Dear Colleagues,

At last the details of the long-awaited Franco-British meeting are formally announced!

- The meeting will start at 2pm on Thursday 1st December and run until lunchtime on Saturday 3rd December. The programme can be downloaded [here](#).
- The venue is the Institut Imagine, adjacent to the Necker (Hôpital Universitaire, Necker-Enfants malade, 24 Bd du Montparnasse, Paris).
- Registration fees will be 80€ for consultants until 1st November and 120€ after that, inclusive of the cost of a Friday evening gala dinner. For juniors the corresponding registration fees will be 30€/40€. Details of on-line booking will be announced soon.
- Accommodation will be booked individually but I will include a list of nearby hotels in August or September’s eNews.
- There are opportunities for around 20 short oral communications and there will also be posters. The call for abstracts can be downloaded [here](#). Both consultants and trainees may submit abstracts. Please think what you can submit. Deadline is 1 October 2016.
- We are particularly keen to encourage trainees to attend. There are plans for a separate event for French and British trainees on the Thursday evening. There are also likely to be bursaries available to support travel and accommodation costs for trainees.

For those booking early, travel should be no more expensive than to Birmingham - Eurostar fares from London are currently £58 return and flights from Manchester start at £89 return.

For those planning on going to IPNA, Heather Maxwell would be glad of support in helping to man a stall promoting ESPN 2017. Please can you email her (Heather.Maxwell@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) if you are willing to help out for a few hours.

This year’s Challenges in Paediatric Transplantation will be held in Birmingham on 24-25 November. More details in future eNews bulletins.

Congratulations go to newly appointed consultants - Hitesh Prajapati in Leeds and Chia Wei in Newcastle.

With best wishes,

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**BAPN AGM**

Draft minutes of the AGM can be accessed [here](#).

**BAPN website**

Vincent Tse has made some exciting changes to the BAPN website. If you haven't visited it recently, take a look at the changes. He is keen to have feedback so please email him (Vincent.Tse@nuth.nhs.uk) with any other development suggestions you have.
BAPN lead for Paediatric Care On-line

There is an exciting opportunity to get involved in nephrology guidance for general paediatricians and GPs: the RCPCH are looking for a nephrology PCO UK Lead to facilitate participation from the BAPN in the continued development of PCO. If you are interested in this role, please let me know by Friday 14 July. If you want any more information about PCO, Jan Dudley (Jan.Dudley@UHBristol.nhs.uk) was involved in its initial set-up.

Consultant posts

There are consultant posts in Manchester and Birmingham. More details for the Manchester post on the BMJ jobs website. Closing date is 6 July. Details for the Birmingham Job are also on the BMJ jobs website. Closing date is 17th July.

ACC and START update

There are currently 19 nephrology consultants registered with RCPCH for AAC panels, that is representing the RCPCH as an external advisor to the appointments and advisory committee for new consultant posts. If you have any queries or are interested in training for AAC, please contact Shilpa Shah (aac@rcpch.ac.uk). The next AAC training day is on Thursday 10 November. Please contact Kay Tyerman CSAC Chair if you are available for AAC panels, so that she can ensure list is kept up to date.

We need more nephrologists to be trained START assessors. Ideally each centre should have a START assessor to ensure we can deliver START for our nephrology trainees. Our 2 current assessors feel they have gained valuable insight into this formative assessment that helps them prepare both general paediatric and nephrology trainees. If you are interested please contact David Lay (START@rcpch.ac.uk).

NICE FAD appeal on transplant immunosuppression

The appeal has been upheld on the basis of lack of clarity about scope. The document has been sent back to the appraisal committee. There is no ground for appeal on the basis of de novo immunosuppression choice and information received on individual unit practice will inform this. David Hughes has emailed all unit leads to share this information and we hope it might feed into this year’s Challenges in Paediatric Transplantation meeting.

aHUS issues.

You may well already be aware of these recent developments about a national aHUS service:

**Expert Centre for aHus**

NHS England have announced that Newcastle will provide the Expert Centre for aHUS (https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/05/kidney-condition-ahus/) from the 1st June 2016. This will be led by David Kavanagh, Neil Sheerin and Sally Johnson; Tim Goodship is due to retire in July. David, Sally and Neil will contact you to provide further information about the Expert Centre.

**Withdrawal study**

NIHR have, following a preliminary application, invited Newcastle to submit a full application to the HTA programme for a study examining withdrawal of eculizumab in aHUS. We hope to hear the final outcome by the end of the year. Neil Sheerin is leading this and will contact you once the outcome is known.

