Dear Friends and EPOS Partners:

2018 is a turning point in the organisation of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (EPOS), as the development of the EPOS Foundation and the recently created EPOS Study Groups open new and varied opportunities in the fields of Education and Research.

After organising EPOSNA 2017, the largest Congress ever in Paediatric Orthopaedics, EPOS continues to be strongly committed to accomplish its mission: “To increase the quality of care of children with orthopaedic conditions, helped by increasing the communication between professionals dealing with the child, by improving the education of those interested in the child care and by sharing the advances in knowledge”.

Education and Research are the key elements for EPOS. Having Education as a main target, EPOS recognises that partnerships with Industry are of paramount importance. The EPOS Educational Program in Paediatric Orthopaedics is prestigious and well established in Europe. Our BAT (Basic-Advanced-Trauma) courses have faculty and participants from all over Europe. The Basic and Trauma Courses are targeting residents and young surgeons, while the Advanced Courses are intended to bring experts together.

EPOS has also strengthened its partnerships with other Societies around the world, from South America to the Middle East and Asia.

EPOS CORE Curriculum Courses allow Education in Paediatric Orthopaedics to reach countries where Education in Orthopaedics is not widely accessible. We are proud of our contribution to Education in Paediatric Orthopaedics in the five continents.

Having established a partnership with the Surgical LAB of the University of Geneva, EPOS will be starting Surgical Skills courses, thus allowing paediatric orthopaedic surgeons to introduce new techniques and receive high-end training to do so. This new educational opportunity will be starting in 2018, with a “Sports Trauma” Course. We also intend to offer short duration Visiting Fellowships to our Members, so that they can be trained in advanced techniques in well recognised institutions. This will have a positive impact at an individual and institutional level and will contribute to the strength of the EPOS Study Groups.

The EPOS Annual Congress is the largest event in Paediatric Orthopaedics in Europe, gathering a crowd of paediatric orthopaedic surgeons from all over the world, with different ages, backgrounds and interests. Attendance at our annual Congress exceeds 700 participants. In 2018, the EPOS Meeting will be held in Oslo and we are confident that our Industry partners will enjoy the Nordic flavour and the Scandinavian organisation.

The Future holds many opportunities to strengthen Paediatric Orthopaedics. With this welcome note, we invite Industry to become EPOS partners in the development of an ambitious educational and research Program.

Darko Anticevic, MD PhD
EPOS President 2017/2018

Pierre Lascombes, MD PhD
EPOS Foundation President
EPOS Vision
in Education and Research

The EPOS Educational Program in Paediatric Orthopaedics is prestigious and well established in Europe. The Annual Meeting is the most significant EPOS educational and scientific event. As an EPOS partner, we would ask you to strongly support our Annual Meeting.

Our BAT (Basic and Trauma) Courses target Residents and young surgeons, while the Advanced Courses bring experts together. The EPOS RCCC (regional Core Curriculum) Courses are organised in the Eastern countries of Europe and involve 4-5 EPOS Experts delivering education locally.

Another important piece of our Education mandate is the ½ day educational session in Paediatric Orthopaedics, during EFORT’s Annual Meeting.

Several EPOS Studies have been taken through and EPOS will continue to support research performed by EPOS Members in all field of interest in Paediatric Orthopaedics.

In the near future, we will have online tools that will facilitate collaboration within EPOS to promote educational and research activities.

Levels
As soon as our Industry Partners support the Annual EPOS meeting, the annual total amount of support for all EPOS activities will lead to the following recognition:

- DIAMOND level ≥ 70,000 €
- PLATINUM level ≥ 50,000 €
- GOLD level ≥ 30,000 €
- SILVER level ≥ 20,000 €
- BRONZE level ≥ 10,000 €
EPOS Annual Meeting, Oslo, 11th – 14th April 2018

The Annual Meeting is the major EPOS educational and scientific event.

www.epos2018.org

Date: 11th to 14th April 2018
Location: Oslo
Course Chair: Terje Terjesen
CME accredited

For more information (sponsoring package):
- the local PCO oivind@ccnorway.no
- and/or the EPOS Office secretariat@epos.org

2018 Pre-course Annual Meeting (open to one sponsor)

A Pre-Course on Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip is planned as a part of the EPOS Annual meeting in Oslo, scheduled for the morning of April 11, 2018. This is an area of interest for every Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon and we have no doubt that there will be a massive attendance.

