My dear friends,

When I was nominated “historian”, I quickly realised how daunting it was going to be to complete the task I was called for. Indeed, the little information I found and the passing away of a some founding members, had created a large information void. Nevertheless, using the experience I gained as editor of the Epos Newsletter and with the kind collaboration of Henri Bensahel and Klaus Parsch, one of which was the concept creator, and founders together of our society, I was able to complete my arduous task. Without them, this story may have been incomplete but it surely would have contained less information and fewer documents and photographs. To them and our long-lasting friendship, confirmed once again by their help on this project, I extend my deepest gratitude. I would also like to thank José de Mesquita Montes, my predecessor, who was the keeper of Epos correspondence during the first years of the Epos activity without whom it would have proven very difficult to reconstruct that period. A heartfelt “thank you” goes out to all the organizers of the 25 meetings, who accepted to collaborate with me by sending photographs and documents. I am an old member of Epos and I had the opportunity to experience its history first hand, and witness the extraordinary rise of this society, that albeit its strict selection rules, has flourished while maintaining on the one hand, the family-like culture of lasting friendships built on years of meeting each other, and on the other the great scientific value for which it is recognised all over world. This, is thanks to the presidents and their boards, that have followed one another for a quarter century I thank all of them because they have made me proud to be a member of Epos. I am sorry for the quality of some of the pictures that, as you can see, is not very good. It was very difficult to collect them, especially during the first period of our society. In despite of this, I hope that this work meets your interest and approval.

Yours sincerely,

Nando de Sanctis
Epos Historian
EPOS has been founded during the period of time Europe was politically split. Nevertheless, the founders decided, by its inception, that EPOS would be devoted to the whole geographic continent. In those decades, many scientists in various fields were engaged for improving and strengthening research in Europe. Moreover, the technology was creating new tools being able to solve problems in pathological conditions which encountered difficulty to be so far treated, such as sonograph, prosthesis, osteosynthesis, arthroscopy, external fixators, spine surgery. This trend for all these fields of orthopaedics and traumatology started to involve pediatric orthopaedics, one of the most important fields of general orthopaedics. Infection and poliomyelitis had much decreased, the latter being eradicated. And, in the other hand, DDH could be earlier detected with the introduction of hip sonography. It is important to underline that the organization of the hospitals and universities in Europe has been always different, the alone France had been and have still today a specific training with separate way between adult and children orthopaedics. Despite the political situation due to the cold war, a very small group of colleagues decided courageously to found EPOS. They were right as History of EPOS will prove it. The development of EPOS has led us to create the Historian position.

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Dear Professor, 
I am pleased to announce that I will be at the EPOS conference in Helsinki and would like to discuss what you can do to save your country and the idea of a European group of Podiatric Groups. 

Best regards,

[Signature]
The idea was rose in the mind of Henri Bensahel (France). He submitted this initiative to D.Tönnis (Germany), J.de Mesquita Montes (Portugal), J.Baumann (Switzerland) who agreed. Then, he suggested to John Sharrard (U.K.) to join this so small group. He was, at once, enthusiastic. Such occurred the foundation of EPOS. The society was de facto founded by January 31st 1981 in Paris at the Bretonneau Children Hospital where Henri Bensahel was Head of the Department of Orthopaedics. To this first working reunion were attending Henri Bensahel, John Sharrard, Jürg Baumann, José de Mesquita Montés and Dietrich Tönnis. This embryonic group decided to found the first European society: it was in the field of Children Orthopaedics - EPOS. Then, this Core Group decided to invite some colleagues being representatives of Pediatric Orthopaedics in various western European countries to take part to the forthcoming meeting. Obviously, this group set up the bylaws of this wailing society. During this working meeting, it was decided to nominate:

- a President
  John Sharrard
- a Secretary
  Henri Bensahel.
The first true EPOS meeting was held on March 13th, 1982 at the Bretonneau Children Hospital in Paris; Henri Bensahel (Host), John Sharrard, Jurg Bauman, Jose De Mesquita Montes, Dietrich Tönns, Pedrag Klisic, Jorgen Reimers, Miguel Ferrer, Klaus Pach, Alessandro Dal Monte, Gabriele Soncini, Jacques Lefort, D. Pajic attended it. Six of them (Dal Monte, Ferrer, Parsch, Klisic, Sharrard, Lefort) presented one paper. The attendees decided to confirm the former nominations of President (J. Sharrard) and General Secretary (H. Bensahel). The other members of the board would be nominated during the second EPOS meeting. In this first meeting was elaborated and approved the EPOS statutes.

The registration of the statutes at the home office and the publication of the foundation of EPOS of the "Journal Officiel de la République Française" was published on March 30th, 1982.

The second meeting was held again in Paris under the patronage of H. Bensahel on March 19th, 1983. Once again, it was at the Bretonneau Children Hospital. Twenty members from nine countries attended it. The meeting was made of free papers. The first General Assembly was held during this meeting and the first Board was achieved:

President: J.J. Sharrard
Vice President: P. Klisic
Gen. Secretary: H. Bensahel
Treasurer: D. Tönns

By the end of this meeting, as for the two former meetings, H. Bensahel invited all the members at his house for a dinner reception.
Thot | the god of Magic and secret potions
31 colleagues attended this meeting and many papers were presented followed by very interesting discussion. During the General Assembly, the general secretary announced the enlargement of the society with twelve new members. By the same time, it was also decided that ten minutes would be allotted to free paper followed by ten minutes of discussion.

1st Meeting

1982 March 13
Children Hôpital Bretonneau,
Paris / France
Local Host: H. Bensahel

2nd Meeting

1983 March 19
Children Hôpital Bretonneau,
Paris / France
Local Host: H. Bensahel

3rd Meeting

1984 March 24
Kinderspital Basel / Switzerland
Local Host: Jürg Bauman
During this fifth meeting, a new agenda was set up based on the presentation and discussion of a topic as multicentric study. The topic was “Diagnosis and treatment of Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease”.

As L. Staheli and R. Hensinger attended this meeting, we took the opportunity for starting a discussion about the relations between EPOS and the Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics.

5th Meeting

1986 March 7 - 8
Charling Cross Hospital, Fulham / London

Local Host: Anthony Catterall

Diagnosis and treatment of Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease

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6th Meeting 1987 March 20 – 21 Semmelweis University Budapest (Hungary) 
Local Host: Tibor Vizkelety

The main topic was the treatment of DDH with the Pavlik harness. The conclusion of this multicentric study was presented by F. Grill who chaired this session. The General Assembly commemorated excellent colleagues who passed away: Lefort (France) and Lenzi (Italy). H. Bensahel had asked to T. Vizkelety for creating a logo for the society. His idea was to show a toddler striding over a planisphere at the space of Europe. Since then, this logo is our one. The new board was:

President: A. Dal Monte
V. President: H. Bensahel
Gen. Secret.: A. Dimeglio
Treasurer: A. Kaelin

As EPOS has an impressive growth, H. Bensahel suggested that an afternoon would be devoted to a congress tour so that all the members may better know each others. And this tradition is still applied.

7th Meeting 1988 March 25 – 26 Onze Lieve Vrouwe Gasthuis Amsterdam (The Netherlands) 
Local Host: J.W. van der Eijken.

The main topic of this meeting was the clubfoot. Then, a number of EPOS members presented a free paper. EPOS had the privilege to look, for the first time, at the Nancy nail presented by J. Prevot. For the first time also a booklet with the summary of all the scientific part of the meeting was offered to the participants. 70 people attended this meeting. There were 7 colleagues from USA: J. Bright, S. Coleman, R. Hansinger, L. Lindseth, G. Simmons, L. Staheli and K. Wilkins.

