

MINUTES
EPOS- National Societies Meeting
'Meet with EPOS Leadership'
Tel Aviv 4 April 2019
13:00 pm– 14:00 pm

<p>Participants:</p>	<p>Jaroslaw Czubak (EPOS Past President) – Poland Elke Viehweger (EPOS Secretary General)- France Antonio Andreacchio (EPOS Vice President) – representing Italy Pierre Journeau (EPOS Treasurer) – France Stefan Huhnstock (EPOS Junior Councillor)- representing Norway Hakan Omeroglu (EPOS Past Councillor) - Turkey</p> <p>National Delegates</p> <p>Czech Republic - Monika frydrychova Israel - Sharon Eylon Netherlands - Melinda Witbreuk Turkey - Hilmi Murati France - Jean Luc Jouve Belgium - Robert Elbaum & Frank Plasschaert UK - Tim Theologis Brasil- Patricia Fucs Poland- Barbara Jasiewicz Croatia – Darko Anticevic</p>
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The meeting EPOS-National Societies took place on 4 April 2019, in Tel Aviv, during the 38th EPOS Annual Meeting.

The meeting invitation was sent to 34 National Societies. Along with this invitation, the Societies attending the meeting had also the possibility to prepare a poster presentation.

The poster could include some or all of the following information:

- Society's foundation year
- List of Presidents
- Members of EPOS from your Country
- Members who served in EPOS as President, Treasurer ect.
- Pictures

The meeting invitation was successfully accepted by 12 National Societies, few of them were represented by the Executive Committee Members (such as Norway, Italy, Croatia).

The meeting was set up in a round table discussion, where the presented delegates discussed shortly the development of the pediatric orthopedics in their respective countries.

Israel

There is a high number of Israelis doctors within EPOS. One of the main concern is and remain the engagement of the young generation in the pediatric orthopedics. An eventual solution could be the increase of education activities.

Netherlands

Within EPOS there are almost 70 members from Netherlands, and one young fellow was selected by the EPOS Executive Committee to participate at the 2019 EPOS-POSNA travelling fellowship. The young generation should be more involved as Chairmen/women on the scientific sessions held during the Annual meetings.

Poland

The Polish Pediatric Society is relatively a small Society, with almost 120 members. There is a high polish representative within EPOS. Also, the polish representative emphasized the need for continuous education for the young generation.

Brazil

The Brazilian Orthopaedic Paediatric Society has almost 500 members, and the challenges that is currently facing are in common with all the other Societies, such as: less involvement of the young generation, accessibility in the scientific libraries is very expensive, very low reimbursement from the national system. An eventual solution on how to engage the young generation and to increase the membership is advocacy and continuous education.

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UK

There is a low representative of the British doctors within EPOS. The process to become an EPOS member is very long and rather complex.

Turkey

The Turkish Society is relatively a small Society and has approx. 150 members and is facing the same problems as all the other Societies and proposes the development of more education activities and more fellowship programs for young residents.

Czech Republic

There are almost 55 members, 10 are EPOS members and there is a need to perform more education programs, such as fellowship, which will also indirectly affect the enhancement of membership.

Belgium

There are not many pediatric surgeons. The Society is facing the difficulty of the language barrier, however is still holding meetings in English. The Pediatric National Societies are too small, and it would be a good idea to develop a conglomerate, which could help better in finding better solution to all these challenges.

Croatia

It is a very small Society, it has 150 members and 15 are pediatrics. Last year, the Annual meeting it was a joined meeting with Slovenia.

The participants agreed that the main concern is how to engage the young generation within the pediatric orthopedic societies and possible solutions can be found on continuous education, enhancement of the education activities and on health advocacy.

Closure of the meeting: 14:00 pm

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