

Prof Neil Marlow joins Executive Board of EFCNI

PD Dr Mathias Keller steps down from his position

Munich, 24 February 2015 - The EFCNI Trustee Board has the honour to announce the appointment of Neil Marlow, Professor of Neonatal Medicine at University College London, as a new member of the EFCNI Executive Board, following the resignation of PD Dr Matthias Keller, who stepped down from this position for family reasons end of 2014.

The EFCNI boards very much regret Dr Keller's departure from the Executive Board, but fully understand the personal reasons that led to his decision. 'We are very grateful for the tremendous contributions he has made as co-founder of EFCNI to newborn health in Europe and are happy that Dr Keller will remain closely connected to the foundation, continuing his function as member of the Board of Trustees. We are fortunate and delighted to welcome to the Executive Board Prof Marlow who is internationally renowned for both, his research and his clinical work,' said Jürgen Popp, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

As member of the Executive Board, Prof Marlow will work alongside Silke Mader and Nicole Thiele. 'We are happy to have found in Prof Marlow a new board member for EFCNI who has been working with the foundation for a long period of time. Prof Marlow has always strongly supported EFCNI. As member of the Scientific Advisory Board he knows EFCNI well and has been closely involved in many of the foundation's projects and events,' added Silke Mader, Chairwoman of the Executive Board.

Neil Marlow is Professor of Neonatal Medicine at University College London. He was Professor of Neonatal Medicine at the University of Nottingham from 1998-2008. He is the chief investigator of the EPICure Studies, two of the largest longitudinal studies of extremely preterm birth. Prof Marlow is immediate past President of the European Society for Paediatric Research. He was elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2007 and awarded Honorary Life Friend by Bliss, the UK charity supporting preterm babies and their families, in recognition of his contribution to clinical care.

Prof Marlow's current research profile includes ongoing longitudinal population studies, several randomised trials of neonatal and antenatal intervention with childhood outcomes, biomarker discovery for preterm developmental problems and an investigation into parental experience of decision making and issues surrounding end of life decisions in neonatal care.

'I am honoured to be appointed new member of the EFCNI Executive Board. I have supported the foundation from its early beginnings in 2008 as the parental voice and perspective are critical to improving service delivery and outcomes. I am impressed at what EFCNI have achieved for newborn health in Europe. I am very much looking forward to contributing my experience and knowledge to continue this important work for preterm and newborn infants throughout Europe,' declared Prof Neil Marlow.

EFCNI's Trustee and Executive Board and the entire team warmly welcome Prof Marlow in his new position and look very much forward to working together in the future.

About EFCNI

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) is the first pan-European organisation to represent the interests of preterm and newborn infants and their families. It gathers together parents and healthcare experts from different disciplines with the common goal of improving long-term health of preterm and newborn children by ensuring the best possible prevention, treatment, care and support. EFCNI receives funding from its premium partners, AbbVie, Philips AVENT, Dräger, Nestlé Nutrition and Shire as well as from other private companies and individual donors. For more information: www.efcni.org

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