The afternoon the participants took a boat on the grachten of RijksMuseum with the famous Rembrandt Dutch painter of 17th century. The evening was a “ricetable” in a Indonesian restaurant “Selecta” right in the center of Amsterdam.
The main topic was limb lengthening. A questionnaire on the results of this topic was presented and discussed by A. Dal Monte, J. Canadell, W. Lokietek. More, a session was set up on free papers about Limb Lengthening. Then were also a number of free papers on various topics. We tried to invite colleagues from Eastern-Germany, France and others had not been authorized to cross the borders. The pool party with Dixieland music, played by an “orchestra” made of professors of medicine, was praised. The participants appreciated the dinner at the two Michelin-stars restaurant. The new board elected by the general assembly was: President: H. Bensahel V. President: J. Reimers Gen. Secr.: A. Dimeglio Treasurer: A. Kaelin Advisors: V. Bialik, J. Canadell, J. v.d. Eijken, P. Witherow.

The chief topic of this meeting was: “The Paralytic Hip”. The lectures given in Athens served for the first edition of the Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics (JPO B) with chief editor Prof Henri Bensahel in 1992. And the afternoon tour allowed all of us to visit the outskirts of Athens and to go to Cape Sunion for a wonderful view on the sunset. During the same year, a first combined meeting EPOS - POSNA was held in Montreal by September 5-6, 1990. It was a very warm and friendly opportunity to meet many colleagues of North America and from Europe. On both sides, this combined meeting was said to be much successful. Nevertheless, up to now no other combined meeting EPOS - POSNA has been held. The “Wall” between East and West Europe was destroyed. However, the Athens meeting was too soon after this huge event. And the eastern colleagues could attend the forthcoming in Paris. The same year, the Board decided to organize Seminars for training young people. The first one was held in Geneva.
The main topics were:
Prospective study of club foot
• Spine surgery before 5 years old
• Modern imaging in Perthes’ disease
Despite the Gulf War I, the audience to this tenth meeting was crowded. And the success was huge. EPOS had, in Paris, its first major meeting. European and intercontinental. After ten years the European Pediatric Orthopaedic Society proved its reliability to developments and wide scientific concern. The EPOS meetings gathered more and more worldwide colleagues, as well from the whole Europe (thanking to the evolution of the political in Mid and Eastern Europe), as from North and South America and Asia. All the participants to this tenth meeting went to a reception at the City Hall of Paris. The day after was held a dinner on a “Bateau Mouche” for a tour of Paris by night on “La Seine”. As for the gala dinner, it had been held in a castle “Chateau de Ferrieres, 30 km far from Paris. The attendees were welcome by the music of the horn players with their specific dress. The meeting in Paris was the starting point of a wider attendance to the EPOS meetings.
The General Assembly elected new board:
President: J. Reimers
V. President: J. Canadell
Gen. Secret: A. Dimeglia
Treasurer: A. Kaelin
Advisors: M. Bergoin, A. Catterall, N. de Sanctis, F. Grill.
Porto offered a spectacular frame for the 13th EPOS meeting, that was a high standards success. Dr. Mesquita Montes organized a very interesting program around the main topic “Children’s Fractures”, completed by a stimulating social program, which planned a pre-Congress Tour to the Port-wine Region, going up the river by boat, thus it gave the chance to the registered participants to appreciate the cultural side of this area. The great number of participants, over 200 from 30 countries and the high quality of the scientific part, increased the success of this meeting.

By the end of the meeting, the whole attendance took part to an unforgettable gala dinner.
The 15th EPOS meeting held in Prague has had an extraordinary success. Despite the cold weather with snowfall on the last day all participants did enjoy the wonderful tour of Prague and neighbour, crown jewel of Europe, an historic city with an outstanding example of Roman, Gothic and Baroque architecture. Pavel Dungl was a gentle host and his smooth organization was highly appreciated. The attendance was very high with over 200 participants, 110 oral presentations (180 submitted abstracts) and, for the first time, a poster session, awarded by a prize donated by J. de Mesquita Montes. Prague had been also the meaningful frame for the Foundation of IFOPS (International Federation of Pediatric Orthopaedic Societies).
16th Meeting

1997 March 19 - 22
HEIDELBERG/MANNHEIM
ROSEN GARTEN / GERMANY
Local Host: L. Jani

Excellent scientific program with presentation of a multicenter study on “Osteochondrosis Dissecans” by F. Hefti and G. Bollini.

Historical gala dinner in the Alten Schloss of Heidelberg has been unforgettable.

17th Meeting

1998 April 1 - 4
MADRID / SPAIN
Local Host: julio de Pablos

It was a memorable meeting for the society thanks to the inaugural meeting of the IFPOS.

Due to such combined meeting, more than 500 participants came from all the world.

The scientific program was one day longer than usual. It was very rich with topics as Cerebral Palsy, Spine, Foot, and with the two main topics: “Growth Plate Surgery” and “Children’s Knee”.

The social program was also rich with an attractive tour: 1st Pediatric Orthopaedic Golf Ryder Cup Europe against the North America in El Escorial Golf Club.
A wide number of participants attended this meeting. They were 400 coming from all over the world. The main topic was “The Natural History of Paediatric Orthopaedic Diseases”. The scientific program was much informative. An EPOS multicenter study was presented by WHO on “Orthopaedic Aspects of Down Syndrome. The sessions of free papers were instructive. The meeting ended with the gala dinner in the Carlsten’s Fortress. The General Assembly elected new board:

President: N. de Sanctis
V. President: M. Benson
Treasurer: E. Lamprecht
Advisors: P. Dungl, G. Evans, K. Szepesi

Local host: Erland Lysell

About 400 people attended the opening ceremony that saw one of founder members, Prof. A. Dal Monte presenting his conference regarding “Origin and Success of Pediatric Orthopaedics in Italy”.

The congress was held one of the most prestigious halls of the “Leonardo da Vinci” Museum of Science and Technology.

The main topics at the presentation were: limb lengthening, hip dysplasia, club foot, malformations, and tumours.

Social program was rich of interest: the visit of some peculiar parts of the town, as the Wora Castle, The Dome, the Gala dinner at Napoleon Hall in the Serbelloni Palace, gave the opportunity of cementing friendship among the EPOS members. Finally, at the wonderful Scala Theatre, we saw the Strauss’ Opera “Aradne auf Naxos”.

Local host: Giovanni Peretti

Local host: Jan van der Bijen
The main topic was “Foot Deformities except Clubfoot and Footwear”.
A total of 215 abstracts from 36 countries were submitted. 70 of these abstracts were sent from outside of Europe. The topic of the honorary member lecture was “Infections of Bones & Joints” depicted by Dr. K. Pansch.

It was a memorable meeting in a wonderful city on the Bosphorus, linking Europe and Asia.

Over 300 participants from Europe and many other countries of the world did attend this meeting. The scientific program was very rich and interesting. The social program was as attractive as the scientific program, crowned by a mystic Gala dinner over the Bosphorus.

The Gala party was very nice with Latin-American theme.

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Scientific Committee: F. Hefti
EPOS News: F. Niethard
JPOB: H. Benzel
The main topic was “The paediatric knee”; the great pleasure for us to invite you to the 25th European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society Meeting in Dresden. Severely destroyed during the Second World War, and beautifully restored during the last few years, Dresden has recently been acknowledged as world cultural heritage with its unique combination of traditional architecture and naturally maintained Elbe meadows and slopes.”

