

Progress report

EANS Pediatric section.

The Section Board consists of Professor Francesco Sala, who is also scientific section chair for EANS, past ESPN president Professor Martina Messing-Jünger and the undersigned Pediatric Section Chair Professor Marianne Juhler. The current section board are thus members of both societies, which was felt to be important for establishing the section and for creating and maintaining a working relationship with ESPN.

The aim for the section is still i) to work with the EANS TC to ensure that the academic quality and content of the pediatric curriculum taught at the training courses is current state of the art at all times with a focus for the general neurosurgeon; ii) to ensure that pediatric topics of high academic quality and of interest to the general neurosurgeon are represented at the annual EANS meetings ; iii) to underline that these activities are directed and focused for the general neurosurgeon.

To fulfill the aims, the section's work for the past year has been:

- Practical collaboration with the ESPN and with local organizing committee for the 2108 EANS congress in Bruxelles to create the pediatric neurosurgery contribution to the program. This has resulted in five sessions jointly organized by both societies.
- Defining the "Learning objectives" for the pediatric curriculum taught at the training course. A working group with Sebastian Eibach, Ricardo Gomez Espinosa, Can Sarica and Bernt Due-Toennesen have compiled the current list of learning objectives. These have been forwarded to the TC chairman. We expect that topics and learning objectives are regularly reviewed in collaboration with ESPN to ensure their relevance and that teaching is up to state of the art in pediatric neurosurgery at all times.
- Surveying the teaching and academic potential in the section for future possibilities in the resources here for both teaching and academic (congress) work. A working group with Nicolaos Syrmos and Radek Fric has made this possible.
- The first pediatric section meeting is held October 22nd 11:30 – 13:00 during the EANS meeting in Brussels

We expect the section's work for the next year to be continued support for the pediatric curriculum in the EANS TC both with topic update and "supply" of teachers from the Ped Section when required; assist the 2019 annual meeting by pro-actively proposing the pediatric part of the program and by close collaboration with the local organizer and to look for further areas where EANS Ped and EANS can support each other. The initial establishment phase of the section now being over, we will begin to look into the work of other sections to inspire and adapt activities which are successful there.

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Marianne Juhler (Section chairman)

Martina Messing-Jünger

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