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## Introduction

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Dear members of EPOS, dear friends of pediatric orthopedics, we would like to present you 1st issue of EPOS news 2012 in our new EPOS web pages. We hope you will find useful information from the life of our society in 2011/2012. The next issue will be released after next board meeting in late autumn. Because it is the space in EPOS news for your contributions, I would like to please you to send me the contributions concerning the life of Your National pediatric societies.

Thank You very much for your kind cooperation.



### Report from EPOS President

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## 2. Report from EPOS President



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Our new web site with its new address and look has been activated. A group under the leadership of Ignacio Sanpero is working non-stop to improve the contents of our website. Any suggestions and contributions in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Time flies by and the Athens meeting has already appeared on the horizon. Our local host, one of the senior members of our society, John Dimitrou is already looking forward to entertaining the EPOS family and friends in Athens in the spring. We have signed a comprehensive contract with our local PCO Frei to both organize a scientific and social event unforgettable for years to come and obtain the best conditions for our members and our society. The congress website is currently active and abstract submission will begin shortly. We wish to see your valuable research presented in Athens.

As you know, our society has been managed by a professional company for a while now. Our meetings were being organized by a different PCO (professional congress organizer) every year. Our website on the other hand is being handled by a different company. As the Board, we have decided to obtain all three services from a single organization in order to both increase productivity and economy. For this reason we have asked the major PCO and SMCs (society management company) in Europe including our current contributors to make us offers. These offers will be evaluated expediently and you will be informed of the results as soon as possible.

Another improvement during this term will be the establishment of new ad-hoc committees. The Board has decided that 3 new committees be formed:

**1** The mentorship committee will take on the duty of facilitator in introducing our senior members to our younger colleagues. For this purpose, this committee will be organizing short-term fellowship programs and tutorials intending to teach certain surgical techniques. It will attempt to create an environment for research mentorship.

**2** The YoungEPOS group consists mainly of BAT and Marie Curie attendants. This group, whose godfather will be Rudiger Krauspe, will communicate using social media such as Facebook and Twitter and the capabilities of our website. One of the members of this group, whose main purpose is to add new faces to pediatric orthopedics in general and the EPOS family in particular, will be invited as representative spokesman to Board meetings.

**3** The EPOSHelp group will be formed by volunteers who will be working to improve pediatric orthopedic education in countries who are among EPOS's member countries but where pediatric orthopedics is not recognized as a separate discipline. This group will organize short courses for this purpose. This group, led by Elhanan Baron, is in need of dedicated volunteers.

In the last general assembly, we have put forward a discussion regarding the need for our current statutes to be revised and promised that we would share our suggestions regarding this matter after the autumn board meeting. We ask all of our members to re-read our bylaws and submit any suggestions for changes to Ralph Sakkers or myself by the end of September.

The second round of the BAT program, whose first round was a huge hit, will be beginning shortly. Bjarne Moeller-Madsen and his team are working non-stop for an excellent program. You can find the necessary information on our website. Please encourage your young colleagues to take part in these courses.

Finally, JCO, the publication of our Society which despite its relatively short lifespan has acquired a sterling reputation thanks to contributions from you - our valuable members, is continuing its journey with firm strides under the leadership of our editors Shlomo Wientroub and Fritz Hefti. Having your, our valuable members' research published in EPOS's journal will both contribute to the development of the journal and symbolically strengthen our bond as a society.

I wish you all a wonderful summer, and pay my respects along with the hope for a stronger EPOS in the upcoming academic year.

Best regards,

*Muharrem Yazici, MD*  
President

## 3. Report of EPOS Educational Committee



**M**embers:  
Frantz Grill , Austria, Gerard Bollini, France, Dietrich Schlenzka, Finland, Shlomo Wientroub, Israel , Alain Dimeglio, France, Bjarne Møller-Madsen, Denmark (Chair, Europe)

### EPOS BAT Educational Program

EPOS Educational Committee has set up "EPOS BAT Educational Program". The program meets the demands required by the European Board of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EBOT). The acronym BAT arises from Basic Courses, Advanced Courses and

Traumatology Courses. These courses together constitute "EPOS BAT Educational Program" and aim to facilitate a problem-solving approach in the diagnosis and management of orthopaedic conditions in children informed by relevant research evidence.

