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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY

Dear ESRS Members,

In this short intermediate version of the ESRS newsletter please find the call for nominations to the ESRS Board and Scientific Committee.

It is important for the life of the society that you consider carefully nominations of members to these important positions. Please remind that only full ESRS members can propose nominations, and that the nominees should also agree in writing to be nominated. The deadline to receive nominations is August 19, 2012.

We warmly thank you to participate in the development of ESRS by nominating the colleagues that you think best suited for the successful future of our society!

Sincerely yours,

Claudio Bassetti      Philippe Peigneux
ESRS President      ESRS Secretary
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE ESRS BOARD AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

In the course of the upcoming Business Meeting at the ESRS congress in Paris, 4 - 8 September, new members for the Board and the Scientific Committee will need to be elected.

Nominations to the ESRS Board

According to the bylaws, members of the ESRS Board are elected for a period of two years, and only one additional two-year renewal in a particular position is possible, to the exception of the Treasurer position that can be renewed without limitation. Four of the six current ESRS Board members (that is, the President, the Vice-President Clinical, the Treasurer and the Secretary) were re-elected in 2010, while the Vice-President Basic and the Assistant Secretary were newly elected. In addition, since 2006 a representative of the ANSS is a regular member to the Board as an ex officio member.

Hence, the following positions must be filled in any case:

The President
The Vice-President Clinical
The Secretary

The Board asks you to become active, to meet and discuss with your colleagues and help to ensure the development of the ESRS by nominating colleagues best suited for the successful future of our society. The Board is looking forward to receiving nominations from the membership no later than August 19, 2012. Publication of the list of the candidates will be included in the newsletter distributed one week prior the Business Meeting at the Paris congress.

All ESRS members are invited to nominate candidates for the Board positions according to the following rules established by the bylaws:

- both the proposer and the candidate must be regular ESRS members
- he/she should have his/her residence in a European country or in Israel
- re-election after a 2 two-year terms (i.e. after 4 years) in a particular position is not possible, except for the Treasurer.

Any nominations for the Board should include a short accompanying letter specifying:

- name, title, position, institute, department, nationality, address, phone, fax, and email of the nominated candidate
- name and affiliation of the nominator
- expertise (basic animal, basic human, or human clinical) and field(s) of interest (2-5 key words) of the candidate
previous activities of the candidate in the ESRS
acceptance in writing that the candidate agrees to be nominated (an acceptance email from the candidate to the secretary is valid)
a statement for which position of the Board the person is being nominated
a short curriculum with information relevant for the particular position in the ESRS Board.

This information will be published in the early September ESRS newsletter.

Your proposal should be received by the secretary of the ESRS, Philippe Peigneux (secretary@esrs.eu), no later than **August 19, 2012**. We encourage you to send any nominations by email and, in order to ensure its reception, request a confirmation. Note that no further nominations shall be accepted after that date.

**Nominations to the Scientific Committee**
The composition of the present Scientific Committee is:

Colin Espie (Clinical) since 2008, renewed 2010  
Paul Franken (Basic Animal) since 2008, renewed 2010  
Thomas Penzel (Basic Human) since 2008, renewed 2010  
Christelle Peyron (Basic Animal) since 2008, renewed 2010  
Joan Santamaria (Clinical) since 2008, renewed 2010  
Sophie Schwartz (Basic Human) since 2010  
Alex Iranzo (Clinical) since 2010  
Rafaelle Manni (Clinical) since 2010  
Simon Archer (Basic Human) since 2010

The members of the Scientific Committee are elected for 2 years and can be re-elected for an additional two-year term. Thus, we need to elect 5 new members of the Scientific Committee during the upcoming business Meeting in September 2012, whereas 4 members can be re-elected.

The main task of the Scientific Committee is to help the Board with the scientific organization of the ESRS congresses. In practice, this means that the Scientific Committee advises the Board on selection of the symposia, and on selection of the poster and oral presentations after reviewing the submitted abstracts. Note that since sleep is a very broad field, it is necessary that the Scientific Committee represents a wide range of expertise covering all main areas of sleep research and sleep medicine. Being a member of the Scientific Committee is not a small task. The selection of abstracts and assessment of symposia, in particular, constitutes a major task that requires hard work under time pressure.

Nominations for the Scientific Committee should include:

- name, title, position, institute, department, nationality, address, phone, fax and email of the candidate
- name and affiliation of the nominator
- expertise (basic animal, basic human or human clinical) and field of interest (2-5 key words) of the candidate
- acceptance, in writing, that the candidate agrees to be nominated.
Your proposal should be received by the secretary of the ESRS, Philippe Peigneux (secretary@esrs.eu), no later than August 19, 2012. We encourage you to send any nominations by email and, in order to ensure its reception, request a confirmation. Note that no further nominations shall be accepted after that date.
ESRS EVENTS

21st Congress of the European Sleep Research Society
Date: September 4 - 8, 2012
Venue: Paris, France
Website: www.congrex.ch/esrs2012

To download the Preliminary Programme as an E-Book please click here.

Sleep and Breathing
Date: April 11 - 13, 2013
Venue: Berlin, Germany
Website: www.sleepandbreathing.org/
Flyer www.esrs.eu/...postcard_concept_v7.pdf

2nd international conference organised by the ERS/ESRS
TRAINING & COURSES

International Sleep Medicine Course (ISMC)
Date: September 23 - 27, 2012
Venue: Cambridge, United Kingdom
Registration Booklet: www.sleeping.org.uk...website.pdf

2nd Alpine Sleep Summer School
Date: August 26 - 30, 2013
Venue: Ljubljana, Slovenia
General Information: www.sleep-summer-school.ch/
Organizing Committee:
Claudio L. Bassetti (Chair), Luigi-Ferini Strambi, Patrick Levy, Thomas Pollmächer (Co-chairs)
Local Organizing Committee:
Leja Dolenc-Groelj (Chair)
EVENTS OF AFFILIATED NATIONAL SLEEP SOCIETIES

International Symposium on Sleep Disorders and 28th Dr. Janez Faganel Memorial Lecture
Date: October 5 –6, 2012
Venue: Ljubljana, Slovenia
Website: www.kclj.si/ikn/DEJA/FAGA/F12_OS/F12.htm
Organized by the Slovenian Sleep Society

National Congress of the Italian Association of Sleep Medicine (AIMS)
Date: October 21 –24, 2012
Venue: Parma, Italy
Flyer: www.sonnomed.it/
For detailed information please contact: elisabetta@avenuemedia.eu or marketing@avenuemedia.eu.
FUTURE MEETINGS

International Congress on Chronobiology
Date: October 3 – 7, 2012
Venue: Delhi, India
Website: www.icc-2012.com/

Sleep Congress 2012: The Brain, The Mind and Sleep
Date: November 8 – 11, 2012
Venue: Durban, South Africa
Website: www.sleepcongress.co.za/
Organized by the South African Society of Sleep Medicine (SASSM)

Seventh Annual Pediatric Sleep Medicine Conference
Date: November 8 – 10, 2013
Venue: Amelia Island, Florida, U.S.A.
Website: www.pedsleepmedconference.com/conference
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