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2016-2019
and Strategy Plan
2019-2022



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Preface and Introduction by the President

This Triannual Report provides a presentation of the European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN) current status, summarizes ESPGHAN's achievements during the last 3 years, and details future perspectives of our society. ESPGHAN is the European leader, with strong global links and impact, on gut, liver and nutritional health of infants, children and adolescents, considering clinical care, education and research. In 2018, ESPGHAN celebrated its 50th anniversary and while reflecting on 50 years of leadership, we are happy and proud that ESPGHAN is stronger, more active and influential now than ever before.

In the last 3 years, ESPGHAN membership grew to over than 1000 members, is financially stable, operates about 15 educational activities, starts providing research grants in a sum of more than 500,000 Euros and hosts the largest and most successful congress in the field worldwide, with attendance recently reaching more than 4500 delegates from all five continents.

ESPGHAN maintains a very high level of activity throughout the year through its Committees, Special Interest Groups and Working Groups addressing international collaboration, research, and guidance for clinical care, often with marked international impact on practice. During the last years, ESPGHAN published 40 societal papers, maintaining its leading role in determining clinical standards, education and research priorities in the fields of paediatric Gastroenterology, nutrition and liver diseases.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ESPGHAN members for allowing me to lead this wonderful organization during the last 3 years, and thank the huge number of members who worked voluntarily with great skills and enthusiasm to make ESPGHAN such a great organization with such a strong impact in Europe and worldwide. I would also like to thank Eurokongress for their role in the success of our annual meetings, year after year, to thank Council, Committees, Special Interest Groups, Working Groups and our journal Editor, Managing Editor, Associate Editors and Editorial Board for their efforts and achievements.

Lastly, I would like to thank our dedicated office that works relentlessly to assist ESPGHAN members and ESPGHAN management to achieve our goals. They helped us move smoothly to Geneva and have, for the first time, an ESPGHAN office, operated by ESPGHAN employees.



Professor Raanan Shamir
ESPGHAN President



Introducing ESPGHAN

Who we are

The European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN) is a multi-professional organisation based in Geneva, Switzerland, whose aim is to promote the health of children with special attention to the gastrointestinal tract, liver and nutritional status, through knowledge creation, the dissemination of science based information, the promotion of best practice in the delivery of care and the provision of high quality education for paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition professionals in Europe and beyond.

We wish to provide representation for all professionals involved in paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition, to promote basic, translational and clinical science, to lobby for stronger support of research, and to offer the highest standards of education to members and all professionals involved in our field. We dedicate particular attention to young investigators and trainees as well as to new members who are not familiar with their privileges to ensure they are supported and encouraged. We also aim to serve as a source of competent advice for governments, international agencies, and relevant stakeholders.

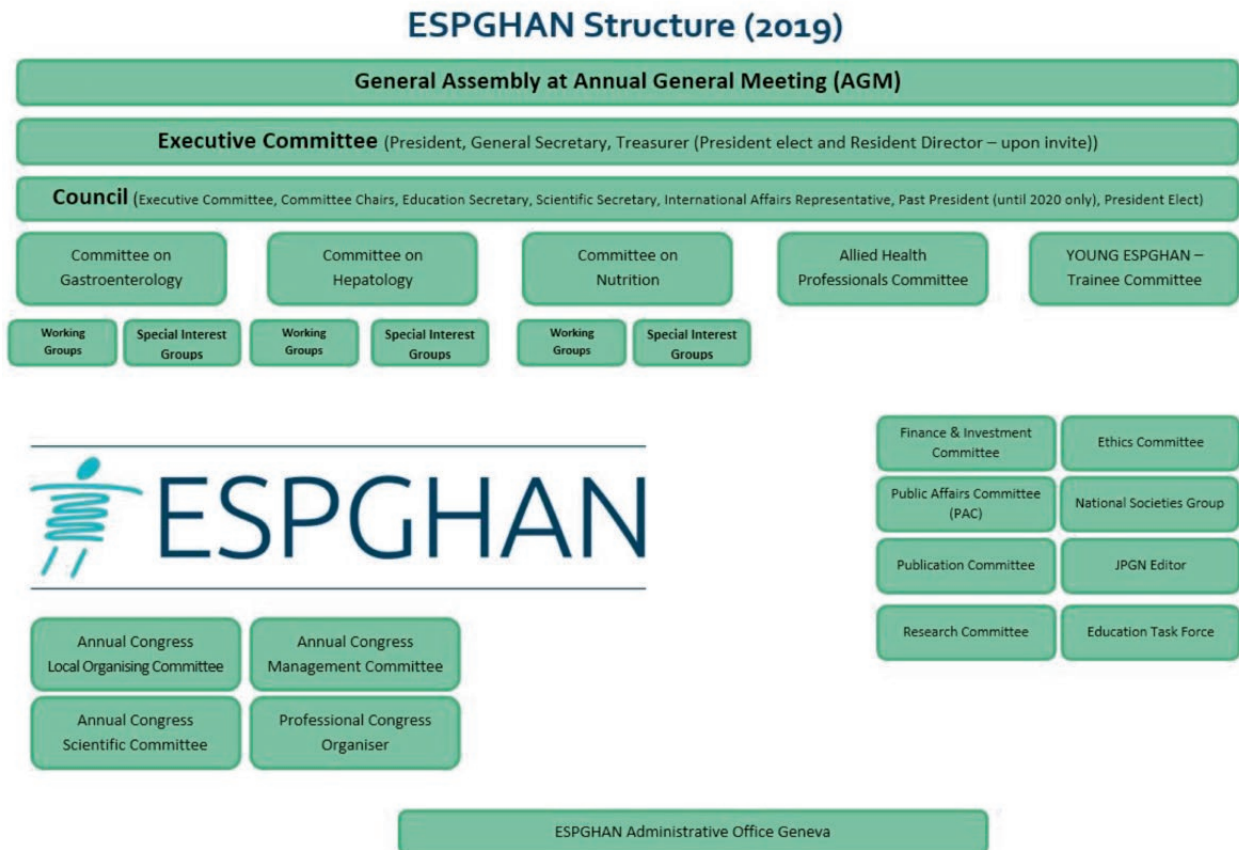
ESPGHAN has three main standing committees focusing on paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition (PGHN). All aim to promote child health and increase understanding and treatment of disease states. ESPGHAN members are also involved in a large number of Special Interest Groups and Working Groups that focus on particular aspects of childcare and/or disease states. The Allied Health Professional Committee aims to enhance the multidisciplinary approach towards PGHN in Europe. The Young ESPGHAN Committee promotes and supports specialist training and guides trainee members towards full membership.

ESPGHAN promotes scientific exchange amongst research groups in Europe and amongst trainees, young doctors and scientists through PGHN Schools, Young Investigator Forums, Monothematic Meetings, International Schools and Eastern European Schools.

Further information is available at www.espghan.org.






Our rules and regulations as well as the full constitution can be downloaded from the website (www.espghan.org/about-espghan/constitution-rules-and-regulations/).

