



**National Societies Meeting 2019**

**Minutes**

Saturday, June 08 – 08:00 – 10:30 hrs.

SEC Glasgow - Glasgow, United Kingdom

Meeting Chair	A. Christina Hauer (ACH) – ESPGHAN Internationals Affairs Representative
ESPGHAN Executive Committee	Sanja Kolacek (SK) – ESPGHAN President, Annamaria Staiano (AS) - ESPGHAN Treasurer, Raanan Shamir (RS) – ESPGHAN Past President
Attendees – Representatives	Henedina Antunes - Portugal (HA), Patrick Bontems – Belgium (PB), Jiri Bronsky – Czech Republic (JB), Stephan Buderus - Germany (SB), Nick Croft - UK (NC), Miglena Georgieva – Bulgaria (MG), Alfredo Guarino – Italy (AG), Marianne Horby Jorgensen - Denmark (MHJ), representative of Greece, Jaroslaw Kwiecien - Poland (JK), Emmanuel Mas – France (EM), Tudor Pop – Romania (TP), Iveta Pukite – Latvia (IP), Enriqueta Roman – Spain (ER), Ron Shaoul – Israel (RSH), Vaidotas Urbonas – Lithuania (VU), Gabor Veres – Hungary (GV), Wendy van der Woerd – Netherlands (WW)
Other	Katharina Ikrath (ESPGHAN Office), James Butcher (SPINK)

No.	Topic	Owner	Deadline
1.	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> RS welcomed all representatives and presidents of the National Societies and started the meeting with highlighting the importance of the forum and introduction of the new president of the society, Sanja Kolacek. SK pointed out the importance of a thorough involvement of the National Societies to the continuing ongoing efforts in providing the best standard of care in Europe. The meeting was opened by ACH with an introduction round and outlook on the meeting agenda.	Owner	Deadline
2.	<b>PROVISION OF SERVICES BY ESPGHAN (Issue 1)</b> A short update of the National Societies’ information on the ESPGHAN website was reported to the group. Information is being collated on a regular basis by the International Affairs Representative and the ESPGHAN Office. ACH reminded all representatives of the letter to Council outlining topics to be considered in future initiatives and highlighted the importance to address their issues to ESPGHAN for potential support. <b>TO DO: All representatives are asked to inform the ESPGHAN Office of potential updates within their society – especially related to positions and contacts.</b> <b>TO DO: Letter to Council outlining the key issues of the various societies.</b>	Owner	Deadline
3.	<b>PROVISION OF ESGHAN GUIDELINES IN ADAPTED VERSION (Issue 2)</b> ACH summarized the procedure for Guideline Translation as was discussed during the October 2018 meeting and introduced the group to the Bulgarian translation, dedicated Guideline Logo and the ESPGHAN Microsite. It was once more highlighted that ESPGHAN cannot be held reliable for translated content. For some countries, such as Latvia, where the level of English as a second language is high, translation of Guidelines might not be of any interest.	Owner	Deadline

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4. RECOGNITION OF PGHN AS A SUBSPECIALTY (Issue 3)	Owner	Deadline
<p>ACH gave a brief overview on vision and issues of the current situation based on the Austrian status, that – after a tedious process – has finally reached governmental recognition. Both, Portugal and the Baltic States are recognised on a governmental level.</p> <p><b>TO DO: Update status of Portugal and Baltic States on the Masterfile</b></p>	Office	completed
5. ESPGHAN STRATEGY DAY - REPORT ROUND	Owner	Deadline
<p>The representatives who had represented the National Societies in the various Working Groups during the ESPGHAN Strategy Day, were asked to give a short report on the discussion outcomes. <b>The outcome of all group discussions can be viewed in the ESPGHAN Strategy Plan 2019-2022, in the Members' Library of myESPGHAN.</b></p> <p><b>Quality of Care Group:</b> JB gave a brief overview on the main topics discussed being how to define QoC and improve clinical care. Discussions evolved around adapting the existing QoC document of the British Society and use as a base to develop a guideline for Europe. RS stressed the importance of appointing a dedicated person within ESPGHAN to QoC.</p> <p><b>To DO: ACH to disseminate British document to the representatives and prepare related bullet points for further discussions at the Barcelona meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Education Group:</b> GV reported on the outcomes of the Education Group with discussion moving mainly around the ESPGHAN syllabus. GV highlighted the serious gaps between the various European countries and the issues emerging from these differences in the harmonization of the syllabus across the continent.</p> <p><b>Membership Group:</b> JK outlined the main issues discussed in the group as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Economic issues</li> <li>○ Discussion whether to increase membership numbers</li> <li>○ Member questionnaire: distribution at Annual Meeting 2019; other discussion evolved around a questionnaire upon renewal of membership</li> </ul> <p>Discussions also evolved around the issue of how to ensure children have the possibility to be seen/examined by a PedGI rather than an adult GI. Comments show that this appears to be common in most parts of Europe from the age of 12 years. To confront this practice, education in the field was deemed a key starting point. This was specifically highlighted by SB and WW.</p> <p><b>The group agreed to concentrate efforts on the topics Quality of Care and Education for the upcoming October Meeting in Barcelona, rather than raising too many issues in parallel.</b></p>	ACH	15.09.2019
6. SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS RAISED DURING DISCUSSIONS	Owner	Deadline
<p>GV: add a short slot to the scientific programs of dedicated educational activities (e.g. IBD MC in low resource countries or EESS)</p> <p>VU: important to have a platform similar to the TelePorto for the other two disciplines (Hepatology, Nutrition)</p>		
. END OF THE MEETING	Owner	Deadline