The social program, in fact, was a tour called “war and freedom”, a guided walking tour through that historic city.
After the 25th meeting, the work still goes on. The 26th meeting is the Epos/Ipos combined meeting after 9 years it’s in Europe again. In the amazing surroundings of the bay of Nápoles, Sorrento will host both the 26th EPOS Meeting and the 4th IFPOS Meeting, providing to many specialists coming from all over the world, the opportunity to create a great scientific event.

The Pre meeting course talks about “Lower limb deficiencies” and the Main Topic of the Meeting are:

• Malignant Tumours in Children
• Musculoskeletal Infections in Children
• Spine Pathology in Children

After the meeting, the social program forecasts a wonderful trip to Pompei; Pompei, unlike the other towns in Campania, was founded for the most part by Greek colonists, was built by the Oscans, probably around the 9-8th century B.C. The Town is high on the list of Wonders of the World and the excavations begun in the 18th century are still being carried out today. During the tour you can see that this is an archeological site that you cannot be failed to be impressed by.
1st EPOS Seminar
Bologna 1987
ISTITUTO RIZZOLI
Local host: Alessandro Dal Monte

2nd EPOS Seminar
October 6th - 7th 1989
STUTTGART
Local host: Klaus Parsch

3rd EPOS Seminar
October 4th - 5th 1991
PAMPLONA
Local host: Julio De Pablos

4th EPOS Seminar
October 15th - 17th 1992
GENEVA
Local host: André Kaelin
fifth chapter

honorary members and medals of honour

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Esculapio | engraving, 1647
EDUCATION

- 1925–35 Lincoln School, Lincoln
- 1939–44 University of Sheffield Medical School
- 1944 Orthopaedic House Surgeon, Professor Sir Frank Holdsworth, Sheffield Royal Infirmary
- 1944–45 Lecturer in Anatomy, Professor Francis Davies, University of Sheffield
- 1945–48 Squadron Leader R.A.F. Medical Service
- 1948–49 R.S.O. General Surgery, N.Y. Blacon Yates, Royal Hospital, Sheffield
- 1949–1955 Orthopaedic Registrar, Professor Sir Herbert Seddon, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London
HONORARY MEMBERS

QUALIFICATIONS
- 1944 M.B., Ch. B. with Honours, University of Sheffield
- 1950 Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England
- 1954 D Jurisprudence in Medicine (Neurology) with Distinction, University of Sheffield
- 1966 Mammalian Surgery with Commendation, University of Sheffield

PRESENT APPOINTMENT
- 1955 Annette Day Emeritus Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Sheffield
- Previously Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield
- Sheffield Children's Hospital, King Edward VII Hospital, Sheffield; Professor Associate (Personal Chair) in Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Sheffield since 1985

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
- 1961-75 Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery
- 1983 President of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Societies of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology of European Common Market
- 1979-85 President of Monospecialist Committee in Orthopaedic Surgery of European Common Market
- 1983-84 President and founder of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society

LECTURESHIPS AND PRIZES
- 1956 Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of England
- 1964 Arris and Gale Lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons of England
- 1983 Joseph Henry Lecturer in Industrial Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England
- 1983 Robert Jones Lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons of England
- 1985 Revue de Chirurgie Lecturer, Societe Francaise de Chirurgie Orthopedique et de Traumatologie, Paris
- 1967 Maurice Davidson Award of the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine
- 1988 Bradshaw Lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons of England

MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED SOCIETIES
- Fellow (Past President) of the British Orthopaedic Association
- Fellow (Past President) of the British Paediatric Orthopaedic Society
- Member of the Society of Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida
- Honorary Member of the British Association of Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons
- Member of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine
- Honorary Member of the American Orthopaedic Association
- Honorary Member of the Egyptian Orthopaedic Association
- Corresponding member of the Colombian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING
Many Previous and Current Research and Teaching Projects on Orthopaedic Subjects with particular reference to paralysis in childhood-polio myelitis cerebral palsy
HONORARY MEMBERS

EDUCATION

- French School, Lycée Lyautey, Casablanca, Morocco
- Certificat d’Etudes Primaires Brevet Élémentaire Baccalauréat 1946-1947
- Bachelor Science in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, 1948
- Medicine:
- Faculty of Medicine of Paris 1948
- Intern at the Hospitals of Paris 1952
- Junior Resident in the Paris Hospitals (Interne des Hôpitaux Paris) 1957
- Chief Resident (Chef de Clinique) 1962 - 1966
- Assistant Bretonneau Hospital 1966
- Orthopaedic Surgeon at Bretonneau Hospital 1972
- Head of Department of Paediatric Orthopaedics at Bretonneau Hospital, then Robert Debre Hospital 1972 - 1998

1994
HENRI BENSHEH
HENRY BENSHEIL

HO N O R A RY M E M B E R S

QUALIFICATIONS
_ Thesis of Medical Doctor M.D., 1962
_ Head of Unit of Paediatric Orthopaedics Bretonneau Hospital /Paris 1968
_ Professor Agpique University Paris V, Faculty Bishop 1972
_ Head of Department Paediatric Orthopaedics Hospital Bretonneau 1972-1988
_ Full Professor Paediatric Orthopaedics University Paris VII 1992
_ Head Department Paediatric Orthopaedics Hospital Robert Debré 1988-1998
_ Emeritus Professor University Paris VII 1998
_ Associate in General Surgery in Paediatric Surgery in Orthopaedic Research

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
_ Co-Founder of the French Society of Paediatric Orthopaedics
_ Past-President of the French Society of Paediatric Surgery
_ Founder and President of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (EPOS)
_ Founder-Presiden of International Federation of Paediatric Orthopaedic Societies (IFPOS)
_ Founder & Editor of journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics (POB) 1992-2006
_ Editor-Chief of Journal of Children’s Orthopaedics 2007
_ Founder - Member of International Paediatric Orthopaedic Think Tank (IPOTT)
_ Scientific and Medical Expert for the European Space Agency - ESA
_ Member of Board of Governors of Technion - Israel Institute
_ Chairman of International ClubFoot Study Group – ICFSG
_ Member of Commission de Surveillance Hospital Robert Debré – Paris 2005

MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED SOCIETIES
_ Member of the Académie Nationale de Chirurgie
_ Member of the French Society of Orthopaedics
_ Member of the French Society of Pediatric Orthopaedics
_ Member of the French Society of Paediatric Orthopaedics
_ Member of the French Society of Pediatric Surgery
_ Member of the French Association of Surgery
_ Member of the European Society of Foot Surgery

HONORARY MEMBERS
_ Member of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America
_ Honorary Member of the Israeli Society of Orthopaedics
_ Honorary Member of the Latin-American Society of Paediatric Orthopaedics
_ Honorary Member of the Royal Thai Society of Orthopaedics
_ Honorary Member of the Japanese Pediatric Orthopaedic Society

RESEARCH AND TEACHING
Many previous and current Research and Teaching Projects on Paediatric Orthopaedic topics with particular reference to the foot in children (especially clubfoot), the hip (especially Perthes disease), cerebral palsy, benign tumors (especially unicameral bone cyst), diseases of the connective tissue in children (Marfan syndrome, Osteogenesis Imperfecta…...)
Publication of a number of scientific articles, the major part of it being of international standards, 5 books and several chapters in some other books.

VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS AND LECTURESHIPS
_ Officer in the Ordre de la Légion d’Honneur
_ Officer in the Ordre National du Mérite
_ Chevalier de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques

SOCIAL ACTIVITY
Deputy Mayor of Saint-Mandé 1995 - 2001
First Advisor of French Minister of Health 1990 – 1995
1 Avenue: Émile Deschanel / Hôpital Robert Debré 75007 Paris, France 48 Bird Sarumer

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Honorary membership was awarded posthumously to the widow Dr. Beba Klisic, during the gala evening in Mannheim, Saturday, March 22nd 1997 by EPOS president Klaus Parsch.
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

1955 Specialization in orthopaedic surgery
1956 Orthopaedic and Traumatologic depart-
ment in Tuzla, Bosnia & Herzegovina, founder of orthopaedic sur-
ery and physiatric medicine in Bosnia & Her-
zegovina
1961 Foundation of “Banjica” Orthopaedic Hospital in Belgrade, 5th Department in
Yougoslavia.
Chief surgeon in “Banjica” Hospital
1971 Doctoral Thesis. First medical doctor in
Yougoslavia
1987 Retirement from post of chief surgeon in
Yougoslavia

HONORARY MEMBERS

_1953 P. Klisic: first surgeon in Yugoslavia to
introduce modern surgical and
conservative treatment of spine deformities.
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late CDH: Klisic method of open reduction, varus
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Education
- 1930 - 1935 Filopanti School, Bologna
- 1935 - 1943 Galvani and Righi high School, University Bologna
- 1943 – 1949 Doctorate of Medicine-Surgery School, University Bologna
- 1949 – 1952 University of Bologna, Orthopaedic Specialisation School, Rizzoli Institute, Bologna
- 1953 – 1965 General Orthopaedic Surgery, Rizzoli Institute, Bologna
- 1965 – 1969 Chief Surgeon of Infantile Orthopaedic Department, Rizzoli Institute, Bologna

Qualifications
- University Teacher Orthopaedic Clinic, University of Bologna – 1960
- Honorary Membership of Orthopaedic Surgery University School, Bologna – 1965
VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS AND LECTURES

- University of Lima, Peru
- Caracas, Venezuela
- Orlando Florida
- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Rochester, Minnesota

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Member of the Council of the Orthopaedic Italian Society 1975-1976
- Founder of E.P.O.S. Parigi 1980
- President and Founder of the Italian Pediatric Orthopaedic - Traumatology Society 1982-1988
- Editor of R.I.T.O.P. (Italian Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedic and Traumatology)
- President of the E.P.O.S. Parigi 1986-1988
- Member of the Editorial Board of Italian Journal “La Chirurgia degli organi di Movimento” 1970-present day

HONORARY MEMBERS

- 1990 Emeritus Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon Rizzoli Institute, Bologna

MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

- Member of the Italian Orthopaedic Society 1953
- Founder of Italian Hand Surgery Society Modena 1965
- Honorary Member of Jugoslavia Orthopaedic Society 1967
- Member (past President) of E.P.O.S. 1972
- Member of Italian Group of Scoliosis 1969
- Corresponding Member of Venezuelan Orthopaedic Society 1973
- Honorary Member of Argentine Orthopaedic Society 1974
- Honorary Member of Portuguese Pediatric Orthopaedic Society 1985

PRESENT APPOINTMENTS

- 1990 Emeritus Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon Rizzoli Institute, Bologna

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Many previous and current research and teaching Projects with particular reference to Developmental Hip Dysplasia, Limb discrepancy, congenital Club Foot in childhood and Congenital Pseudoarthrosis of Bones in infancy. He has published 120 scientific articles mostly on infantile Bones and Joint Diseases.
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
_ 1953 - 1968: Chairman Orthopaedic Surgery Department. Hospital Cruz Roja Barcelona.
_ 1969: Vice Dean. Faculty of Medicine. University of Navarra.
_ 1969: Chairman University Clinic. Navarra.
_ 1969: Director Orthopaedic Surgery Department. Argentina Society Orthopaedic Traumatology
_ Argentina Medical Association
_ Microsurgery Spanish Association
_ Andalusian Society Orthopaedic Traumatology Surgery
_ President of EPOS (European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society)
HONORARY MEMBERS

SOCITIES
- Catalan and Spanish Society of Orthopaedic Traumatology Surgery.
- International Society of Orthopaedic Traumatology Surgery.
- International Orthopaedic Association.

Honorary Member:
- Venezuelan Society Orthopaedic Traumatology Surgery.
- Chilena Society Orthopaedic Traumatology Surgery.

PUBLICATIONS AND FREE COMMUNICATIONS
- 247 Publications in Books and National Reviews.
- 183 Publications in Books and International Reviews.

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
- Experimental Scoliosis
- Bone Lengthening
- Pathology of Growt Cartilage
- Surgery of Periphery Nerves
- External fixation.

Date of Birth and Place
10.08.1927 in Würzburg

Education
- Primary school in Würzburg and Berlin Heinrich v. Kleist Gymnasium in Berlin
- Abitur at Lessing Gymnasium in Bochum, 1947
- Study of Medicine At Universities of Münster, Freiburg, Köln, Staatsexamination 1953 in Munich
- Internship at Long Branch, New Jersey, USA, 1954-55
- Further Training: 1 year of Physiology and 1 year of Neurology in Köln
- 2 years of Traumatology at Bergmannsheil Hospital in Bochum
- 1960 entering Orthopaedics at the Uni/Hospital of the Free University in West-Berlin in Oskar-Helene Heim (Dir. Prof. A.N. Witt)

1999
Dietrich Tönnis
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**Awards**

- 1. Prize of the German Society of Traumatology in 1973 for an investigation of the role of disturbances of arterial circulation in traumatic paraplegia (Beiheft Z. f.Neurochirurgie)
- 2. Honorary yearly paper in the memory of Prof. Pauwels 1998
- 3. Honorary member of the Orthopaedic Associations of Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic
- 4. Founder and honorary member of the German Pediatric Orthopaedic Society and EPOS, the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society
- 5. Honorary member and president of the Vereinigung Norddeutscher Orthopäden 1975

**Honorary Members**

- 1968-1970 continuing work with Prof. Witt at the Orthop.Univ.Hospital in München-Harlaching
- 1970 Head of the Orthopaedic Department of the Klinikum Dortmund and Associate Professor at the University of Münster
- 1970 Head of the Study Group for Congenital Hip Dislocation of the German Orthopaedic Association
- 1970-1970 collective statistics after investigation of normal values of the hip first on avascular necrosis after conservative and operative treatment of CDH, the second on the results of operative, treatment the third on the efficiency of different conservative methods to treat CDH
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Date of Birth and Place
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Wife
Edeltraut Parsch

Children
Dr. Cathrin Parsch, emergency medicine
Dr. Dominik Parsch, orthopaedic surgery

Address: Weinbergweg 68, 70569 Stuttgart, Germany

Education
_ 1950 - 1959 Secondary school in Heilbronn
_ 1956 - 1957 Senior year in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, USA
_ 1960 - 1962 Medical School University Heidelberg
_ 1962 - 1963 3rd year Medical School University Montpellier, France
_ 1965 - 1966 Pathology Thesis University Heidelberg
- Multiple hereditary osteochondromas
- Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita
- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- Femoral and shaft fractures
- Forearm fractures

Books:
- "Das Spina bifida Kind" with KP Schulitz
  1972 Thieme Stuttgart
- "Haematogene Osteomyelitis und posttraumatische Osteitis" editor with R. Plaue 1982 M-L Verlag Uelzen

Visiting Professorships:
- 1977-1994 San Francisco, Chicago, Faculty MO Tachjians’s Seminars, 7 x
- 1986 Funchal, Madeira, Portuguese Orthopedic Society
- 1987 Ischia, Italian Pediatric Orthopedic Society (SITOP)
- 1988 Viña del Mar, Chilean Orthopaedic Society
- 1991 Montpellier, France, Medical Faculty University
- 1991 Gothenberg, Sweden, University, Bertha Neuberg Lecturer
- 1991 San Antonio, Texas visiting professor
- 1992 Helsinki Finland, International Summer School
- 1995 London, Great Britain, David Trevor Lecturer
- 1995 Toronto, Canada, Hospital for Sick Children, Robert B Salter Lect.
- 1996 Sydney Australia, Australian Pediatric Orthopaedic Society
- 1997 Fortaleza, Brasil, Brazilian Pediatric Orthopaedic Society