Organisational Structure



ESPGHAN is a non-profit society that depends on the work and dedication of volunteers. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of full ESPGHAN members is the ultimate decision-making body that approves ESPGHAN activities as well the Annual budget, approves the electronic vote of the President, General Secretary and Executive Treasurer (who together form the Executive Committee), six additional council members, and chair of the Local Organizing Committee of the next annual congress and chooses the location of the Annual meeting, 4-5 years ahead of time. Additional volunteers serve as chairs of Special Interest Groups and Working Groups and are part of the plethora of educational and scientific activities of our society. Together with the North American Society for Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN), ESPGHAN operates a joint Journal (The Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, JPGN) and a group of dedicated professionals including a European Editor, Editorial Manager, Editorial Board, Scientific Advisory Board, and a large group of dedicated reviewers support the production of 12 monthly editions of our journal.

Executive Committee 2016 – 2019

President	President Elect	Treasurer	General Secretary
 <p>Raanan Shamir 2016 – 2019</p>	 <p>Sanja Kolacek 2018 – 2019</p>	 <p>Annamaria Staiano 2016 – 2021</p>	 <p>Gigi Veereman 2015 – 2018</p>
			 <p>Jorge Amil Dias 2018 – 2021</p>

Current Members of Council 2019

Chair of Gastroenterology Committee – **Nikhil Thapar (2015-2019*)**
 Chair of Hepatology Committee – **Henkjan Verkade (2016-2020*)**
 Chair of Nutrition Committee – **Magnus Domellöf (2018-2021)**
 Chair of Young ESPGHAN – **Nathalie Rock (2018-2021)**
 Chair of AHP Committee – **Jackie Falconer (2018-2021)**
 Scientific Secretary – **Matthias Zilbauer (2018-2021)**
 Education Secretary – **Iva Hojsak (2017-2020)**
 International Affairs Representative – **Christina Almuthe Hauer (2017-2020)**
 Annual Meeting Local Organiser Chair – **Richard Russell (2019)**

*extensions agreed by Council to avoid disruption of simultaneous turnover

Previous Council Members (2016 – 2019)

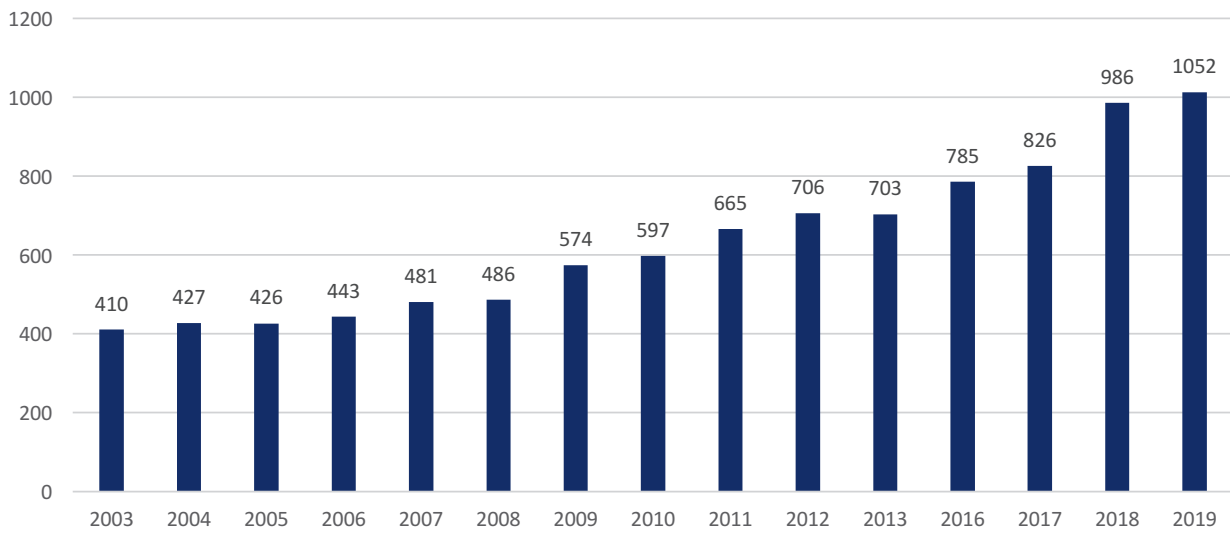
Mary Fewtrell (Chair of Nutrition Committee until 2018)
 Nicolette Moes (Chair of Young ESPGHAN until 2018)
 Tena Niseteo (Chair of AHP Committee until 2018)
 Piotr Socha (Scientific Secretary until 2018)
 Jernej Dolinsek (International Affairs Representative until 2017)
 Gabor Veres (Education Secretary until 2017)
 Dominique Belli (Annual Meeting Local Organiser for 2018)
 Jiri Bronsky (Annual Meeting Local organiser 2017)
 Berthold Koletzko (Past President, 2016-2017)

ESPGHAN Office

Kevin McCluskey
 Katharina Ikrath
 Sarah Caillet

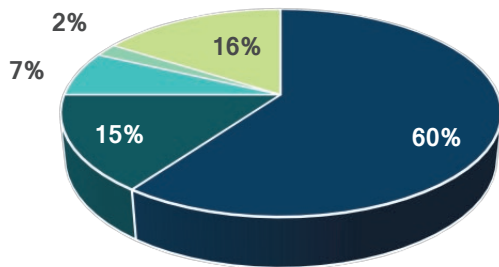
Our Members

Membership Growth



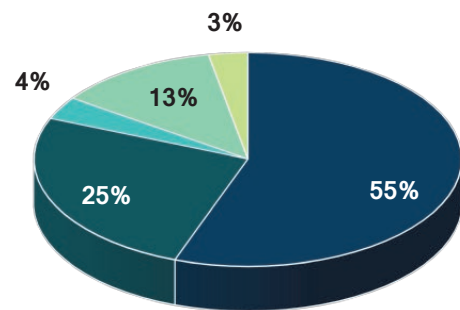
Membership Distribution 2016-2019

Distribution 2016



Distribution 2019

- Full Members
- Trainee Members
- AHP Members
- Emeritus Members
- Corresponding Members



Our Membership is spread across 52 countries, mostly within Europe, but also encompasses America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

ESPGHAN Activities

The Annual Congress

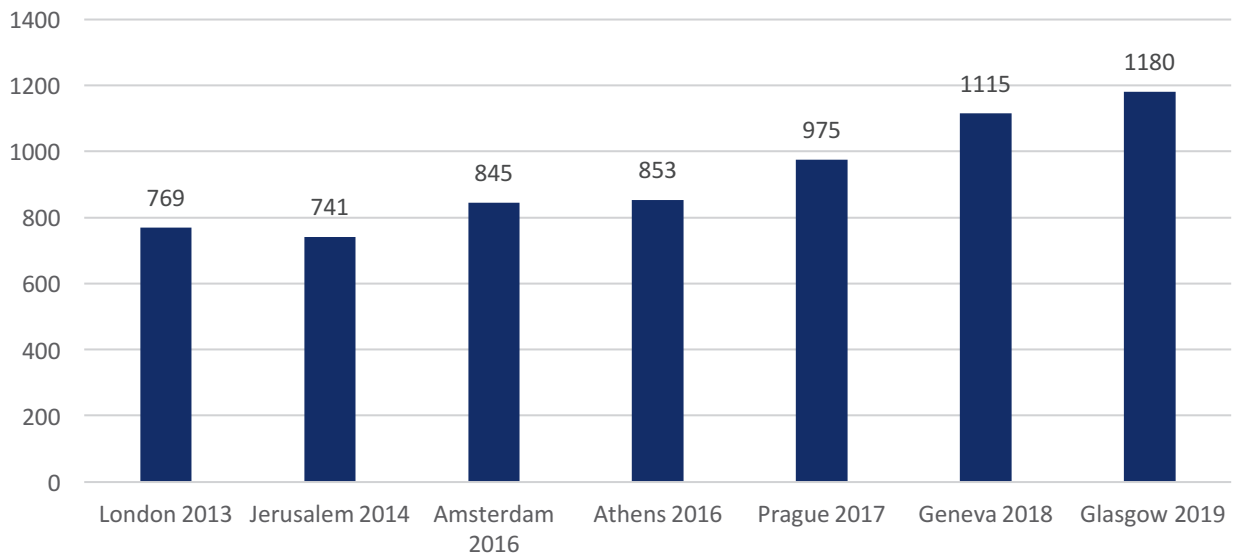
Our Annual Meetings are the largest in the world in the field of PGHN and attract delegates from all over the world. In recent years, our attendance levels have exceeded 4,500, with representatives from around 100 countries. The number of abstracts is also growing year by year and the popularity of the meeting is a testament to the growing influence of ESPGHAN on a global scale.