#### A. Scaffold:

Basic course I + II  
Advanced course  
Traumatology course

#### B. Faculty - Basic I+II and Traumatology Course

Austria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, UK

#### C. Advanced Courses

Growing Spine - Helsinki 2009  
Organiser: D Schlenzka  
Cerebral Palsy - Basel 2011  
Organiser: R Brunner, B Møller-Madsen  
Managements of Lesions adjacent to Joints and Growth Plates - EFORT Copenhagen 2011  
Organiser: B Møller-Madsen  
Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita - Helsinki 2012  
Organiser: C. Bradish, B Møller-Madsen

#### D. Future Advanced Courses:

Spina Bifida  
Pes Cavovarus  
Perthes Disease  
Osteogenesis Imperfecta  
Bone and Soft tissue tumours  
Congenital deficiencies – Lower limb  
Congenital deficiencies – Upper limb

#### E. EFORT June 2010, Copenhagen

Management of lesions adjacent to joint and growth plates  
Forearm, wrist and hand – Fracture treatment in children  
Current concepts for the treatment of clubfeet  
Developmental dysplasia of the hip: Diagnosis and treatment  
Hip diseases during growth  
Comprehensive review course



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#### F. EPOS BAT Educational Scholarship

##### Aim:

To support Education in Children's Orthopaedic by offering qualified candidate(s) economical support (1500€ / three courses) to participate in "EPOS BAT Educational Program"

1. Basic Course I
2. Basic Course II
3. Traumatology Course

**Requirements:** (Application by e-mail to EPOS Secretary General)

1. Written application (including motivation, passport photo, short CV, max. 1page A4)
2. Signed letter of recommendation from Head of department

**Deadline** - Application deadline: Marts 15th, 2011

**Evaluation Committee** - EPOS Educational Committee.

**Announcement** - Successful candidate(s) will be announced at the General Assembly, Basel April 2011

EPOS Diploma will be available.

### G. EPOS BAT Educational Program, 2011 – 2012

**Venue:** Orthopaedisches Spital Speising, Vienna

**Basic I :**

18th – 20th May 2011

**Trauma :**

12th – 14th October 2011

**Bat II :**

28th – 30th March 2012

*B Møller-Madsen*

Chair, Europea

## 4. Reading Committee Report 2012

Following the success of last year's meeting in Basel, the Reading Committee realized that they would need to expand to cope efficiently with the increasing number of abstracts submitted for our annual meetings.

A new Chairman of the Reading Committee was elected from amongst the members of last years committee: Darko Anticevic from Zagreb will take over his new role at the Helsinki meeting and serve as Chairman for 3 years.

We advertised for new members for the Reading Committee via an e-mail that was sent to all EPOS members. We were delighted to have over 60 applicants for the 20 new places. The Committee worked with me to help select the new members trying to ensure that as many countries and subspecialty interests could be represented. Many of the other applications were passed on to the EFORT Board and they may be asked to help with the selection / editing of abstracts for the EFORT meetings in the future.

The new members of the Committee will serve for a period of 3 years.

Approximately 10 Committee members are due to retire this year so we will be looking for more new recruits and a further email will be sent out soon after the Helsinki meeting.

Should you be interested in applying please do contact Darko or myself.



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## 5. Report of Scientific Committee



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It was agreed in the November 2011 Board Meeting that Andreas Roposch (UK) will take over this role as of 2012. Andreas is currently also serving on the Board as Councillor and has been a member of the Scientific Committee since 2009. The new chair and all members of the Committee express their sincere gratitude to Andrew Wainwright for his efforts in leading the Committee over the past three years.

In a presentation to the Board, Andreas formulated the Scientific Committee's agenda for the next three years. It includes three aims: to facilitate research collaboration, to educate in research methods, and to lead and conduct multi national research studies of high quality. The establishment of an EPOS Research Mentor Database is a first step in facilitating research exchange. This database will enable members of EPOS to find potential collaborators and content experts. It will also be of use for members and candidate members in the look out for research fellowships. Data collection for this database will start as soon as the new website is up and running. All members of EPOS will be asked to provide data about their research activities and about research opportunities/posts in their departments. This information will be made accessible to all members of EPOS via the database.

After a very successful start at the Basel Annual Meeting (2011) with a seminar on evidence-based orthopaedics, the Scientific Committee now routinely organizes seminars and training events in research methodology with an emphasis on clinical research. A seminar on the topic of 'outcomes in clinical research' was held during the Annual Meeting in Helsinki (2012) and co-chaired by Dr. Michael Vitale from New York. In collaboration with the Education Committee, workshops on clinical and basic research will also be part of the BAT Programme. All these activities should address the needs of young researchers but also provide updates on various topics for established colleagues.

Conducting research studies of high quality is perhaps the most challenging task of the Committee's agenda. Research, especially if multi national, requires adequate funding to be successful. The Committee has formulated three «work streams» including basic science, clinical effectiveness (evidence-based orthopaedics and outcomes), and rare disease. It is hoped that collaborative studies, led by members of the Scientific Committee, can be established in the near future for all of these work streams. While funding will need to be secured from external bodies, EPOS Foundation is a promising additional source of financial support for research (seed funding). New studies that are currently being developed by members of the Scientific Committee include; «Understanding relapse of clubfoot after the age of 4 years; Epidemiology and causal factors" and «Osteofibrous dysplasia;



Understanding practice and referrals patterns in countries of EPOS".