HONORARY MEMBERS
- Klaus Parsh

1966-1968 Resident General Surgery Heidenheim
1968-1973 Resident Orthopaedic Surgery University Heidelberg
1973-1975 Fellow Orthopaedic Surgery University Heidelberg
1975-2004 Chief surgeon Orthopaedic Department Olgahospital Stuttgart

QUALIFICATIONS
- M.D. Orthopaedics pathology Heidelberg
- 1974 Venia legendi in orthopaedics University Heidelberg
- 1980 Associate professor orthopaedic University Heidelberg

PRESENT APPOINTMENT
- Chief surgeon orthopaedic department Paediatric Centre, Stuttgart, Olgahospital

MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES
- 1969 DGOOF Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Orthopädische und Traumatologie
- 1975 SICOT Delegate
- 1979 POS Corresponding member
- 1982 EPOS member

1981 President of South German Orthopaedic Association, Baden-Baden
1982 Member of newly founded EPOS (EVKO)
1993 Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Unfallchirurgie (DGU)
1995 Honorary Member of Czech Orthopaedic Society Prague

CLINICAL RESEARCH
- Developmental dysplasia of hip (DDH)
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Date of Birth and Place
27 Jun 1938 te Deventer
Apollolaan 189-1 1077AV Amsterdam

Married with
Birgitte Skytte Palsbo 04 - 06 - 63 Charlottenlund, Denemarken.

Education
_ 1950 - 56 Alexander Hegius Gymnasium Deventer (Beta)
_ 1956 - 64 Medical study University Amsterdam
_ 1964 3 mth.dpt. Neurology Military Hospital
Kopenhagen/Denemarken Prof. M.Fogh
_ Okt. 1964 - Jan. 1966 Dpt. Orthopaedics Mathijsen Hospital
Utrecht
Amsterdam  Prof. Dr. Boerema
Amsterdam Prof. Dr.O. Verbeek
Febr. 1972 Orthopedic specialist
Mar 1973 Thesis University Amsterdam:
“De Spina bifida lumbalis met toevoeging van homoogeen beenbankweefsel bij de behandeling van scolies”

POsITIONS
_ 1972 - 2001 Drs. Sugden O.L.V.G.Hospital Amsterdam
_ 1977 - 2001 Consultant Dutch Cancer Institute (AVL) Amsterdam
_ 1977 - 88 Emma Children’s Hospital Amsterdam (50%) 
_ 1988 - 2001 Children’s Hospital E.K.Z./ A'dam University (50%) 
_ 1991 - 2001 Oncological Orthopaedic Dept. A.M.C. te Amsterdam
_ 1987 - 97 Consultant Raad van Borre, Amsterdam
_ 1980 - 85 Consultant Amsterdambeurs Specialisten verenigings (1 jr. Vice President)
_ 1986 - 93 Boardmember Dutch Orthopedic Society (B.O.S.) 2 yrs. President
_ 1988 - 91 Chairman Surgical Committee European Intergroup Osteosarcoma (E.O.R.T.C.)
_ 1984 - 86 BoardmemberRuaumeent Amsterdam-West
_ 1985 - 86 Consultant Dutch Bone Tumor Committee
_ 1986 - 2001 Member Dutch Bone tumor Commitee
_ 1987 - 1990 Boardmember European Musculo- Skeletal Orthopedic Society (E.M.S.O.S.)
_ 1989 - 93 Member Board of the Bone Tumor Committee
_ 1991 - 95 President EMSOS
_ 1993 - 1995 Member Board of the Bone Tumor Committee
_ 1991 - 97 Chairman Scientific Committee European Osteosarcoma Society (E.O.R.T.C.)
_ 1990 - 91 Appointment as Professor Children Onco-Orthopedics University Amsterdam
_ 1991 - 97 Chairman Scientific Committee Congres Social Amsterdam
_ 1992 - 2001 Board member BIS Eurotransplant Leiden
_ 1991 - 2001 Orthopedic Specialist O.L.V.G Hospital Amsterdam
_ 1991 - 97 Chairman Surgical Committee European Intergroup Osteosarcoma (E.O.R.T.C.)
_ 1991 - 97 Chairman Scientific Committee Eurotransplant Leiden
_ 1992 - 2001 Member Editorial Board Journal Pediatric Orthopedics
_ 1999 - 2001 Medical advisor Ver Osteogenesis Imperfecta
_ 2000 - 2001 Medical advisor Ver Osteogenesis Imperfecta
_ 2001 - 2002 Murk Jansen Grand Lecture for the N.O.V.
_ 2003 Honorary Member EPOS
_ 1990 - 2001 Member Editorial Board Journal Pediatric Orthopedics
_ 1991 - 1993 Appointments as Professor Children Onco-Orthopedics University Amsterdam
_ 1991 - 1997 Chairman Scientific Committee Congres Social Amsterdam
_ 1992 - 2001 Board member BIS Eurotransplant Leiden
_ 1999 - 2001 Honorary Member of the Dutch Orthopedic Society
_ 2001 Officer in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau
_ 2002 M.D. Lewis Hester Lecture for the N.O.V.
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_ 2003 Honorary Member EPOS
_ 1994 - 96 Chairman Committee Quality of Life (E.O.R.T.C.)
_ 1994 - 2000 Member Editorial Board Journal Pediatric Orthopedics
_ 1999 - 2001 Appointments as Professor Children Onco-Orthopedics University Amsterdam
_ 2001 - 2002 Murk Jansen Grand Lecture for the N.O.V.
Date of Birth and Place
27th January 1936

Education
- Winchester College
- Trinity College, Cambridge

Medical School
- University College Hospital Medical School, London

Qualifications
- M.B, B.Chir 1960
- F.R.C.S. (England) 1963
- M.Chir. (Cambridge) 1965

2003

ANTHONY CATTERALL
Anthony Catterall

Previous Appointments
4. Member of Special Advisory Committee in Orthopaedics 1996-2002
5. UK Representative on UEMS 1997-2001
6. Past President, British Orthopaedic Association
7. Past President of the British Society for Children’s Orthopaedic Surgery
8. Past Secretary of EFFORT

Research Interests
1. Perthes’ Disease
2. Developmental Dysplasia of Hip
a. Neonatal diagnosis and the value of ultrasound
b. Management at all ages
c. The place of the Coleman procedure
3. Problems of CTEV – Assessment, Postero-lateral release
4. Management of Acetabular Dysplasia
5. An investigation of the cellular changes in fracture healing
6. Problems related to leg equalization

Books
1. Lego Calve Perthes’ Disease
2. Congenital Dislocation of the Hip
3. Editor of Recent Advances in Orthopaedics – Fifth and Sixth Edition.

Postgraduate Education
1. 1962 – 1965 General Surgery – University College Hospital
3. 1968 – 1970 Senior Surgical Officer, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital

HONORARY MEMBERS
1. Holmes Prize in Primary FRCS
2. British Orthopaedic Association ABC Traveling Fellowship 1970

Previous Appointments
1. Emeritus Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital 2000 to present time
2. Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery
3. General Orthopaedic - Hip surgery

Brazilian Paediatric Orthopaedic Society

Awards
1. Hallet Prize in Primary FRCS
2. British Orthopaedic Association ABC Travelling Fellowship 1970
3. Corresponding Fellow: American Orthopaedic Association
4. Corresponding Fellow: Italian Orthopaedic Society
5. Corresponding Fellow: Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America

Acknowledgments

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EPOS medals of honour

John Fixsen | Jean Dubosset | Klaus Parsch | Viktor Bialik

1981 - 1983
President: J. Sharrard
V. President: P. Klisic
Gen. Secret.: H. Bensahel
Treasurer: D. Tonnis
Councillors:
J. Bauman,
R. Bauer,
A. Dal Monte,
J. Reimers.