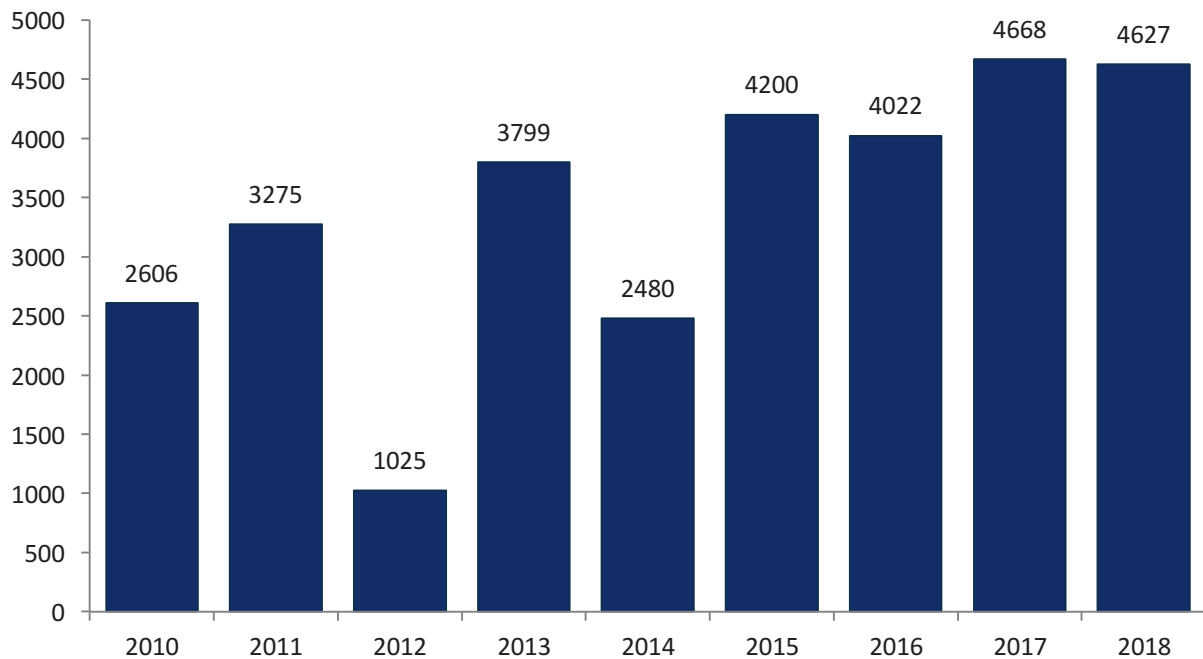
We intend to ensure the meetings remain the best attended globally by providing the best platform for the most exciting scientific, educational and research driven forums in the field of PGHN. Our Annual meeting also provides an opportunity to network with friends and colleagues, both old and new, in keeping with the ESPGHAN spirit of friendly collaboration and progress. In addition to the main symposia, other highlights include the clinical track, the Endoscopy Learning zone, as well as our post-graduate general course and the IBD masterclass, which are held the day before the main congress opening alongside our Special Interest Groups and Working Groups meetings. This year, for the first time, the Annual meeting includes a live endoscopy session, a testament to the importance and progression of the field of endoscopy within the gastrointestinal Committee.

Abstract Growth

Abstract Submissions



Attendance Growth



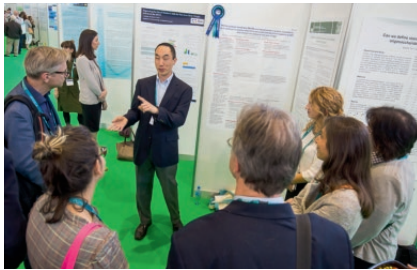
Athens 2016



Prague 2017



Geneva 2018



ESPGHAN Modus Operandi overview 2016 – 2019

ESPGHAN has progressed in both scope and membership in recent years, alongside the growth of our Annual Meeting success and the overall exposure in ESPGHAN related activities. There were, however, many issues that needed to be addressed regarding our compliance and status with the Swiss authorities and the European Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition as our non-profit status was put into question.

In order to stabilise the society and, in line with the AGM decision to remain a Swiss society, the following actions were taken within the last three years:

- The ESPGHAN Headquarter and administrative Office were moved to Geneva in January 2018, with the establishment of an ESPGHAN office dedicated only to management of the society. There is no longer a management company involved with the society, and the Office staff members are directly employed by ESPGHAN.
- Our Bank account in Vienna was closed and ESPGHAN has spread its operational and saving accounts between 2 banks in Switzerland.
- ESPGHAN, in order to comply with the Swiss authorities, is now fully VAT registered in Switzerland, and has closed off any outstanding VAT and tax liabilities.
- Our non-profit status has been confirmed for an indefinite period, subject to the society fulfilling its aims and purposes.
- Our Constitution has been updated to reflect our status within Switzerland and ensure we do not have to make ad hoc changes to the document on an annual basis. The document can be found at www.espghan.org/about-espghan/constitution-rules-and-regulations/

Highlights of ESPGHAN Achievements 2016 – 2019

ESPGHAN continued to grow and increase its productivity, outreach and influence in Europe and Worldwide, putting a major focus in the return it provides to its member.

Below is a short summary of our main achievements during 2016-2019:

- Finances are stable and more investment is now being put into education, research and clinical care (more details to follow in the coming sections).
- Our Rules and Regulations are a living document, and changes can be made by Council to ensure our operations reflect the changes within our society and we are constantly up to date with the needs of our Members. The most up to date version can be found on the ESPGHAN website (www.espghan.org/about-espghan/constitution-rules-and-regulations/)
- Declaration of Interest forms have been introduced, with the requirement of an annual update, highlighting our commitment to remaining transparent and accountable in each of our societal activities.
- Improved reporting to our Members with a summary of all outcomes and decisions from Council Meetings included in the proceeding Newsletter.
- Two important documents have been written and published on the ESPGHAN website: Our document on misconduct and our ethics in journalism document.
- National Societies were put in our main focus with an Annual Strategy day held with all National presidents on an yearly basis, a constant bi-directional communication with the aim of having societies in all European countries, a representative at council (the International Affairs Secretary) and continues efforts to disseminate our position papers and guidelines to all professionals in Europe and beyond.
- We structured our societal papers to two types only (guidelines and position papers), harmonized our process with NASPGHAN and added a public consultation phase to our guidelines, so all of our members can comment on the guidelines before they are sent for publication.
- We increased our grants and awards (see below) including, for the first time, reimbursement of speakers at our annual meeting.
- We established a strategy day for the gastroenterology Committee (GIC) and focused our annual Societal Strategy day to few main topics related to our present and future (see below).
- From 2019, all positions in ESPGHAN including SIGs and WGS have term on reference allowing a turnover and wider representation to our membership.
- Change of IT and website provider to enable a more user friendly and reliable system for our members database and for improvement in other functions such as online applications and automated updates to membership profiles, declaration of interest update and sorting and payment links to enable smooth delivery of benefits to members.