Date: 11th April 2018
Location: Oslo, Norway
Chair of the Course: Terje Terjesen
Program Overview: Development Dysplasia of the Hip
CME accredited

Sponsor visibility: one single industry partner, acknowledged in the Course syllabus; roll-ups at the entrance.

Industry Partner Support requested: €25,000
BAT Trilogy Educational Program

The BAT Course Trilogy consists of 2 Basic and 1 Trauma Course that are scheduled over a 12 months period. We have approximately 120 delegates per meeting. The courses include workshops, in-depth lectures and hands-on. They are led by Expert Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons and highly rated by participants. We limit the number of participants to ensure that there is enough quality time for every participant to work and network with Faculty and other participants.

Our BAT courses have waiting lists, due to their popularity. Once completing the BAT Trilogy, a participant can apply for EPOS Membership.

Sponsor visibility: logo on syllabus, course program, podium, special personal acknowledgment during the course

One hour 15 minute industry workshops: 5 to 6 rotations.

Discounts applied for Industry Partners sponsoring a full Trilogy.

Trauma Paediatric 2018 (5th trilogy)

Date: 14th to 16th March 2018
Location: Speising Hospital in Vienna, Austria
Chair of the Course: Hakan Omeroglu
Program Overview: Paediatric upper and lower limb skeletal trauma.
Hands On Workshops
CME accredited

Industry Partner Support requested: €10,000 (multiple sponsors allowed)

Basic II Paediatric Orthopaedics 2018 (5th trilogy)

Date: 10th to 12th October 2018
Location: Speising Hospital in Vienna, Austria
Chair of the Course: Hakan Omeroglu
Program Overview: Disorders of the spine, upper limb and knee, musculoskeletal infections, bone tumours
Hands On Workshops
CME accredited

Industry Partner Support requested: €10,000 (multiple sponsors allowed)
Educational support

Advanced Course

In 2018 EPOS will organise an Advanced Course in Sports Trauma. This course will attract the young specialist and the experts in the field. The number of participants is limited to 40, to allow interactive discussion and easy access to cadaver workshops. The goal is to stimulate small group discussions, sharing ideas and promote training and knowledge in innovative surgical techniques.

Sponsor visibility: logo on syllabus, course program, podium, special personal acknowledgment during the course.

Date: 25th to 26th January 2018

Location: Swiss Foundation for Innovation and Training in Surgery (SFITS) – Hôpital Universitaire de Geneva (HUG), Switzerland

Chair of the Course: Franck Accadbled

Program Overview: Sports injuries around the knee and ankle

Hands on cadaver workshops:

Knee joint
- Meniscus surgery repair techniques (all inside, out in & in-out sutures), horizontal tears/cysts, discoid meniscus, meniscectomy
- ACL reconstruction in the skeletally immature: transphyseal, all epiphyseal, over the top, PCL
- Knee osteochondritis dissecans: transarticular perforations, osteochondral transfer, microfracturing

Ankle
- Fixation of articular fractures, osteochondritis dissecans, calcaneonavicular coalition

CME accredited

Industry Partner Support requested:
- full course at €20,000 per sponsor
- full day at €15,000 per sponsor
- half a day at €10,000 per sponsor

EPOS Regional Core Curriculum Courses (RCCC)

Once a year, under the leadership of Elhanan Bar-On, EPOS organises a 2-3 day meeting in the peripheral Eastern countries in Europe, bringing in 4-6 experts. The goal is to spread general paediatric orthopaedic education to paediatric orthopaedic surgeons and general orthopaedic surgeons in these countries.

Sponsor visibility: the company will be recognised as the major sponsor for the course (logo in all communication documents, all printed materials and a free booth during the meeting).