1983 - 1985
President: P. Klisic
V. President: A. Dal Monte
Gen. Secret.: H. Bensahel
Treasurer: D. Tonnis
Councillors:
Ryoppi,
T. Viskelety,
F. Grill,
A. Dimeglio.

1985 - 1987
President: A. Dal Monte
V. President: H. Bensahel
Gen. Secret.: A. Dimeglio
Treasurer: A. Kaelin
Councillors:
P. Moll,
A. Hjelmstedt,
K. Parsch,
W. Lokietek.
1989 - 1991
President: H. BensaHel
V. President: J. Reimers
Gen. Secret.: A. Dimeglio
Treasurer: A. Kaelin

1991 - 1993
President: J. Reimers
V. President: J. Canadell
Past President: H. BensaHel
Gen. Secret.: A. Dimeglio
Treasurer: A. Kaelin
Councillors: M. Bergoin, A. Catterall, N. de Sanctis, F. Grill.
Epos news: N. de Sanctis
JPOB: H. BensaHel

1993 - 1995
President: J. Canadell
V. President: K. Parsch
Past President: J. Reimers
Treasurer: E. Lamprecht
Councillors: G. Bollini, F. Grill, J. De Mesquita Montes
EPOS News: N. de Sanctis
JPOB: H. BensaHel

1995 - 1997
President: K. Parsch
V. President: J. van der Eijken
Past President: J. Canadell
Gen. Secret.: V. Bialik
Treasurer: E. Lamprecht
Councillors: M. Benson, G. Bollini, J. Dimiriciu, J. de Pablos
Scientific Committee: E. Ippolito
Historian: J. de Mesquita Montes
EPOS News: N. de Sanctis
JPOB: H. BensaHel

1997 - 1999
President: J. van der Eijken
V. President: N. de Sanctis
Past President: K. Parsch
Gen. Secret.: G. Fabry
Treasurer: G. Peretti
Councillors: G. Bollini, P. Dungl, T. Elpedegui, G. Evans
Scientific Committee: E. Ippolito
Reading Committee: G. Hanson
Historian: J. de Mesquita Montes
EPOS News: N. de Sanctis
JPOB: H. BensaHel

1999 - 2001
President: N. de Sanctis
V. President: M. Benson
Past President: J. van der Eijken
Gen. Secret.: G. Fabry
Treasurer: G. Peretti
Councillors: G. Bollini, P. Dungl, T. Elpedegui, G. Evans
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EPOS News: N. de Sanctis
JPOB: H. BensaHel
SIXTH CHAPTER

EPOS BOARDS SUMMARY

2001 - 2003
President: M. Benson
V. President: F. Grill
Past President: N. de Sanctis
Gen. Secret.: G. Fabry
Treasurer: G. Peretti
Councillors: M. Bell, J. Czubac, M. Kokavec, M. Yazici
Scientific Committee: E. Ippolito
Reading Committee: G. Hansson
Historian: J. de Mesquita Montes
EPOS News: F. Niethard
JPOB: H. Bensahel

2003 - 2004
President: F. Grill
1° V. President: P. Dungl
2° Vice President: G. Bollini
Past President: M. Benson
Gen. Secret.: T. Epeldegui
Treasurer: G. Peretti
Councillors: A. Bursali, M. Poussa, I. Ghanem, K. Kerret, F. Niethard
Scientific Committee: E. Ippolito
Reading Committee: I. Hvid
Historian: N. de Sanctis
EPOS News: F. Niethard
JPOB: H. Bensahel

2004 - 2005
President: P. Dungl
1° V. President: G. Bollini
2° Vice President: S. Wientroub
Past President: F. Grill
Gen. Secret.: T. Epeldegui
Treasurer: R. Krauspe
Councillors: A. Bursali, M. Poussa, I. Ghanem, M. Bell, M. Cassiano Neves
Scientific Committee: F. Hefti
Reading Committee: C. Tudosco
Historian: N. de Sanctis
EPOS News: F. Niethard
JPOB: H. Bensahel

2005 - 2006
President: G. Bollini
1st Vice President: S. Wientroub
2nd Vice-President: E. Ippolito
Past President: P. Dungl
General Secretary: T. Epeldegui
Treasurer: R. Krauspe
Councillors: M. Bell, A. Bursali, M. Poussa, M. Kokavec, M. Cassiano
Scientific Committee: F. Hefti
Historian: N. de Sanctis
EPOS News: F. Niethard
JPOB: H. Bensahel
Education: F. Grill

2005 - 2006
President: S. Wientroub
1st Vice-President: G. Bollini
2nd Vice-President: A. Kaselin
Past President: G. Bollini
General Secretary: P. Lascombes
Treasurer: R. Krauspe
Councillors: M. Bell, J. Czubac, M. Kokavec, M. Yazici
M. Cassiano Neves
Scientific Committee: F. Hefti
Historian: N. de Sanctis
EPOS News: P. Dungl
JPOB: H. Bensahel
Education: F. Grill
Article I
DENOMINATION
Cette organisation, fondée à Paris le 31 janvier 1982 sera dénommée European Pediatric Orthopaedic Society (Société Européenne d’Orthopédie Pédiatrique).

Article II
OBJECTIFS
Les objectifs de cette société concernent l’avancement de l’Orthopédie Pédiatrique dans tous ses domaines et notamment dans celui de la pratique quotidienne, la recherche scientifique et l’enseignement des affections de l’appareil locomoteur durant la croissance.
ne, ainsi que la formation théorique et techniques d’équipes médicales spécialisées.

Article III
MEMBRES
Section 1 – Classes:
5 classes de membres seront créées, à savoir: actifs (ou titulaire), associés, honoraires, d’honneur et correspondants.

Section 2 – Qualification:
Tous les membres doivent avoir reçu une formation complète en orthopédie pédiatrique, faire de cette spécialité leur discipline essentielle sinon exclusive. De plus, tous les membres doivent répondre à une éthique professionnelle rigoureuse ainsi qu’à une bonne moralité.

a) Membres actifs (ou titulaires): Ils sont choisis par cooptation et invitation et doivent obligatoirement exercer et résider dans l’un des pays européens. Ils doivent être connus pour leur contribution régulière à l’orthopédie pédiatrique dans les domaines technique, de recherche, ou d’enseignement selon décision du Bureau (Conseil d’Administration). Leur candidature sera soutenue par 2 parrains.

b) Membres associés: Ils doivent avoir achevé leur formation d’orthopédiste pédiatre et avoir exercé durant 2 années au moins en secteur hospitalier public ou privé après l’obtention de leur diplôme. Leur candidature sera soutenue par écrit et sera parainnée par 2 membres titulaires.

Section 3 Election et Nomination:

Seuls les membres à jour de leur cotisation pourront participer aux différents votes. Ils recevront gratuitement les publications de la Société.

Article IV
BUREAU
Section 1 Le bureau est composé:

- d’un vice-président qui remplace le président en toutes manifestations. Il est également élu pour 2 ans dans les mêmes conditions que le président et a suivi son mandat automatiquement.