Our new ESPGHAN Office.....

As mentioned, ESPGHAN had moved the administrative Office to Geneva in 2018, and, after approval from our AGM, have purchased an Office in the centre of the city to enable a long-term and secure future for the society. The new Office is located in **Rue Pellegrino Rossi** in the city centre (a 5-minute walk from the main train station), and we encourage all members to drop in when visiting the city.

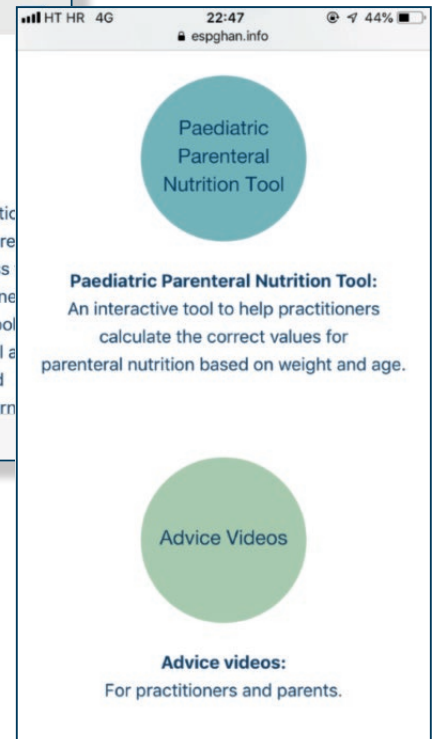
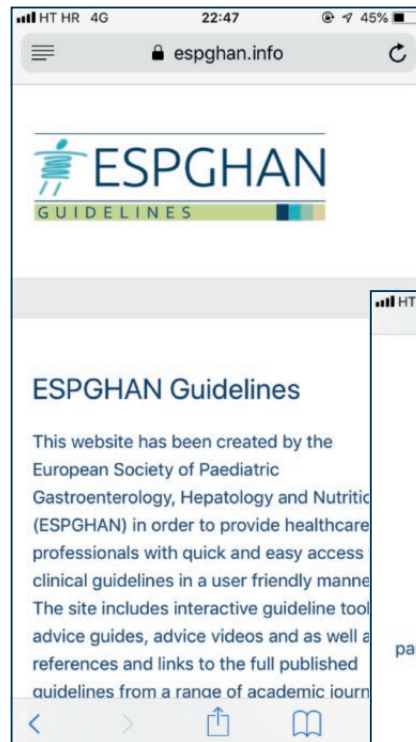
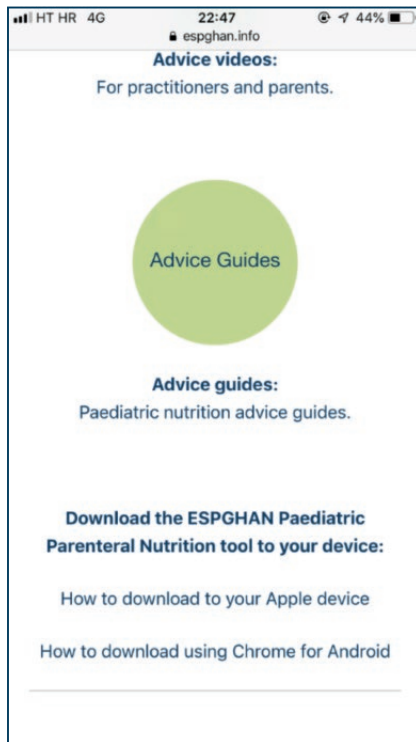


Achievements in Education

Our educational activities are growing each year and we have also made huge strides with our educational syllabus, with the vision of providing the most comprehensive care across Europe and beyond. With many thanks to our Education Secretary, and also to the Education Task Force and Council, the following achievements have been carried out to date:

- Assessment and update of the ESPGHAN syllabus.
- Increase in ESPGHAN and EPP educational events.
- Creation of ESPGHAN Microsite/desktop App for the dissemination of ESPGHAN Educational information.
- Creation of a cross-specialty Education Task Force to assess current strategy and propose future initiatives.
- Re-structuring of educational event rules and regulations allowing more efficient planning.
- The PIBD Symposium, organised by the ESPGHAN IBD Group, will be organised by ESPGHAN as an ESPGHAN event every two years.

ESPGHAN Educational App/Microsite



Education Partner Programme 2016-2019

The ESPGHAN Education Partner Programme (EPP) was launched in 2015. Based on the 2015 adopted ESPGHAN Code of Conduct, the EPP has been developed and implemented to ensure the on-going development and implementation of an up-to-date, independent, high quality educational programme for health care professionals. The dedicated support and financial commitment from our founding partners helps to enhancing support for ESPGHAN’s educational activities.

From 2018 on, ESPGHAN grew its partners to eight, and we take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support.



Educational Events 2016

Event	Date	Location
Paediatric Hepatology Summer School	April 27-30, 2016	Visegrád, Hungary
ESPGHAN Eastern Europe Summer School	June 23-25, 2016	Kazan, Russia
Postgraduate Course on Practical Techniques in Paediatric Gastroenterology & Hepatology (non-EPP)	May 23-24, 2016	Athens, Greece
ESPGHAN Master Class on Clinical Trials	July 7-9, 2016	Budapest, Hungary
ESPGHAN Baltic Summer School	September 8-10, 2016	Vilnius, Lithuania
Young Investigator Forum	September 21-26, 2016	Bergen, The Netherlands
Paediatric Gastroenterology School	October 26-29, 2016	Florence, Italy
Master Class on Evidence Based Medicine Guidelines	November 18-19, 2016	Budapest, Hungary
Master Class on Parenteral Nutrition in neonatal and paediatric intensive care units	November 23-25, 2016	Paris, France
Paediatric IBD Master Class	November 24-26, 2016	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Monothematic Conference: Familial Cholestasis	January 26-28, 2017	Budapest, Hungary

