

Short mission statement

Pediatric section.

A Pediatric section is the latest addition to the sub-specialty sections in EANS, which was proposed at the Council meeting at the 2017 conference in Athens with the decision to hold a formal appointment of the section head until the following year in order to allow 2016-2017 for preparing the establishment of this section. The initiating work for the Pediatric section has been carried out by EANS President André Grotenhuis, Prof. Francesco Sala and the undersigned Prof. Marianne Juhler.

This initiating group has agreed on the following mission statement/commisoriium for the Pediatric Section:

- 1) to ensure that a basic pediatric neurosurgery curriculum is taught correctly and updated at the training courses
- 2) to ensure that pediatric neurosurgeons are represented in the TC
- 3) to ensure that there are relevant and current pediatric sections and topics at the EANS annual meetings with chairmen and speakers recognized within pediatric neurosurgery
- 4) to create a mutual liason with ESPN.

Although points 1-3 are already operational, the initiating group finds that a good collateral relationship with the European Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ESPN) is necessary for future development. A letter of intent signed by all three was sent to the ESPN President, and subsequently the EANS President met with the ESPN president. An official response to the letter and the approach is still awaited. The initiating group has made a particular effort to clarify that creation of a Pediatric Neurosurgery Section is based on mutuality without competing with ESPN profile or activities. The past year has thus mainly been used for diplomacy towards ESPN.