



## European Society of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology

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### ESPO Newsletter - Winter 2020-21

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This year already looks as if it will be dominated by the coronavirus pandemic, as was last year! As I write this, the UK is just entering another national lockdown which is expected to last for 7 weeks or more, and our hospitals are under intense pressure. However, vaccination has begun and so we now finally have a way out of the crisis.

As you know our ESPO Congress in Marseille has been postponed and the new dates for “ESPO 2021” are 6-9 November 2021. We sincerely hope that by then the vaccination programme will be complete and that we shall all be able to meet there in person!

In the meantime ESPO is running a One-Day Virtual Conference on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in order to “bridge the gap” until we meet in November. Registration is free for those already registered for Marseille, and there is a discounted rate for ESPO members who have not yet registered for Marseille. The programme and Registration link are [here](#), and entries are invited for the ESPO Juniors video competition!

ESPO’s online presence continues to be steadily developed, extended and improved. Vincent Couloigner is building up educational content in collaboration with the ESPO Juniors, in line with ESPO’s emphasis on education and training in paediatric otolaryngology. Our COVID-19 webinar last year was well-attended and the first webbased courses on paediatric tracheostomy have been a great success. You are now invited to participate in ESPO’s online course on Laryngomalacia chaired by Bas Pullens, which will take place on Friday 22nd January at 5.00-7.00pm (Central European Time) – for full details see [here](#).

You may have heard that this month Robert Ruben is retiring from his position as Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology, a post he has held for over 40 years ever since the first issue of the Journal was published in 1979. He has been a great friend to ESPO and a loyal and regular attendee at our Congresses, tirelessly talent-spotting papers for possible publication in the IJPORL. Indeed, the Journal and the Society have grown and flourished alongside each other: we are enormously grateful for his help and support over so many years, and we are proud to have him as an Honorary Member. His place as Editor-in-Chief is being taken by Joseph Kerschner from Madison, Wisconsin, and we look forward to an equally long and fruitful collaboration with him.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2021

ESPO Webinar: Laryngomalacia  
5.00-7.00pm CET, 22 January 2021

Full details are [here](#) and Registration is [here](#)

ESPO One-Day Virtual Conference  
20 February 2021

[www.espo.eu.com/espo-virtual-conference](http://www.espo.eu.com/espo-virtual-conference)

ESPO 2021, Marseille, France

[www.espo-2021.com](http://www.espo-2021.com)

### 2022

IFOS 2022, Vancouver, Canada 18  
- 22 June 2022

[www.ifos2021vancouver.com](http://www.ifos2021vancouver.com)

CEORL-HNS Congress, Milan, Italy  
29 October – 2 November 2022

[www.ceorlhns2022.org](http://www.ceorlhns2022.org)

### 2023

ESPO 2023, Liverpool, UK  
20-23 May 2023

[www.espo2023.com](http://www.espo2023.com)

### 2024

CEORL-HNS Congress, Dublin, Ireland  
15-19 June 2024

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With very best wishes,

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**ESPO Secretary-General**

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