Overall Number of attendees: **396**

Overall number of countries represented: **50**

Average score of 2016 Educational events: **4.62 out of 5**

Educational Events 2017

Event	Date	Location
Postgraduate Course on Practical Techniques in Paediatric Gastroenterology & Hepatology (Non EPP)	June 08-10, 2017	Athens, Greece
ESPGHAN Paediatric Nutrition: Beyond the Nutrients - Summer School (EPP)	June 25-30, 2017	Bari, Italy
Young ESPGHAN - Mentorship programme (Non EPP)	June 30-July 02, 2017	Glasgow, Scotland
ESPGHAN Danube/Balkan Summer School (EPP)	August 28-31, 2017	Murighiol, Romania
ESPGHAN Young Investigator Forum (EPP)	September 20-23, 2017	Bergen, The Netherlands
ESPGHAN AHP Summer School (EPP)	September 21-24, 2017	Trakoscan, Croatia
ESPGHAN Paediatric GI Motility Hands-On Training Course (EPP)	September 26-27, 2017	London, UK
ESPGHAN School of Paediatric Liver Transplantation (2 nd Transplant School Meeting) (Non EPP)	September 27-30, 2017	Bergamo, Italy
ESPGHAN GI School (EPP)	October 11-14, 2017	Cologne, Germany
ESPGHAN Master Class on Gastrointestinal Immunology (EPP)	November 16-18, 2017	Leiden, The Netherlands
ESPGHAN 3rd Paediatric IBD Masterclass (EPP)	November 23-25, 2017	Tel Aviv, Israel
ESPGHAN Monothematic Conference: Chronic Liver disease in children treatment and follow up (EPP)	February 01-03, 2018	Brussels, Belgium

Overall Number of attendees: **419**

Overall number of countries represented: **55**

Average score of 2016 Educational events: **4.52 out of 5**

Educational Events 2018

Event	Date	Location
ESPGHAN Masterclass on Coeliac Disease (EPP)	March 08-10, 2018	Valencia, Spain
ESPGHAN Master Class in Clinical Parenteral Nutrition (EPP)	March 14-16, 2018	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
ESPGHAN Mentorship Training_ Young ESPGHAN	March 17, 2018	Brussels, Belgium
ESPGHAN Hepatology Summer School (EPP)	April 18-21, 2018	Warsaw, Poland
ESPGHAN 3rd PETDW International Workshop Therapeutic Digestive Endoscopy in Children	June 13-15, 2018	Rome, Italy
ESPGHAN GI Summer School (EPP)	June 27-30, 2018	Athens, Greece
ESPGHAN Summer School in Basics and Translational Research	July 25-27, 2018	Cambridge, UK
ESPGHAN AHP Summer School (EPP)	September 13-16, 2018	Valencia, Spain
ESPGHAN Transition Masterclass Paediatric and Adult Gastro-Hepato-Pancreatology	September 14-15, 2018	Budapest, Hungary
ESPGHAN Young Investigator Forum (EPP)	September 26-29, 2018	Bergen, The Netherlands
ESPGHAN Endoscopy Course 2018	September 26-29, 2018	Braga, Portugal
ESPGHAN Eastern European Summer School (EPP)	October 08-11, 2018	Yerevan, Armenia
ESPGHAN Master Class in Clinical Enteral Nutrition (EPP)	November 21-23, 2018	Zagreb, Croatia
ESPGHAN 4 th Paediatric IBD Masterclass (EPP)	November 25-27, 2018	Copenhagen, Denmark
ESPGHAN Monothematic Conference Hepatitis (EPP)	January 31- February 02, 2019	Florence, Italy

Overall Number of attendees: **518**

Overall number of countries represented: **55**

Average score of 2016 Educational events: **4.6 out of 5**

All past events can be found on the ESPGHAN Website under the Meetings and Event section → Past Events

Educational Events 2019

Event	Date	Location
Mentorship Training	March 22-23, 2019	Porto, Portugal
Monothematic Conference: Gastrointestinal, Hepatologic and Nutritional Aspects of Cystic Fibrosis	April 04-05, 2019	Valencia, Spain
Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases (EGID) Monothematic Conference	April 11-12, 2019	Ljubljana, Slovenia
Endoscopy Hands-On Course	June 19-23, 2019	Athens, Greece
2 nd ESPGHAN Summer School in Basic and Translational Research	July 24-26, 2019	Cambridge, UK
GI Summer School	June 26-29, 2019	Lucca, Italy
Nutrition Summer School	July 01-15, 2019	Lago Maggiore, Italy
AHP Summer School	September 12-15, 2019	Oxford, UK
Young Investigator Forum	September 18-21, 2019	Bergen, The Netherlands
Eastern European Summer School: A glance of paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition in Eastern Europe	September 20-23, 2019	Varna, Bulgaria
3rd Liver Transplantation School	September 25-28, 2019	Paris, France
Monothematic Conference on the Oesophagus: from Malformation to Motility	October 03-04, 2019	Lille, France
5 th IBD Masterclass	November 28-30, 2019	Malaga, Spain
Monothematic Conference: Acute Liver Failure	January 30 – February 02, 2019	Athens, Greece

Overall Number of attendees: **419**

Overall number of countries represented: **55**

Average score of 2016 Educational events: **4.52 out of 5**

Achievements in Research, Awards and Grants

Research is one of the main pillars of ESPGHAN, and as such, has been a main focus of this Executive Committee and Council. In 2018, ESPGHAN formed a Research Committee, chaired by our Scientific Secretary, to address a need from our Members for an increase in research funding opportunities. As a result of discussions between the Committee and through interactions with our Members, a new research initiative was launched with five awards available up to a maximum of €100.000 for each application. The scheme was launched in January 2019, and we hope that this will continue to flourish in the future, leading to many critically appraised and beneficial studies originating from ESPGHAN for the benefit of the children of Europe and beyond.

In addition to the creation of the Research Initiative, ESPGHAN has, since 2016, implemented the following changes in research, awards and grants:

- Increase in congress prizes (Jean Rey, Alex Mowatt and John Harries prize) from €1.000 to €2.500.
- Increase in Charlotte Anderson award from €3.000 to €5.000.
- Charlotte Anderson award given annually instead of every two years.
- Increase in number of Networking Grants from three to five.
- Increase in Networking Grant award from €25.000 to €50.000 per grant.
- Continuation of our support for Young Investigators to attend the Annual Meeting, with over 150 awards given for the years 2018 and 2019.

For all funding opportunities including criteria and eligibility, please visit the funding resources page on the ESPGHAN Website.

Award Winners 2016-2019

Networking Grants

2016-2017

- **Carla Colombo with 7 collaborators:** Evaluation of Ursodeoxycholic Acid Treatment in Liver Disease Associated with Cystic Fibrosis: A Multicentre Cohort Study.
- **Nikhil Thapar with 15 collaborators:** Establishing a European Database for Paediatric Intestinal Pseudo-Obstruction.
- **Anders Paerregaard with 5 collaborators:** The Incidence of Cancer and Mortality in Paediatric Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease During a 25 Year Period (1990-2015) - A Population Based Multicentre Study from Denmark and Finland.

2017-2018

- **Frederic Gottrand with 1 collaborator:** Eosinophilic esophagitis in Esophageal Atresia Study.
- **Luisa Mearin with 16 collaborators:** Early feeding and the risk of Coeliac Disease and Autoimmunity in children from high risk families: Prevent CD study.
- **Merrit Tabbers with 6 collaborators:** Development of a core outcome set for infant Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease.

