for those not exposed to the topics on a daily basis. Translation, however, should be done by the National Societies themselves. As ESPGHAN is unable to approve the translated content, the paper might include a sentence that the translation is based on an ESPGHAN guideline. RS suggested a final version to be uploaded to the ESPGHAN Website which can be understood as an unofficial endorsement by ESPGHAN. In addition, the adapted papers can be distributed at the Annual Meeting and/or via social media (Twitter) and society websites.</p>		



		<p>SPINK mentioned that they are currently running a pilot for a shortened guideline with the French Society who will translate and distribute the paper in cooperation with ESPGHAN PAC.</p> <p>The main points of the discussion were summarized as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consultation of National Societies for ESPGHAN GLs should be considered before publication</b></li> <li>• Translation of Key points/GL has to be done by the NS, not ESPGHAN</li> <li>• Identify 5 – 10 “Top Topics” by the ESPGHAN GL Groups and inform NS for their translation</li> <li>• Distribute adapted versions at national annual meetings/social media/websites</li> </ul> <p><b>TO DO: Council to discuss request from NS to see ESPGHAN papers before publication.</b>  <i>After Meeting Note: the procedure was approved by Council during the ACM 2018.</i></p> <p><b>TO DO: SPINK to give a short report once the pilot guideline is closed off.</b></p>	Council	completed
15:40		Coffee Break		
16:00	4.	<b>PROVISION OF PAMPHLETS, FLYERS, PATIENT/PARTENT INFO</b>	Owner	Deadline
		<p>4.1 Link to ESPGHAN Website from all National Societies’ websites</p> <p>4.2 Authorization of (GL) translations for national websites (with comment that this is based on ESPGHAN material but when not in English and not approved by ESPGHAN, should carry only the National Society logo)</p> <p>4.3 Suggestions regarding templates for info material (i.e. H.Pylori Flyer) to create practical and ready to use body of information</p> <p>SPINK shortly introduced their work for Coeliac Awareness Day, outlook on World IBD Day 2019 and related distribution of material.</p> <p>SP gave a brief update on the situation in the UK where the Patient Charity receive info and produce the material/leaflets. It was suggested to use the material already available for translation to other languages. Discussion evolved around how to include ESPGHAN in the translated guidelines and it was agreed that SPINK will create a legally non-binding Logo “based on ESPGHAN Guideline.”</p> <p><b>TO DO: SPINK to create a Logo “based on ESPGHAN Guideline”.</b></p>	SPINK	31.01.2019
16:50	5.	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF PEADIATRIC GI, HEPATOLOGY &amp; NUTRITION AS SUBDISCIPLINE</b>	Owner	Deadline
		<p>5.1 Situation in European Countries without acceptancy of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition as a Pediatric Subdiscipline</p> <p>5.2. Liaison with ESPGHAN Council / Education Task Force (ways to move forward, ...)</p> <p>MHJ and ER gave an overview on the Danish and Spanish models and issues arising from PGHN not being recognized as a subspecialty in half of the European countries. Recognition is important to ensure clinical standards and official/governmental licenses would be valuable for physicians when performing GI procedures outside the hospital.</p> <p>RS stated that even adult GI is not mandatorily recognized in Europe and eventually, PGHN will be a recognized subspecialty in Europe. ESPGHAN’s position is to facilitate and provide the current syllabus, to be finalized by December 31, 2018 to the NS and is further looking to have the curriculum accredited with UEMS in the future.</p> <p>CP briefly described the German situation where PGHN is recognized on both, a governmental and a societal level.</p>		



		<p>RS suggested that ESPGHAN can provide a syllabus to help get the acknowledgement of the national medical body in a first step and in a second, the governmental recognition. The NS decided to produce a National Society Comment/White Book/Survey, elaborating on the current European situation of PGHN in collaboration with the ESPGHAN Educational Secretary. SPINK proposed to produce a simple info graphic based on an UEG example for lobbying purposes on a European Level.</p> <p>The main points of the discussion were summarized as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of a “National Society Review/Comment/ Paper” elaborating on the current issues/systems/numbers surrounding Ped GI in Europe (involve Edu Sec)</li> <li>• Draft of simple Info Graphics on PGHN and importance of the same based on an example from UEG for lobbying purposes (SPINK)</li> <li>• Finalize and adapt the ESPGHAN syllabus on a national level before it can be harmonized around Europe</li> </ul>		
17:40	6.	<b>FUTURE STRUCTURE OF ESPGHAN NATIONAL SOCIETIES PANEL</b>	Owner	Deadline
		<p>The group agreed that the panel should be chaired by the ESPGHAN International Affairs Representative for a direct line to ESPGHAN and the ESPGHAN Council, with the representatives on the meeting being active national presidents to ensure continuity. In addition, should be ESPGHAN Members. It was deemed important by all participants to have at least one dedicated half-day National Societies meeting close to UEG Week with a short meeting during the ESPGHAN Annual Meeting. This direct communication will improve exchange of information among the NS. The International Affairs representative will continue to identify national key contacts who are not yet be represented in the group, especially from Eastern Europe. Further to the NS presidents, the Education Secretary and a PAC Representative should be invited to the meetings.</p> <p>AS pointed out the importance to identify incentives for presidents to get more actively involved in ESPGHAN.</p> <p><b>TO DO: ACH and Office to identify further national key contacts to include in the National Societies Group.</b></p> <p><b>TO DO: Office to include a slot for NS Meeting in the Annual Meeting schedule and invite representatives, Educational Secretary and a PAC Representative in due time.</b></p>	Office	31.12.2018
			Office	30.03.2019
18:20	7.	<b>CLOSING REMARKS AND SUMMARY</b>	Owner	Deadline
		<p>As a request for fellowships/grants was raised, RS highlighted the fact that ESPGHAN does provide a variety of grants/fellowships to members and is willing to provide more if the demand is met. This is currently not the case, however and RS invited the group to spread the information on ESPGHAN funding opportunities to their fellows. Another important aspect that should be focused on, is the goal to represent all European paediatric GIs. The current challenges are thus, to identify and motivate national presidents to join the meetings and eventually, for ESPGHAN to represent all European paediatric GIs.</p> <p>ACH summarized the importance of an active dialogue between the National Societies but also, and essentially, with ESPGHAN.</p> <p><b>TO DO: National Societies to issue a letter to Council with their needs and queries to ESPGHAN.</b></p>	NS presidents	31.01.2019

