Welcome to a new look newsletter from the ESPR section for Circulation, Oxygen Transport & Haematology.

The third meeting of the EAPS in Istanbul was a great success with over 100 abstracts relating to the section received, three parallel sessions including one on haematology and a packed out hall for the controversies in circulatory support session.

At the section business meeting, Martin Wolf stood down after seven years as section council member and we welcomed Willem de Boode from the Netherlands as the new section council member. With his interest and experience in neonatal cardiology I am sure he will be a great asset to the ESPR.

From Istanbul to Porto   Thoughts now move to the 54th ESPR meeting in Porto next October. As well as encouraging people to submit abstracts we will oversee two parallel sessions – suggestions so far for topics include the transitional circulation and delayed cord clamping. More suggestions on topics and potential keynote speakers welcome!

We are also planning a preconference course on the Neonatal Circulation, organised by Willem de Boode. This should be of interest to anyone undertaking research in this area.

Following the success of previous workshops in Hamburg and Newcastle, we also will be organising similar ‘early morning’ workshops during the conference in Porto.

Contact us if you have any suggestions for these workshops.

Developing the section

We are keen to create a ‘European voice’ for people interested in this area of research. Suggestions included developing a quarterly newsletter (this one being the first), creating a circulation section on the ESPR website (www.espr.info) for members only and exploring the possibility of a summer or winter ‘circulation workshop’ separate from the autumn conference. Watch this space for developments!

Contact us if you wish to be added to the ‘Circulation’ members list and make sure your subscription to the ESPR is up to date!

And Finally…

Eat more chocolate: read this article in the NEJM relating chocolate consumption and Nobel prizes: http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMon1211064

European Studies Underway

Three major European studies have begun to study aspects of the neonatal circulation and oxygenation:

A study into the safety and efficacy of dobutamine for the treatment of circulatory failure in the first two days after birth: www.neocirculation.eu

The aim of the HIP Trial is to develop an effective treatment of hypotension in the extremely low gestational age newborn.

www.hip-trial.com

A phase II feasibility randomised clinical trial on near-infrared spectroscopy monitoring combined with a treatment guideline in premature infants.

Do you have news on studies, courses, conferences? Contact us and we will include it in the next newsletter.

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