2018-2019

- **Birgitta Strandvik with 2 collaborators:** Double-blind randomized controlled study of fatty acid supplementation for 1 year in patients with cystic fibrosis – Influence on clinical status and metabolism.
- **Caterina Strisciuglio with 6 collaborators:** Diet and functional Gastrointestinal Disorders in Children and Adolescents in the Mediterranean Countries.
- **Marina Aloï with 21 collaborators:** The Porto IBD Group Biobank and database for clinical and basic research in pediatric inflammatory bowel diseases.
- **M.P van Wijk with 14 Collaborators:** An online database and analysis platform to study pediatric esophageal motility disorders – building a network to facilitate multi-centre research.
- **Valerie McLin with 23 collaborators:** International Registry of Congenital Porto-systemic Shunts (IRCPSS)

Charlotte Anderson Award

2016: Ilan Koppen

2017: Caroline Hogen-Esch Veldhuis

2018: Andreia Nita

2019: James Ashton

International Exchange Awards

2016: Liliana Ladino, Maartje Singendonk, Sema Berktas

2017: Janos Major, Andreia Nita, Isabelle Scheers, Zahra Khan

2018: Jan Nowak, Vishnu Biradar

ESPGHAN Congress Prizes

Jean Rey Prize

2016: Philippa Prentice

2017: Carla Harris

2018: Agnethe May Ahnfeldt

Alex Mowatt Prize

2016: Wendy van der Woerd

2017: Orith Waisbourd-Zinman

2018: Louise Coppin

John Harries Prize

2016: Fabienne Charbit-Henrion

2017: Katharina Werkstetter

2018: Desiree Y. van Haften Visser

Distinguished Service Award Winners 2016-2019

The Distinguished Service Award – ESPGHAN’s highest award – is presented to an individual who has made a major contribution to the development of paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology or nutrition. The criteria for selection include:

- Outstanding scientific achievements related to paediatric gastroenterology and/or hepatology, and/or nutrition, usually documented by the candidate’s publication and citation record.
- Outstanding contributions to the standards, practice and training in the fields of paediatric gastroenterology and/or hepatology and/or nutrition.
- Outstanding contributions to ESPGHAN as a society.
- Personal integrity.

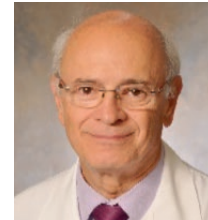
Recent DSA Winners



Oliver Goulet
2017



Markku Maki
2018



Stefano Guandalini
2019

ESPGHAN provides numerous awards and grants to members and non-members. Details and conditions for application can be found at www.espghan.org/funding-opportunities/.

- Annual Research and Networking Grants **EUR 50,000.** (five per year)
- Charlotte Anderson Travel Award **EUR 5,000.**
- ESPGHAN International Exchange **EUR 3,000.** (seven per year)
- Young Investigator Awards (YIA) for abstract presenters at the ESPGHAN, UEG and WCPGHAN conferences **up to EUR 1,000.**
- John Harries, Alex Mowat and Jean Rey Prizes (best abstract presentation at the ESPGHAN congress) **EUR 2,500.**
- ESPGHAN / NASPGHAN Travel Award **USD/EUR 5,000.**
- ESPGHAN Research Initiative **EUR 100,000.** (five per year)

Committees, Special Interest Groups and Working Groups

Our Committees and Working/Special Interest Groups are highly productive and dedicate a vast amount of time and effort on behalf of ESPGHAN to improve the health of children throughout Europe and beyond. ESPGHAN is incredibly grateful for all the effort and time invested into our society, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in our societal tasks and initiatives.

ESPGHAN Committees 2019

	Chair	Term of Chair
Committee on Gastroenterology	Nikhil Thapar Marc Benninga	2015-2019 2019-2022
Committee on Hepatology	Henkjan Verkade	2016-2020
Committee on Nutrition	Magnus Domellof	2018-2021
Young ESPGHAN – Trainee Committee	Nathalie Rock	2018-2021
Allied Health Professionals Committee	Jackie Falconer	2018-2021
Scientific Committee	Matthias Zilbauer	2018-2021
Annual Congress – Local Organizing Committee	Richard Russell Steffen Husby	2019 2020
Finance & Investment Committee	Annamaria Staiano	2016-2022
Public Affairs Committee	Deirdre Kelly	2017-2020
Publication Committee	Bert Koletzko	2016-2019
Ethics Committee	Martin Burdelski	2017-2020
Research Committee	Matthias Zilbauer	2018-2021
JPGN Editor	Hania Szajewska Dominique Belli	2014-2019 2019-2024

ESPGHAN Working Groups and Special Interest Groups 2019

	WG / SIG	Chair
Gastroenterology	Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	Silvia Salvatore <i>Previously</i> <i>Annamaria Staiano</i>
	Paediatric and Adolescent Inflammatory Bowel Diseases	Dan Turner
	Eosinophilic GI Diseases	Alexandra Papadopoulou <i>Previously</i> <i>Jorge Amil Dias</i>
	Helicobacter pylori Infection	Patrick Bontems <i>Previously</i> <i>Sibylle Koletzko</i>
	Cystic Fibrosis and Pancreatic Disease	Frank Bodewes <i>Previously</i> <i>Michael Wilschanski</i>
	Esophageal atresia	Frederic Gottrand
	Epigenetics in Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition	Andreas Jenke <i>Previously</i> <i>Matthias Zilbauer</i>
	GENIUS (GENetically determined ImmUNE-mediated Enteropathies)	Frank Ruemmele
	Special Interest Group: Endoscopy	Mike Thomson
	Special Interest Group: Coeliac Disease	Carmen Ribes Koninckx <i>Previously</i> <i>Steffen Husby</i>
	Paediatric Polyposis	Warren Hyer
Hepatology	Hepatology Interest Group	Henkjan Verkade / Francois Smets
	International Registry of Porto Systemic Shunts	Valerie McLin
	Network for Intestinal Rehabilitation and Transplantation Europe (NITE)	Girish Gupte / Jutta Koeglmaier
	ERN Rare Liver	Ekkehard Sturm
	Graft Injury Group (GIG)	Deirdre Kelly
Nutrition	Gut Microbiota and Modifications	Hania Szajewska / Zvi Weizman
	Clinical Malnutrition	Konstantinos Gerasimidis <i>Previously</i> <i>Jessie Hulst</i>
	Working Group on Outcomes in Nutrition Trials	Merritt Tabbers <i>Previously</i> <i>Hania Szajewska</i>
	Neonatal Nutrition	Hans Van Goudoever

