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Dear EPOS members, colleagues and friends,



As you know, the EPOS 2020 Annual Meeting in Porto didn't take place. The COVID-19 pandemic has been recognised as an unprecedented global health crisis and therefore, we will bring the annual EPOS meeting as a virtual event to you in 2021!

Although we will miss the energy of a fully packed auditorium and valuable exchanges in the exhibition hall, we invite you to engage yourself in this growing collection

of new educational virtual experiences.

During the year EPOS webinars are another learning opportunity for EPOS members. Continue to learn and to exchange with others and don't forget to renew your EPOS membership 2021!

The EPOS Executive Committee would like to thank you all for still providing the best child needs care in the paediatric orthopaedic field during this unforgettable pandemic!

Please enjoy the winter edition of our EPOS newsletter and don't forget to join our <u>39th EPOS Annual meeting</u>, virtual edition, in April 2021, which gets really close!

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Stay safe and healthy!

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Presidential Letter by Professor Thomas Wirth



Dear EPOS members, dear friends,

Corona has not released the grip on us but even increased its intensity to still significantly impact our daily business and private life. We are longing for returning to in-person-meetings, but the current situation realistically doesn't allow us to do so.

EPOS had to make decisions, painful decisions. We have postponed all on-site meetings such as BAT-Courses. We decided to organise our <u>next Annual</u>

<u>Meeting</u>, scheduled for April 2021 in Porto as a virtual event. The pre-meeting course will be part of the Annual Meeting, and scheduled one day prior to the meeting. We are very grateful to our members who have supported this decision by responding to our questions on how to best deal with the current imponderability. About two thirds of the responders agreed on the virtual format. We understand that still one third was in unambiguous opposition to virtual events, but some of them indicated that this was an unrealistic assessment. Your view was very important and helped the Executive Committee to come to a final decision. We are very proud that we could establish a series of webinars, seven have been successfully held up to now, in order to keep our community engaged and still run some educational activities within the paediatric orthopaedic community.

In 2021 EPOS will setup different formats of e-learning activities, such as an electronic certificate for both paediatric orthopaedics and trauma with a discrimination between a junior and a senior certificate in paediatric orthopaedics. We are also working on online case discussions and surgical technique sessions. Once the Education Committee has worked out more details, we will communicate

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2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us – personally and professionally. We got to know how indispensable personal contacts and exchanges were, yet we could not have them. We ask ourselves: where is the light at the end of the tunnel and we know it will shine as bright as before sooner or later. With unbroken optimism our future will be great again.

On behalf of all EPOS Executive Committee members, all Chairs and members of the Committees and Study Groups, Elenida, Sanni and Nina from our office I like to wish you and your families a relaxing Holiday Season, Merry Christmas; and all the best for the New Year 2021.

Thomas Wirth Interim EPOS President 2020-2021

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EPOS Membership 2021

Stay at the forefront of Paediatric Orthopaedics with your EPOS Membership!

<u>Renew by January the 1st, 2021</u> and continue to join webinars and upgrade your knowledge and build your practice.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP





Should you need any assistance, please contact us at EPOS membership <u>membership@epos.org</u> Past Issues

The 39th Annual Meeting in 2021

Considering that the pandemic has surged again globally and to safeguard against the spread of the novel Corona virus the EPOS Leadership has taken the decision to shift to a virtual event from 14-16 April 2021, instead of in-person meeting.

EPOS is already adapting to this current global climate with creativity. While we wait for the in-person meetings to restart safely, EPOS has been using innovative ways to engage with its members and the wider community.

We trust that 2021-year's virtual EPOS Annual Meeting will be a great opportunity to reconnect and move forward together, and definitely a meaningful meeting in the history of EPOS. Join us to increase your knowledge, share experiences and common challenges with your peers and colleagues.

We hope 2021 will bring along positivity and optimism.

For further information on the EPOS virtual Annual meeting to take place **from 14-16 April 2021**, please check out the <u>EPOS virtual congress website</u>.



Save the dates and register now!

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EPOS Study Group webinars supported by OrthoPediatrics

Due to the COVID-19, it was impossible for EPOS to organize its' regular on-site educational activities in 2020. Because of that EPOS started a first round of e-education activities on the web and the first live webinar was introduced during the month of June. Since that the EPOS Leadership, the EPOS Educational Committee and the EPOS Study Groups are proud to produce e-content for the webinars and to continue with the series of EPOS Educational Webinars for the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. We have so far held **five live webinars** and <u>the replays can be found on the EPOS</u> <u>website</u>.

We are pleased to inform you that the EPOS webinars are organized in-house and they are managed via Go To Webinar platform.

UPCOMING EPOS STUDY GROUP WEBINARS:

6th EPOS Webinar on Infection: Acute osteomyelitis: is punction always required? Has COVID-19 pandemy changed our treatment protocol? 11 November 2020 | 18:00 CET

7th EPOS Webinar on Cerebral Palsy: CP hip disease: surveillance and treatment 09 December 2020 | 17:00 CET

8th EPOS Webinar on Lower Limb: X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets (XLH) : pediatric perspectives, clinical aspects and treatment options

9th EPOS webinar on Upper Limb: Problems in genetic and metabolic diseases 20 February 2021 | 18:00 CET

Educational Activities: Courses

Due to consequences of covid-19, EPOS Trilogy and Advanced Courses for 2020 has been postponed to 2021. The following courses are planned to take place next year provided that the pandemic situation improves and travelling and group gatherings are allowed. The registrations are currently not open for any of the next year's courses until a clarification concerning the pandemic situation is more clear.

We would encourage you to regularly check EPOS website for any updates in this regard.

IMPORTANT! EPOS will try to organize the BAT2 (3rd event of the 6th trilogy) in March 2021, if possible. The new dates are tentatively 24-26 March 2021.

- 24-26 March 2021 6th EPOS BAT INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE TRILOGY (Part III – Basic II)
- 20-22 October 2021
 7th EPOS BAT INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE TRILOGY (Part I Basic I)
- **19-20 November 2021** EPOS ADVANCED – COMPLEX PEDIATRIC SPINE DEFORMITIES

Educational Activities: Travelling Fellowships

No new applications have been accepted this year for the EPOS Travelling Fellowships due to covid-19. If you have any requests concerning EPOS fellowships, please email us at <u>fellowships@epos.org</u>

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EPOS is proud to announce that Research Grants in the field of paediatric orthopaedics will be available as of 2021. For further information please visit on a regular basis the research grant webpage.

Job and fellowship opportunities offered by the Paediatric Orthopaedic Community

<u>This webpage</u> is dedicated to job and fellowship opportunities offered by EPOS members and other societies working in the field of paediatric orthopaedics.

The sole role of EPOS is to advert these opportunities on the EPOS webpage and therefore EPOS is not anyway involved in the decision power or any other way cannot influence in the final decisions related to these job and fellowship opportunities.

For any further information concerning these opportunities, please visit the provider's website for further information. The link is provided under each opportunity.

The administrative fee of the post per job is 150 euros and 100 euros per fellowship for a period of 3 months. Payment can be made by an invoice (per request) only.

For any request or questions you might have please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>fellowships@epos.org</u> and for more information please <u>check here</u>

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