As of research infrastructure, the EPOS Clinical Trial Network is under development. The aims of this network are to facilitate multi national research (with a focus on randomized clinical trials and prospective cohort studies) by providing assistance with data collection and exchange, as well as web-based information for researchers and participating patients. Clearly, the development of such a network is a challenging task and it will take time. It is hoped that EPOS Foundation will eventually be in a position to provide the running costs of the EPOS Clinical Trial Network.

Upon request of the Board, the Scientific Committee was asked formulate its charges. Clear guidelines needed to be established about criteria and duration of membership and about the responsibilities of members. A proposal has been submitted to the Board for consolation and approval. The Scientific Committee has had a very productive year and is looking forward to an exciting time ahead. Link with EPOS Foundation and with the Educational Committee are equally important for its future development as is the generous contribution of busy clinicians to multi national studies endorsed by the Scientific Committee.

*Andreas Roposch*

## 6. Informations from National Pediatric Orthopaedic Societies

### 6.1 Informations of Congres of Pediatric Traumatology

Torino, Italy, January 24-25, 2013.

President: A. Andreaccio

[www.seleneweb.com](http://www.seleneweb.com)

[selene@seleneweb.com](mailto:selene@seleneweb.com)

### 6.2 Information of Symposium of the Section of Czech Pediatric Orthop. Society

11.-12. October 2012 , Castle Zbiroh.

Organising committee: Dr.Alena Schejbalová,Ph.D.

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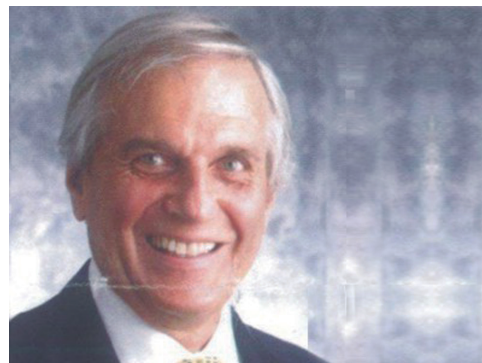
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## IFPOS President Carlo Milani' message

**E**very three years IFPOS holds a congress together with another international society. The next meeting is going to be held in May 2013, in Toronto, in conjunction with the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. On May 2 (Thursday) on the afternoon, we will have the presentation of free papers by IFPOS members. Those who wish to submit papers should access the link of IFPOS to be placed on the site of POSNA in the near future.



## EPOS 2013 Traveling Fellowship applications

The European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society and the Paediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America are continuing their cooperation in organizing a Travelling Fellowship for young paediatric orthopaedic surgeons.

In 2013, Three EPOS Fellows will travel to North America

Candidates for the 2013 EPOS traveling fellowship should meet the following requirements:

- Age under 40 years
- Major interest in paediatric orthopaedics
- Scientific works (publications, research reports) related to paediatric orthopaedics
- Satisfactory knowledge in English
- Completed training program in orthopaedics with further experience in paediatric orthopaedics

EPOS membership is not required, the three elected fellows becoming automatically EPOS members (free of fees for one year).

*Candidates should fill in the form in our website [www.epos.org](http://www.epos.org) or send by e-mail the following application documents to Dr Ralph Sakkers*

*([epos@symporg.ch](mailto:epos@symporg.ch)) by 30th September*

## 2013 SLAOTI Traveling fellows will be in Europe!

Based on the agreement between EPOS and SLAOTI Boards, first SLAOTI Traveling Fellows will visit European centers in April 2013. Two young SLAOTI members will spend some weeks in Europe.

As Board, we are looking for candidate centers, which will be host for our guests. Fellows will stay 3-4 days in each center. Local accommodation will be covered by host centers. Host centers are

responsible to present an intensive educational program including live surgeries, attendance to clinical activities, scientific presentations, case discussions, etc. All kind of social activities, which will be organized by hosts, are welcomed.

If you are interested to be host for SLAOTI fellows, please send an e-mail to [Ralph Sakkers](mailto:Ralph.Sakkers@symporg.ch) by 30th of October, 2012.

EPOS fellowship for EPOS BAT Educational Program is available now.  
Please visit our webpage!

### **Aim**

To support the successful candidate(s) financially during his/her participation in EPOS BAT Educational program, (Basic I and II and Trauma course) 2012-2013

### **Value**

1500 €. To cover registration/accommodation fees. The money will be transferred into applicants' bank account on receipt of the invoice

### **Criteria**

The applicant should be a resident on a training program with an interest in pediatric orthopedics.

### **Accreditation**

CME points and EPOS Candidate Membership will be offered to all candidates who complete EPOS BAT Educational program.

### **Deadline**

Applications close 1st September 2012



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