

Foundation

European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI)

EFCNI is a network for all families with newborn infants who face health problems due to a premature birth or other newborn infants' health issues. The foundation encourages all those involved or interested in this issue to interact and exchange ideas. It promotes mutual understanding and serves as a platform for the initiation, coordination and integration of all local and national activities involving the care of newborn infants, prevention of preterm delivery, long-term care of preterm infants and support for parents and relatives. EFCNI is particularly keen to establish a link between parents and doctors/scientists.

The foundation was the initiative of parent groups, scientists and the founders. EFCNI consists of a Board of Directors and a Board of Trustees. The Board of Directors has three members and is responsible for representing and managing the foundation. The Board of Trustees has five members and assists the Board of Directors in an advisory, supportive and controlling role. EFCNI is supported by political and scientific advisory bodies, academic associations and marketing specialists as it implements measures to achieve its set objectives.

Foundati on year	2008
Foundation board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silke Mader, CEO of EFCNI Chairman of the board of BV "Das frühgeborene Kind" e. V, mother of preterm twins one of whom died • Thomas Föringer, Lawyer, Lecturer, Adviser, Business Angel • Prof. Dr. Herculia Guimares, Vice President of the Union of European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies (UENPS)
Foundation council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jürgen Popp, Entrepreneur, father of preterm triplets all of whom died • Thomas Föringer



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Matthias Keller, Paediatrician and Research Director in neonatal neuroscience at Innsbruck Medical University • Prof. Dr. Georg Simbruner, Director of Paediatrics IV Department of Paediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Innsbruck Medical University • Silke Mader
Finance	<p>The foundation performs its tasks using financing from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the revenues of the foundation assets b) contributions such as donations and sponsoring
Institutional promoters	Abbott Laboratories USA
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European research consortium Neobrain (www.neobrain.eu) • Association of European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies (UENPS) (www.uenps2008.eu) • Foundation "Europe against infant brain injury", (Euraibi, www.euraibi.com) • German Society for Neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Medicine (GNPI, www.gnpi.de)



Purpose of the foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing the best possible care for newborn children • Medical/psychosocial support of parents affected • Research and the implementation of suitable measures to prevent premature birth and to contribute to the improvement of the long-term health of premature babies and the newborn.
Work on three levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness on the issue amongst the public • Support for parent associations • Support for research and training
EFCNI-research prize 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research focus: neonatal lung research • Research award date: 2009 • Prize: USD 100,000 • Jury: independent scientific council • Sponsor: Abbott
On the Internet	www.efcni.org

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