- d’un trésorier qui perçoit toutes les cotisations et recettes de la société et en assure les dépenses. Il tient à jour les comptes de la Société et de chaque membre. Il présente un rapport annuel...
Général, du Trésorier ainsi que toutes communications dans l'intérêt général de la Société. Les dates et lieux des futurs congrès seront annoncés ainsi que les sujets choisis et il sera procédé aux votes pour le renouvellement des mandats au Bureau et les votes concernant les nouveaux membres titulaires associés, honoraires, d'honneur, et correspondants. D'éventuelles exclusions de membres dûment motivées seront débattues au cours de cette session. Enfin, toute question pourra être proposée au moins par 10 membres titulaires et déposée un jour au moins avant le début du congrès. Les membres présents augmentés des mandats constitueraient le quorum pour toutes décisions à prendre au jour de l'Assemblée Générale.

Section 3 - Comité de lecture: Si une revue scientifique est élaborée par la Société Européenne d'Orthopédie Pédiatricka, elle sera gérée par un Comité de Lecture nommé par le Bureau Exécutif. Il comprendra au moins sept membres choisis par les membres titulaires. Ce comité élira un directeur et siégera durant 4 ans. Ce Comité sera également responsable de toute publication de la Société.

Article IV
COTisations
L'année fiscale de la Société débutera le 1er janvier. Les cotisations de toutes classes de membres seront dues à cette date. Les modifications de cotisations seront votées au jour des Assemblées Générales à la majorité simple sur recommandation du Bureau. Tout membre qui ne se sera pas acquitté de sa cotisation deux années consécutives sera considéré démissionnaire et ne recevra plus d'informations de la Société.

Article VII
FONDS
Les fonds de la Société proviennent des cotisations et des inscriptions aux congrès ainsi que d'éventuels legs ou dons ou subventions d'organismes représentatifs. La Société n'ayant pas de revenus propres est réputée être sans but lucratif.

Article VIII
LANGUES OFFICIELLES
Les langues officielles durant toutes manifestations seront l'Anglais et le Français.
Article 1
NAME

The name of the Society (which was founded at the Hopital Bretonneau on March 13th 1982) shall be the “European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society” (Société Européenne d’Orthopédie Pédiastrique), abbreviated to EPOS.

Article 2

The objective of the Society shall be the advancement of Paediatric Orthopaedics in all its aspects, particularly in the fields of clinical practice, scientific research and the teaching of those conditions which affect the locomotor system during growth. The Society is dedicated to enhancing the care of children.
MEMBERSHIP

Section I - Qualifications

After qualifying in the generality of orthopaedic surgery members should have spent an additional period of at least 6 months in specialized children’s orthopaedic training. Those who have made significant contributions to the development of the speciality may also be considered for membership.

Before applying for membership the prospective member should have attended at least two EPOS meetings. He should either have published a paediatric paper in a peer reviewed journal or presented a paper at an EPOS meeting. Presentation may be either from the podium or as a poster.

Section II - Classes of Membership

Membership of EPOS is a privilege and continued membership is dependent upon high professional standards and a commitment to continuing education. There should be four classes of membership: active membership, emeritus membership, corresponding membership and honorary membership.

a) Active Membership

The Executive Committee should be satisfied that members contribute to children’s orthopaedic surgery in clinical, research or teaching fields.

Members must reside and work in the larger European Community which in this context includes those countries which border the Mediterranean.

Election to membership is subject to approval by the General Assembly. Each active member has full voting rights at the General Assembly. Active Members will pay normal membership dues.

b) Corresponding Membership

Paediatric orthopaedic surgeons residing outside Europe may request admission to the Society. They should have made significant contributions to paediatric orthopaedics. Corresponding members will pay the normal membership dues and are entitled to vote. They are not, however, eligible for Board election.

c) Emeritus Membership

At the age of 65 years Active and Corresponding members are eligible for emeritus status. A member may request transfer to emeritus status following retirement or ill health. Emeritus members will pay no membership dues but will continue to receive Society information. They have no vote and are not eligible for Board election.

d) Honorary Membership

Members may be elected by the General Assembly. Recommendations for Honorary membership should be made to the Executive Committee.

Five co-signatories should support Honorary Membership. Honorary members will be chosen from active, corresponding or emeritus members of International status who have given distinguished service to the Society. They will be excused from paying membership dues. They are entitled to vote at the General Assembly.

Section III - Nominations for Active and Corresponding Membership

EPOS Requirements to enter as a member of EPOS:

Applicants members need to spend at least 50% of their time in children’s orthopaedic practice.

They need to attend at least two meetings of EPOS prior to applying for membership. They need either to have published a children’s paper in a peer reviewed journal or presented a paper at an EPOS meeting. To maintain membership, members need to attend at least 3 meetings every 5 years. Members need to have spent 3 years in independent practice after completing their Specialist Training. Applications for membership should be submitted to the General Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee. Each letter of application should be accompanied by a Curriculum Vitae and a list of publications in Paediatric Orthopaedics.

Each applicant needs two sponsors, one of whom should be a fellow National and the second, an active or corresponding member from another country. One sponsor must be an active member. Applications for membership should be received by the General Secretary by the end of September of the year prior to the year of application.
consideration by the Executive Committee and approval at the Annual General meeting of EPOS in Spring.

Section IV - Continuing Membership.
Mandate of EPOS carries responsibilities as well as privileges.
Any member absent for a third successive meeting who has not notified the Secretary General with adequate excuse will have his membership terminated.
Any member who fails to pay his dues for two consecutive years will have his membership terminated.

Article 4
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Section I - General Powers
The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Executive Committee.

Section II - Executive Members
The Executive Committee shall consist of eleven elected members and shall be composed of the Officers of the Society and five elected Counsellors.
The Officers of Society shall be the President, the Vice President, the Second Vice President, the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.

a) The President, the Vice President and the Past President
From 2003 the President shall be elected for a one year Term of Office. The President shall be elected two years before his term of office by a majority of the General Assembly. Following election as President Elect he shall serve as Second Vice President for one year, Vice President for one year, President for one year and Past President for one year. If the President be absent the Vice President shall act for him.

b) The Secretary General
He shall be elected by a majority of the General Assembly. He should be elected one year prior to taking up office. In this proleptic year he may attend as an observer at the Council Meeting immediately prior to his appointment.

The Secretary General's term of Office shall be for a minimum of 3 years but may be extended for one further year at the wish of the General Assembly. The Secretary General shall be responsible for preparation of the minutes of the Committee meetings and minutes of the Society meetings. He shall receive all applications for membership and present them for consideration to the Executive Committee. He shall keep a register of members.

c) The Treasurer
He shall be elected by a majority of the General Assembly. He should be elected one year prior to taking up Office. In this proleptic year he may attend as an observer at the Council Meeting immediately prior to his appointment.
The Treasurer's term of Office shall be for a minimum of 3 years with the possibility of renewal for one further year subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

The Treasurer shall receive all dues and income on behalf of the Society and publish an annual financial report. The financial report shall be approved by the Society's Auditor before the Annual Congress.

d) Counsellors
Each of the five Counsellors shall be elected by a majority of the General Assembly. Each should be elected for a 3-year period. Each Counsellor shall be elected for 3 years. Each Counsellor will be allotted specific responsibilities to include representation upon and co-ordination of the following Committees: the Scientific Committee, the Reading Committee, the Education Committee, the Publications Committee, the Finance Committee and such other Committees as may be formed. Each Counsellor should represent the interests of the younger EPOS surgeons: this Counsellor will be under 40 years of age at the time of election. While re-election to the Executive is possible, candidates may only be reconsidered when they have been off the Board for at least one year.

e) The Historian
The Historian of EPOS shall be invited to attend the Executive Committee Meetings. He has no voting rights.

f) Journal of Paediatric Orthopaedics
The Editor in Chief of the JPO – B (European issue) shall serve on the Executive Committee as scientific advisor. He has no voting rights.
The Executive Committee may similarly nominate an individual either as Officer or as Counsellor but this nomination shall be considered with other nominations by the General Assembly. Elections will be staggered to ensure Officers and Counsellors retire in succession.