Committee initiative updates 2016-2019

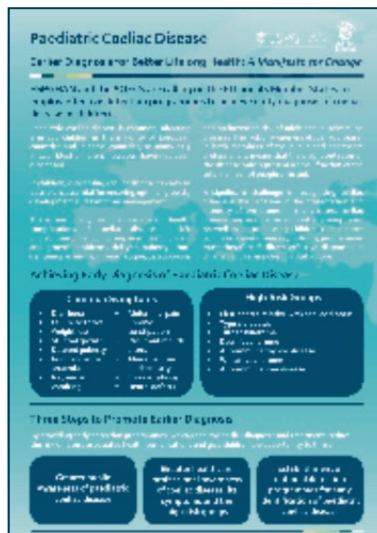
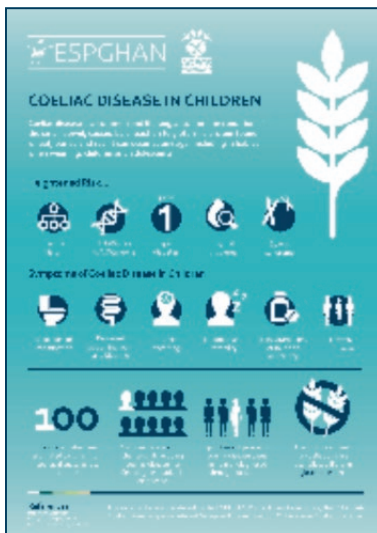
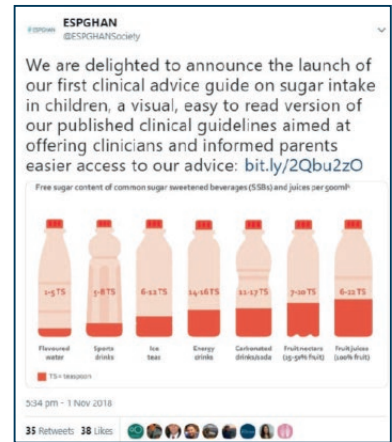
- Terms of reference written for each Working and Special Interest group, as outlined in our Rules and Regulations
- Incredible productivity in societal papers (as stated above, 40 societal papers were published between 2016-2019).
- Implementation of successful GIC strategy day every year, which include progress reports and budget updates from every Working and Special Interest Group Chair.
- Increased accountability for the continuation of each group within all Committees, with annual progress reports submitted, and outcomes subsequently presented to Council.
- Increase in initiatives and visibility of both Young ESPGHAN and AHP Committees.

Public Affairs Committee

Our Public Affairs Committee was formed in 2015 and has assisted in helping ESPGHAN grow in terms of visibility and scope for the dissemination of our scientific and educational information. With thanks to the PAC Committee, the following initiatives have been implemented since 2016:

- ESPGHAN became a member of the BioMed Alliance, with representation on several important task forces.
- Appointment of a dedicated PR and Media company, Spink, who assist in the dissemination of our initiatives and have ensured our Annual Meeting is widely covered across Europe and beyond, in addition to many other projects, including our Healthcare professional guides and disease awareness day collaborations with patient and parent groups.
- Social Media engagement.
- Strong collaboration with affiliated societies, in particular UEG.
- ESPGHAN presence at European Digestive Health Summits.
- Dedicated EMA (European Medicines Agency) liaison as a sitting member of PAC.
- Increased patient and parent group engagement.

ESPGHAN Social Media examples and Awareness Day information



National Societies

As part of drive towards greater collaboration with National Societies, ESPGHAN has committed to two meetings a year with the Presidents/main representatives of the main European National Societies including a short meeting at the Annual Meeting and a strategy day on October adjacent to the UEG meeting. Our aim is to empower National Societies as a key pillar in disseminating ESPGHAN activities and turning ESPGHAN into the voice of all National Societies, and we hope for increased input and strong cooperation for all future initiatives. Work is ongoing with our International Affairs Representative and the ESPGHAN Office to make sure we are engaged at all times with the relevant National representatives.

JPGN

The Journal of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (JPGN; www.jpgn.org) is jointly published by ESPGHAN and our North American sister society NASPGHAN. JPGN is the only journal dedicated to paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition and is valued as one of the top paediatric subspecialty journals, with a current impact factor of 2.752. JPGN provides a platform for original papers and reviews dealing with PGHN, including normal and abnormal functions of the alimentary tract, the liver and associated organs. Particular emphasis is devoted to development and to infant and childhood nutrition. JPGN offers fast-track publication available for selected articles of general scientific or public health importance. Accepted original manuscripts are posted as Publish Ahead of Print (PAP) within 3-5 days of acceptance and indexed in PubMed within a few days. The full text is available to all ESPGHAN and NASPGHAN members, online and in print, and to numerous institutions worldwide. Articles are open to the public one year after publication.

In relation to our societal papers, ESPGHAN have streamlined the process of application and have simplified the reviewing process. In addition to the Declaration of interest introduction, we have also harmonised our processes with NASPGHAN for joint papers, and we hope to continue to produce high quality papers from both our own society and in collaboration with NASPGHAN.

Online open Access Journal

Hopefully, already in 2019, ESPGHAN and NASPGHAN will launch an online open access journal. This OJ will be dedicated to publishing articles related to the clinical practice of paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. This journal will publish original articles and reviews, including but not limited to clinical observations, case reports, clinical study protocols, clinical pathways, reports on scientific conferences and workshops, consensus papers on paediatric digestive health, gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition, commentaries and perspective, and other original manuscripts. This new OJ will satisfy the desire of members and other colleagues to publish articles with a clinical perspective that are of interest to the field but cannot be accommodated in JPGN. Both ESPGHAN and NASPGHAN are committed to heavily sponsor publications in the OJ that, like all open access journals will operate on authors fees rather than membership.

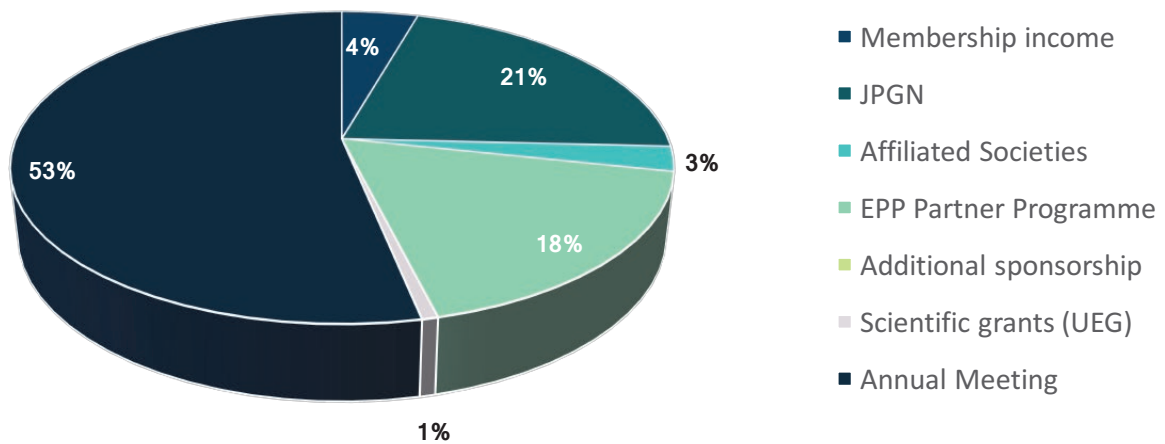
ESPGHAN Finance Overview 2019

As mentioned previously, ESPGHAN finances are currently stable and every effort is being made to currently re-invest our turnover into the activities of the society and to addressing the needs of our Members. One major recent shift has seen our investment into research increase and we hope to have both educational activities and research initiatives funded to an equal measure.

Our budget overview for 2019 can be found below.

