

Special Interest Group in Neonatal Nutrition

Terms of Reference

Description and aims

The Special Interest Group in Neonatal Nutrition is focussed on the impact of nutrition during the direct postnatal phase on short and long term outcomes. Parenteral and enteral feeding are considered. The combination of basic, translational and clinical studies enables the group to interact on these various levels and creates possibilities of networking through these disciplines.

Objectives

The specific objectives of this SIG are:

- 1) To create an international network among professionals interested and involved in neonatal nutrition.
- 2) To write position statements or clinical guidelines together involving the Committee on Nutrition and other professional organisations.
- 3) To carry out collaborative basic, translational and clinical research with other members of the group.
- 4) To deliver education sessions on neonatal nutrition

Meetings

- The working group meets regularly at the Annual meeting of ESPGHAN.
- Bi-annual symposia will take place preceding the Annual meeting of ESPGHAN

Members and officials

- The SIG Chair, Secretary and Steering Committee members are elected by the members at the annual SIG meeting. The Chair and Secretary are elected for a term of 3 years, with potential re-election for a second term of 3 years.
- All ESPGHAN members with a proven interest in Clinical Malnutrition, confirmed by a short CV sent to the SIG Secretary, may apply to become a Member of the SIG.
- New members are approved at the annual SIG meeting during the ESPGHAN Annual meeting.

- Members are invited to attend open meetings and to propose working groups and/or research projects to the SIG Steering Committee. They can be invited to collaborate in ongoing or new activities.

Current Chair: From June 2019: Prof J.B (Hans) van Goudoever (elected during ESPGHAN Annual meeting in Glasgow)

Current Secretary: From June 2019: Per T. Sangild, department of Veterinary and Animal Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (re elected during ESPGHAN Annual meeting in Glasgow)

Steering committee Members: elected at the annual meeting in Glasgow, 2019.

Reporting

- The SIG reports their activities annually to the Committee on Nutrition and the Chair of the CoN reports the SIG activities to the ESPGHAN Council.

Budget

- An annual budget will be allocated by the CoN upon presenting an annual action plan.

Ongoing projects

- Neomune related projects
- Parenteral nutrition guidelines (published dec 2018)
- Human Milk studies
- SIG membership database

Proposed projects under consideration

- Collective proposals for H2020 on topics related to neonatal nutrition
- Collective approaches of interested research groups outside Europe (e.g. China) to conduct clinical trials together