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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the EUPSA Executive Board it gives me a great pleasure to renew the invitation to the 19th European Congress of Pediatric Surgery that will be held in Paris, France on June 20th-23rd, 2018

The congress will take place at "La Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie", an original and spectacular place, in the heart of the multi-cultural site of La Villette. This is a fantastic and astonishing Univercience site dedicated to exchange knowledge in advanced research, technology, new trends and education.

The EUPSA Congress is the most important pediatric surgical meeting, gathering over 800 European pediatric surgeons from more than 60 Countries; in 2018 the Meeting will be held in cooperation with the French Society of Pediatric Surgery (SFCP) and the Francophone Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Urology (SFUPA) realizing an exceptional event of high scientific value. On January 21st we closed the abstract submission system receiving around 1.100 abstracts, an exceptional number of papers.

With EUPSA's focus on clinical and experimental research, there are bound to be interesting speakers and presentations emphasizing the future of our field. Scientific sessions and poster presentations will be complemented by numerous special lectures and meet the expert sessions.

In the Scientific Programme, the European Congress Lecture will be presented by Jan Deprest, the EJPS Lecture by Sabrine Sarnacki and the Duhamel Lecture by Benno Ure. "Meet the expert" topics will be: "Crohn's disease" by Risto Rintala, "Redo hypospadias" by Alaa El Ghoneimi and "Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia" by Paul Losty. In addition, there will be again a "EUPSA Young Investigator Award" for trainees and a "Case Report Session" with prizes for the "Best Case report".

Numerous EUPSA Courses, workshops and seminars will take place: the pre-congress Courses will be on Oncology, Neonatal Surgery and Laparoscopy; the EUPSA Congress Postgraduate Course on: "Gastroesophageal reflux", the EUPSA Congress Morning Course on: "Child safety and injury prevention". The details and other news from the Education Office can be found on the EUPSA website

The young colleague group "GYPSE" has started their activity and is inviting all the junior and young surgeons to join them during the meeting; the "Evidence and Guidelines Committee" will organize a roundtable on the results of the first year activities.

The EUPSA Executive Board would like to ask for your support in future activities inviting you to be more involved in the life of the Association. Several positions will be vacant in the Educational-, Scientific- and Network-Office on June 2018; we will very glad to consider your application according to the rules published on the Offices website page.



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The exponential output of knowledge and data in our field requires communication between colleagues and researchers from all subspecialties of pediatric surgery. EUPSA will provide again an excellent advanced communication platform during the scientific sessions and social activities of the congress.

Let us enjoy the promising scientific and social program together with colleagues and friends from Europe, France and all over the world.

I am looking very much forward to seeing you in Paris.

*Prof. Giovanna RICCIPETITONI* – EUPSA President