Trainee issues

**Grid training days**

Next trainee days to be held in Newcastle on 7 - 8 July 2016. If you know of any SPIN, GRID or other trainees who are interested in attending please contact Louise Oni (Trainee Rep) on louise.oni@liverpool.ac.uk

**Third ESPN/IPNA Master for Junior Classes**

The Third ESPN/IPNA Master for Junior Classes will be held in Leuven, Belgium, on 28-30 October, 2016. The scientific program is available on the ESPN website. Up to 50 applications are accepted. Send your short CV (birthday mandatory) to Prof Rezan Topaloglu (rezantopaloglu@hacettepe.edu.tr) or Dr Ana Teixeira (ana.teixeira@gmail.com). Deadline for applications is 15 July.

Franco-British meeting

Please consider coming to this meeting. It will be a real opportunity to meet trainees from France and hear about their training and experience. There are plans for a travel bursary for all trainees who are willing to submit an abstract.
**ESPN/IPNA issues**

**Survey on attitudes towards transplantation in hereditary nephropathies**

Carsten Bergmann and Martin Konrad are keen to have a wide response to this survey of your views and your centre's experience. Please can you try to ensure there is at least one response from your centre. The survey can be accessed [here](#). The questionnaire is anonymous (unless you want to disclose your identity).

**NICE issues**

**Accreditation workshop**

NICE are hosting an accreditation workshop on Thursday 21 July 2016, at their London offices. There are only a few remaining places, so if you are interested in attending this free course please contact Jeremy Shaw at accreditation@nice.org.uk as soon as possible. The workshops are designed to help guidance producers assess their readiness to apply for NICE accreditation. They are free to attend and provide:

- An overview of the accreditation process
- What we look for in a submission
- An overview of accreditation decision made so far
- Open discussion where you will able to ask any questions you may have about accreditation.

**NICE Transition from children's to adults' services quality standard**

The consultation for this quality standard will run from Monday 25 July 2016 to Monday 22 August 2016. Further details will be emailed nearer the time. For any further information on the quality standard or the quality standards programme in general please see the links below:

- Transition from Children's to adult's services
- Quality standards programme

**Future Meetings**

**IPNA 20-24 September 2016**

Iguazu, Brazil. Early bird registration deadline expires on 15 July, 2015. Links to registrations and booking for housing, travel and tours are now fully operational with detailed information. If you are planning to go, please let Heather Maxwell know, who would be glad of some support in manning a booth for ESPN 2017. The congress website is updated daily.

**Challenges in Paediatric Transplantation 24-25 November 2016**

This year's meeting is to be held in Birmingham. Please save the date. More details to follow.

**Franco-British meeting 1-3 December 2016**

Programme can be downloaded [here](#) and the call for abstracts downloaded [here](#). Please see above for more information on travel and accommodation.

**British Society for the History of Paediatrics and Child Health 2-3 September 2016**
For those interested in paediatric history, the next meeting is at the Maritime Campus of the University of Greenwich. BSHPCH non-members are welcome. For more details, please contact Penny Dossetor (penndoss@btinternet.com). Any paediatric nephrology history would be gratefully received for ESPN next year (see below).

Frontiers in Transplantation: 8-9 September 2016
This two-day course will cover recent developments in basic transplantation immunology alongside the latest cutting-edge clinical research, with an emphasis on the 'bench-to-bedside' strategies. It will be held at Guy's Hospital and costs £200 for external delegates. More information on the attached flyer.

9th UK dialysis conference 29-30 September 2016
To be held at the Lowry Hotel, Manchester. More information on the attached flyer.

ESPN 7-9 September 2017
As part of ESPN's 50th birthday celebrations, there are plans to produce something that will commemorate the last 50 years of developments in paediatric nephrology in Europe. If you are a retired member and willing to share memories of the early years of the ESPN, we would like to hear them and perhaps take a short video clip sharing them. Please can you email Heather Maxwell (Heather.Maxwell@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) or Yinchent Tse (Yinchent.Tse@nuth.nhs.uk) if you are willing to be involved or if you have any historical material such as programmes or photos from old meetings. If you are interested.

If you have any ideas or would like to include an article or event in eNews, please contact the Renal Association/BAPN Secretariat on 0870 458 4155 or BAPN@mci-group.com.