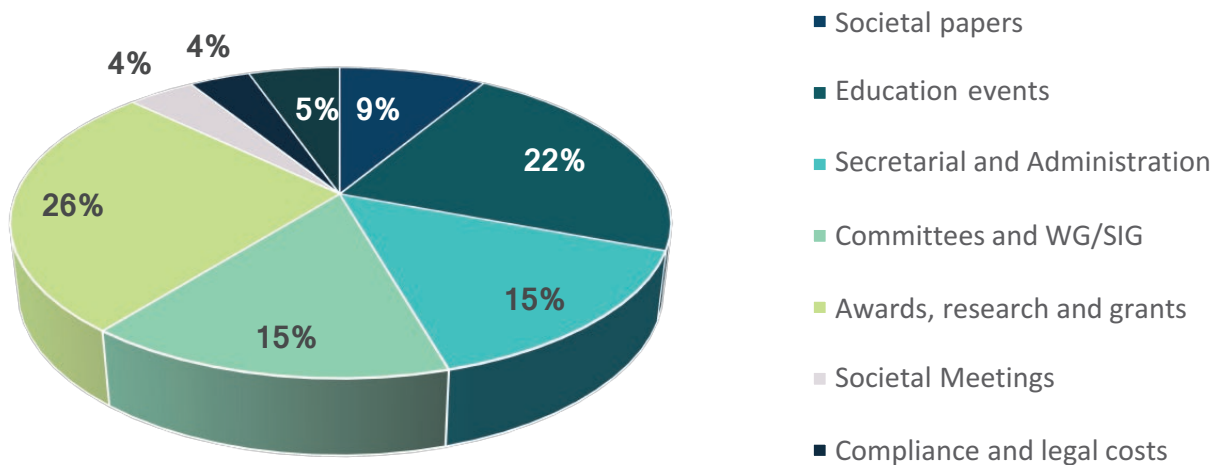
Income

Income 2019 expectations



Expenditure

Expenditure 2019 expectations



As always, our full report on finance and budgetary items is given during each AGM, and we encourage all Members to attend to keep up to date on all societal activities.

ESPGHAN Strategy Days

The Annual ESPGHAN Strategy Day, held every February in Geneva, Switzerland, is of vital importance to the society. Key Opinion Leaders, including past Presidents, Secretaries, Working Group and Special Interest Group Chairs, are invited to participate in shaping the future direction of the society. Important topics are identified, and groups are formed to address the most vital issues within the society, and action plans are presented and discussed on the day of the meeting, ensuring all participants have an overview and input into the topics.

Recent topics of discussion were:

2017 - Education, Working/Special Interest Groups, Endoscopy, Finance, Societal Papers

2018 - Education, Finance, National Societies, Public Affairs, Annual Meeting

We encourage you all to visit the MyESPGHAN section of the website, where the plans can be found in the Members Library (www.espghan.org/my-espghan/members-library/strategy-day-2018/). Much of our recent progress has been made as a result of the great work carried out during the Strategy Days and the consequent action plans.

In 2019, our President Elect, Sanja Kolacek, in collaboration with the Executive Committee, identified six areas for the next three years for the strategy. The following action plans will form the basis for societal improvement from 2019-2022.

Strategy Plan 2019 – 2022

Purpose

The European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN) is a multi-professional organisation whose aim is to promote the health of children with special attention to the gastrointestinal tract, liver and nutritional status.

Vision

ESPGHAN aims to reduce the burden of the digestive and nutritional diseases and to improve and promote the digestive and nutritional health in paediatric age groups.

Development of the strategic plan for 2019-2022

The aim was to formulate a clear action plan with defined and achievable goals as well as timelines for each of the missions mentioned above. The task of chairing and moderating the process was assigned to the current ESPGHAN President elect. The outlines of the document were discussed by the Executive Committee in September 2018 and presented to the Council during the meeting in October 2018, where the task force groups for each mission were formed. The task-force groups provided preliminary documents that were discussed further by the wider panel of ESPGHAN experts and officials on the Strategy Day in February 2019, followed by the finalisation of each section and synthesis into the single Strategic plan. This unified document was further modified by the Executive Committee, approved by the ESPGHAN Council, and finally published on the ESPGHAN website.

Below you will find an overview of the mission statements main strategic goals for the 2019-2022 period. For the full report and more details on the actions and timelines, please visit the **ESPGHAN Website** (www.espghan.org/about-espghan/strategy-2019-2022).

Missions of the 2019-2022 strategy

A. Membership and Management

MISSION STATEMENT

To act as a trusted representative of all professionals involved in PGHN by strengthening their importance and visibility, meeting their expectations, and improving their recruitment and engagement into the life of the Society.

Co-Chairs: Jorge Amil Dias, ESPGHAN General Secretary and Nathalie Rock, Chair of Young ESPGHAN Committee

Task Force group members: Samy Cadranel, Konstantinos Gerasimidis, Jaroslaw Kwiecien, Michael Lentze, Birgitta Strandvik, Yvan Vandenplas, Hubert Van der Doef

B. Education

MISSION STATEMENT

To offer the highest standards of continuing, un-biased, evidence-based education in the fields of the PGHN, equally distributed across Europe.

Chair: Iva Hojsak, ESPGHAN Education Secretary

Task Force group members: Phyllis Barr, Patrick Bontems, Ilse Broekaert, Jernej Dolinšek, Miglena Giorgieva, Flavia Indrio, Joerg Jahnel, Nicolette Moes, Priya Narula (on a behalf of Endoscopy group), Tudor L. Pop, Hania Szajewska, Gabor Veres

C. Research and Science

MISSION STATEMENT

To stimulate and support clinical, basic and translational PGHN related research, to encourage excellence and facilitate collaboration, followed by knowledge creation and dissemination of science-based information.

Chair: Matthias Zilbauer ESPGHAN Scientific Secretary

Task Force group members: Steffen Husby, Andreas Jenke, Jan Nowak, Carsten Posovsky

D. Public affairs

MISSION STATEMENT

To strengthen ESPGHAN's impact on the health of children by facilitating communication and collaboration with healthcare professionals, European decision makers, public and patient organisations.

Chair: Deirdre Kelly, Chair of ESPGHAN Public Affairs Committee

Task Force group members: James Butcher (SPINK), Nick Croft, Dominique Debray, Christina Hauer, Luisa Mearin, Andreia Nita, Carmen Ribes-Koninckx, Ricardo Troncone, Gigi Veereman, Justin Wilkes (SPINK)

E. Quality of Care (QoC)

MISSION STATEMENT

To align and harmonise ESPGHAN initiatives to improve the practical delivery of quality care to all children suffering disorders in Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (G, H & N).

Co-Chairs: Magnus Domellof, Nikhil Thapar, Henkjan Verkade, Chairs of the ESPGHAN Committees of Nutrition, Hepatology and Gastroenterology respectively

Task Force group members: Jiri Bronsky, Jackie Falconer, Warren Hyer, Jutta Koegelmeier, Carmen Ribes Koninckx, Alexandra Papadoupoulou, Corina Pienar, Silvia Salvatore, Ekkehard Sturm

F. Finance

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide financial guidance to support ESPGHAN's missions and goals, and to promote its long-term financial stability.

Chair: A. Staiano, ESPGHAN Treasurer

Task Force group members: D. Belli, T. Decsi, B. Koletzko, V. McLin, P. Milla, A. Phillips, R. Shamir, D. Turner



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MY ESPGHAN

WHY JOIN US?

- to be part of a relevant professional and scientific network
- to be at the forefront of GHN activity in an ESPGHAN committee or working group
- to access funding opportunities and reduced congress fees
- to get the JPGN
- to receive regular newsletters on ESPGHAN and related activities

HOW TO JOIN US

There are five different types of ESPGHAN membership:

- Full Membership
- Trainee Membership
- AHP Membership
- Corresponding Membership
- Emeritus Membership

These different types of membership open opportunities to everyone working within PGHN in Europe and globally. You should have an active interest in PGHN for joining ESPGHAN.

For details on each membership type please visit our website www.espghan.org or contact the ESPGHAN Office via office@espghan.org.