Date: 9th to 10th March 2018

Location: Baku, Azerbaijan

Chair of the Course: Elhanan Bar-On

Program Overview: General Paediatric Orthopaedics & Trauma

For more information, please contact the EPOS Office: secretariat@epos.org

Industry Partner Support requested: €5,000
Support for education and research is fundamental for the progression of Paediatric Orthopaedics, and for Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons to share knowledge and skills around the world.

**Educational Scholarships**

In every BAT Trilogy, EPOS offers 10 Scholarships to 10 candidates, young orthopaedic surgeons who successfully completed their application and are selected by the EPOS Educational Committee. The candidates’ applications are admitted upon presentation of a CV, motivational statement and recommendation letters.

**Sponsor visibility:** logo on syllabus, course program, podium, special personal acknowledgment during the course.

Industry Partner Support requested: €2,000 Grant per fellow to support a full Trilogy

**Travelling Fellowships**

EPOS supports two Travelling Fellowships: EPOS to POSNA (Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America), and EPOS to SLAOITL (Sociedad Latino Americana de Ortopedia y Traumatología Infantil), allowing European paediatric orthopaedic surgeons to acquire experience in and exposure to North America and Latin America and vice-versa.

Every year, 3 surgeons from Europe travel either to North America or to Latin America. At the same time, 3 surgeons come either from Latin America or from North America. Fellows present the report of their Fellowship at the annual meeting.

**Sponsor visibility:** fellows presentation at the EPOS Annual Meeting will be named the ‘Name of the Sponsor Session’, which will be a part of the EPOS Annual Meeting Program.

Industry Partner Support requested: €10,000 for one Sponsor
**Visiting Fellowship**

EPOS organises short Visiting Fellowships in recognised institutions, with 3-5 days duration, for those interested in improving a specific technique or skill. The Fellow spends some time with an Expert, learning a specific technique (for example: spine deformities, sports injuries, bone deformities correction and lengthening, neuromuscular disease, etc) The Centres for training will be quality assured by EPOS. The candidates will be selected by EPOS upon presentation of a CV, motivational statement and recommendation letters.

The Fellows will be required to write a report describing what they have learnt.

**Sponsor visibility:** the Visiting Fellowship will be named ‘EPOS – Sponsor name Visiting Fellowship’.

Industry Partner Support requested: €1,500 to sponsor each Visiting Fellow

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**Research Grants**

EPOS supports multicentre research studies and aims to support its members in performing basic and clinical research in all fields of Paediatric Orthopaedics. EPOS Studies are approved by the EPOS Research & Scientific Committee and by the EPOS Executive Committee, once an EPOS Member submits a research proposal that is deemed interesting for EPOS and Paediatric Orthopaedics.

EPOS is also looking forward to start our Research Mentorship Program, in which a less experienced researcher will be able to visit an experienced researcher and work with him/her in developing research activities.

**For more information, please contact the EPOS Office:** secretariat@epos.org
EPOS Study Groups and Names of the Appointed Chairs:

EPOS initiated in 2017 the development of the «EPOS Study Groups» dedicated to specific topics in Children. The main goal is to recognise the surgeons that are dedicated to specific fields of interest, to promote a group discussion and to develop the research in each specific field and promote education.

EPOS Upper Limb Group
Sebastian Farr (Austria)

EPOS Lower Limb Group
Rudolf Ganger (Austria)

EPOS Spine Group
Carol Claudius Hasler (Switzerland)

EPOS Neuromuscular Group
Reinald Brunner (Switzerland)

EPOS Sports Group
Franck Accadbled (France)

EPOS Genetics & Metabolic Group
Ralph Sakkers (The Netherlands)

EPOS Trauma Group
Annelie Weinberg (Germany)

EPOS Trauma Group
Pierre Journeau (France)

EPOS Musculoskeletal Tumors, Infections & Arthritis Group
Inês Balacó (Portugal)

The Journal of Children’s Orthopaedics – the official journal of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (EPOS) – provides a forum for the advancement of the knowledge and education in pediatric orthopaedics and traumatology across geographical borders and advocates an increased worldwide involvement in preventing and treating musculoskeletal diseases in children and adolescents.

There are multiple opportunities for advertising in a prestigious journal in the paediatric orthopaedic field. For more information, please contact:
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- or the EPOS Office secretariat@epos.org