

# EPOS NEWSLETTER

## July 2020

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**Dear EPOS members, colleagues and friends,**



Given the current situation on COVID-19 pandemic, the EPOS Executive Committee postponed the 39th Annual Meeting in Porto to 2021. Therefore, also the future annual meetings will be postponed by one year. Please check these [new dates out!](#)

### **EPOS has gone virtual!**

Are you aware of [EPOS webinars](#)? Continue to learn and discuss with others! We hope this gives our members another opportunity to connect and gain access to member-experiences during this year.

A big THANK YOU to EPOS physicians and all doctors in Europe and worldwide! Thank you for providing the best care for pediatric orthopaedic patients and their families during the pandemic situation!

Please enjoy our summer newsletter! I wish you happy holidays from Austria!  
Stay safe and healthy!

**Renata Pospischill MD**

## Presidential Letter by Professor Thomas Wirth



Dear EPOS members, dear friends,

The year 2020 and its dominating spectre of the COVID 19 pandemic has forced EPOS like many other companies and societies to change its business to online only activities in order to communicate with the members.

Our **annual General Assembly**, the most important business event of the EPOS year, was very successfully held as a **virtual General Assembly**.

At times more than 100 members participated and on average just above 90 EPOS members followed the whole virtual General Assembly and used the chat function to play an active part. EPOS is very grateful that its members adopted and accepted these new ways of business interactions.

We could share the EPOS Executive Committee's ideas on leading the Society through this difficult year, and the members voted on necessary **changes of the Statutes**, other adaptations to our internal rules and accepted **an internal auditor, Mr. Dagmar Kempink from the Netherlands**. He will help to professionalize our internal revision.

Despite of unusual times and under changing circumstances EPOS continues to elaborate on its educational activities. EPOS has created an **E-learning Task Force**, led by our General Secretary Elke Viehweger. The group of distinct EPOS members has evaluated the options of **virtual educational activities** of our Society in a short period of time and presented a list of creative e-learning formats. We are looking forward to the start of a **series of webinars** under the lead of the EPOS study groups.

We are in the final preparations to **continue the successful cooperation with our PCO, OIC**. Together with EPOS they are working on the **39th EPOS Annual Meeting in Porto** to be held in **April 2021**. We are so much hoping that we will be able to meet in person then and have a meeting – as traditional as possible. However, we are prepared to adapt it to the changing regulations given by the authorities at the time and open to implement both analogue and digitally driven

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It was very encouraging to see that the majority of participants of this year's cancelled meeting have transferred their registration to next year. Most of the papers planned for 2020 will be presented in 2021 and the program is already shaping up nicely.

I conclude by thanking all EPOS Executive Committee members, all chairs and members of the Committees and Study Groups and our untiringly working office staff for their strong and supportive contribution to our society. This is an exceptional effort in exceptional times!

I wish all of you a great summer time and relaxing holidays and hope to not only meet you on a screen, but in person at one of our next courses allowing personal presence.

**Thomas Wirth**

Interim EPOS President 2020-2021

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## Minutes from the Virtual General Assembly Meeting held on Saturday 9 May 2020

Please read the EPOS virtual [General Assembly meeting minutes](#).

For your information, please find the new and [updated EPOS Statutes](#), approved at the virtual General Assembly meeting.

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## Info on the 39th Annual Meeting in Porto, Portugal from 14-17 April 2021

Every year we are looking forward, with great enthusiasm, to connect with our worldwide Pediatric Orthopedic Community at our Annual Meetings. But given the current global situation on COVID-19 pandemic and its uncertainty, the EPOS Executive Committee has taken the difficult decision to postpone the 39th Annual Meeting to next year, **from 14 April to 17 April 2021, in Porto, Portugal** at the same venue, the Alfandega Porto Congress Centre.

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### 39th EPOS Annual Meeting

14-17 April 2021 | Porto, Portugal

[More information](#) - [Registration is now open](#)

Should you have any question,  
please do not hesitate to contact the registration team at  
[registrationepos2021@oic.it](mailto:registrationepos2021@oic.it)

Regarding the submitted papers to this year programme, the EPOS Leadership has decided to ask all the submitters if they wish to transfer their papers to the next year scientific programme.

The EPOS Leadership decided to replace the withdrawn and / or canceled papers with two new sessions, the first one consist in the symposium *'The impact that Coivid19 outbreak had on clinical practice'* and the second one on the selection of the *Best e-Posters*, whom authors will have the opportunity to present their studies over a short presentation.

The Reading Committee is working on the content of these two new sessions. Both sessions have replaced the Study Groups symposia, the organization of which has now been shifted into a webinar programme. Please see below the EPOS webinars' schedule. Hence, the EPOS Leadership has decided **not to open** a new *'Call for abstract'* for the next year Congress.

To be up to dated with the EPOS 2021 scientific programme, please [check our Congress website on regular basis](#). Should you have any question please do not hesitate to contact the scientific programme team at [abstractepos2021@oic.it](mailto:abstractepos2021@oic.it)

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## Here are the next destinations!

### 40th EPOS Annual Meeting

06-09 April 2022 | Copenhagen, Denmark

### 41st EPOS Annual Meeting

28-1 April 2023 (dates TBC) | Krakow, Poland

### Combined EPOS/POSNA Annual Meeting

8-11 May 2024 | Washington DC, USA

The 2nd combined EPOS/POSNA Meeting (EPOSNA), taking place at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Centre, National Harbor, Maryland

The elections to host the EPOS Annual meeting in 2023, have now been postponed for 2025 and the elections of this destination will take place in the next ordinary General Assembly meeting in Porto in 2021.

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## Are you aware of EPOS webinars? Continue to learn and check these out!

### 1st EPOS Webinar on Trauma: Flexible nailing, where are the limits?

15 June 2020 - 18h00-19h00 CET

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Scientific Programme

• Moderator: Dr. Manuel Cassiano Neves | Portugal

Panel list and talks:

- Limits of ESIN in fractures in children by Prof. Pierre Lascombes | Switzerland
- The MJFlex nails by Dr. Jean-Damien Métaizeau | France
- Case presentations and discussion by Dr. Jean-Damien Métaizeau and Prof. Pierre Lascombes

### 2nd EPOS Webinar on Sports: Osteochondritis Dissecans

22 July 2020 - 18h00 CEST

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#### **4th EPOS Webinar on Spine: Why and when considering surgery in Early Onset Scoliosis?**

30 September 2020 - 18h00 CET

#### **5th EPOS Webinar on Metabolic Diseases: Genetic and metabolic diseases in pediatric orthopedics**

14 October 2020 - 14h00 CET

#### **6th EPOS Webinar on Infection: Acute osteomyelitis: is puncture always required? Has COVID-19 pandemic changed our treatment protocol?**

11 November 2020 - 18h00 CET

#### **7th EPOS Webinar on Cerebral Palsy: CP hip disease: surveillance and treatment**

09 December 2020 - 17h00 CET

#### **8th EPOS Webinar on Lower Limb: X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets (XLH): pediatric perspectives, clinical aspects and treatment options**

15 January 2021 - 17h00 CEST

The above-described EPOS Webinars' preliminary programme might be subject to changes. The latest information concerning [EPOS E-Events and EPOS webinars](#) can be found on the EPOS website.

If you would like to receive further information concerning EPOS webinars including information concerning webinar registrations and would like to be included in our mailing list, please email to [courses@epos.org](mailto:courses@epos.org).

Please do not hesitate to contact EPOS Education Manager, Mrs. Sanni Hiltunen at [courses@epos.org](mailto:courses@epos.org) if you have any further inquiries concerning EPOS E-Events.

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