Section IV – Vacancies

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation or other inability to act may be filled by the Executive Committee. The nominee will serve until the next Annual Meeting when a fresh election will take place.

Section V – Functions

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general administration and finances of the Society. It shall be responsible for the sub-committees all of which are answerable to the Executive Committee. It shall submit to members of the General Assembly the place, date and programme for the Annual Congress. It shall nominate the Scientific Committee for each Congress. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice each year. One meeting will be held in association with the Annual Congress. The second meeting shall be held in October or November in the country of conveniences. The Executive Committee carries a responsibility for ensuring EPOS members maintain ethical standards and are dedicated to the pursuit of optimal care for their patients. The Executive Committee may expel from membership any member who fails to satisfy the professional standards of his own National Society, who fails to attend meetings at least once every three years or who fails to settle dues.

Section VI – Annual Congress

The Congress shall be held in a different European country each year. It may be held in any City sufficiently large to be readily accessible by the usual means of transport. The Executive Committee shall appoint a member or group of members from the host country to be responsible for organising the Annual Congress. Two years prior to the meeting the host organisers shall present to the Executive Committee their plan and the financial arrangements for the meeting. Scientific presentations for the Congress will be selected by the Reading Committee. Organization of the meeting, nomination of appropriate Chairmen, audio-visual and meeting requirements and all recreational activities shall be the responsibility of the host member supported by the designated Counsellor. Members may bring guests to the Annual Congress subject to the limitation of accommodation and to the payment of appropriate dues.

Section VII – Auditor

An auditor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The auditor shall ensure that the Society’s affairs have been managed with probity. The appointment of the auditor may be renewed or replaced at the Committee’s discretion.

Section VIII – Committees

Standing Committees for EPOS shall include the Membership Committee, the International Relations Committee, the Education Committee, the Communications Committee, the Statutes Committee, the Scientific Committee, and the Reading Committee. Chairmen of the Scientific and Reading Committees shall be asked to attend the Executive Committee. Unless they are elected Council members they shall have no voting rights. Other attenders at the Executive Committee.

From time to time others may be asked to serve particular roles on the Executive Committee. Such advisers shall have no voting rights.

Section III – Election of Officers and Counsellors.

Nominations for all Officers and Counsellors should reach the Secretary General before the end of September of each year. Nominations for the post of President, Secretary General and Treasurer should be supported by five Active or Corresponding Members from five different countries. The approval of the applicant for the post must have been obtained before submission. Nominations for Counsellors should similarly be supported by five Active or corresponding members but from at least two different countries. The nominees shall confirm willingness to be considered.

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The approval of two-thirds of the General Assembly is necessary to allow Statute modifications.

Section IV

Active, Corresponding and Honorary Members may vote in the General Assembly. Emeritus members have no vote.

Article 6

ACTIVITIES

The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting. The Society shall foster common research projects to include multi-centre trials, collaborative research ventures and training opportunities for young surgeons. The Annual Congress may be organised in cooperation with other International Societies of Paediatric Orthopaedics but these should occur no more frequently than on alternate years. The conditions and financial arrangements for such combined meetings shall be negotiated with the appropriate Society.

The Society shall contribute to the speciality day at each EFORT meeting. The organisation of this speciality day shall be the responsibility of a selected member of the EFORT Council, an elected member of EPOS Council and a member of the Scientific Committee.

Where National and International Paediatric Orthopaedic Meetings take place the Society may consider offering recognition and support provided each meeting meets stringent academic and institutional requirements. In general, the Society will not financially support such meetings.

Alliances may be contracted with other Societies of Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons. A formal protocol of agreement should be drawn up detailing the conditions of the alliance. This protocol of agreement shall be considered by the General Assembly.

Article 7

DUES

The fiscal year for the Society will begin on 1st January. Dues for all classes of member shall fall due on this date. Changes in dues shall be recommended by the Treasurer, considered by each Committee, and approved by the General Assembly.
the Executive Committee and confirmed by simple majority at the General Assembly. Any member who has not paid his dues for two consecutive years shall be considered to have resigned and will not receive further information from the Society.

A registration fee shall be levied for each Annual Meeting. All fees and dues shall be paid in Euros.

**Article 8**

**FUNDS**

The funds of the Society shall derive from annual dues and from any surplus from the Annual Meeting together with such legacies or gifts as may be offered from individuals or representative organisations. The Society is considered a non-profit making organisation.

**Article 9**

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

The official language for all activities of the Society shall be English.
MEMORIES

All the Presidents men and women

“Chateau Ferrieres” Closing Reception and dinner

11th meeting in Jerusalem (Israel)

Lake Kinereth (Genezareth)

1St Seminar Bologna 1987

Alain, Viktor, Jan, Klaus & Jorgen

Andrè Kaelin, Peter Witherow, Joergen Reimers,

Viktor Bialik, Henri Bensahel and Alain Dimeglio

Waiting for Epos cake in Sara and Viktor’s home in Haifa

11th meeting in Jerusalem (Israel) Sara & Wibeke

Dinner in St. George Lycarettus: Anne & Piet Moll, Helen & John Dimitriou,

Elisabeth & Lutz Jani

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Kaya and Sidney Wilkes, Edie Peruah

All the Presidents men and women
Soini Ryoppy, Andrè Kaelin, Fabiola de Sanctis, Wlady Lokietewk, Catherine, Edel and Bibi

Gala Dinner in Heidelberger Schlob Castellan, “Prime minister” Viktor and “King” Klaus

Prof. I.Wosko, Father of Paediatric Orthopaedics in Poland, University of Lubin in Kazimierz

MEMORIES


5 men sitting on a bench, Colin, Viktor, Tony, Aain, Andrè

Ladies on board: Margret, Bibi, Wibeke, Sara e Edel Gala Dinner in Oporto: la ronda italiana

Dancing in Oporto

Catherine, Edel and Bibi

Sonny Ragpppy, André Kaslin, Fabiola de Sanctis, Wlady Lokietewk

5 men sitting on a bench, Colin, Viktor, Tony, Aain, Andrè

Gala & John, April 16, 1999

Prof. J. Wosko, Father of Paediatric Orthopaedics in Poland, University of Lubin in Kazimierz

Official dance in the Ambassador

Gala Dinner in Heidelberg, “Prime minister” Viktor and “King” Klaus

Montpellier Gig l’amoroso

Dancing in Oporto
2nd Epos Seminar Stuttgart: Gerard Bollini & Erica Lamprecht

10th Epos meeting Paris April 11th - 13th 1991 Chateau-Perrinres closing reception and dinner

Dresden all the Presidents

Dresden Peter Gunther and Canaletto

Dresden gala dinner, Klaus and Nando presenting the Epos history

G. Bollini, O. Arnonorn, P. Dungl, S. Medbris

3rd Epos Seminar Stuttgart: Kalm Saepey, Premling Klaic, Herb Benaccher

16th Epos meeting Fritz Hefti

23rd Epos meeting in Geneva Ernesto Ippolito

23rd Epos meeting in Geneva Ludwig Rums

Dresden welcome cocktail
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The presidents speaking at gala dinner
The opening ceremony Rudiger Krauspe

Ladies and president at the gala dinner
Gerard and Shlomo transfer presidency

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