



Welcome to the new edition of our EFCNI Newsletter. September was marked by a great milestone: We had the kick-off meeting for our new project "European Standards of Care for Newborn Health". We are also looking forward to the next highlight: World Prematurity Day on November 17 is just around the corner. We are in the middle of preparing our event for the day: The next and final stop of our SOCKS FOR LIFE exhibition in Munich. Happy Reading!



Your EFCNI-Team

Standards of Care Kick-off

On 10 and 11 September we started our new project to draft European Standards of Care for Newborn Health. 42 participants from all over Europe took part in a journey to enable every baby the best start in life. We are honoured that so many health care professionals and parents join forces for this amazing purpose. We are looking forward to a great project and will keep you updated on the progress.

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SOCKS FOR LIFE in Munich

Our art exhibition for preterm infants will open its doors at its final stop in Munich November 17, 2014, just in time to honour World Prematurity Day 2014. We are very happy to announce that the Bavarian Minister for Health and Care Melanie Huml confirmed to be the patron and hold the opening speech. The artworks will be displayed at the children's hospital Dritter Orden in Munich. We are very much looking forward to the exhibition and will keep interested readers updated about the event on our social media channels.

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World Prematurity Day Tool Kit and Posters

Please feel free to download materials for this year's World Prematurity Day. The poster template and Facebook covers can be used free of charge. The tool kit explains the common activity "Tiny socks, big dreams", which will put the little heroes into the center of attention.



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1st jENS Congress 2015

For the first time the European societies ESPR, ESN, UENPS and EFCNI will host the first Congress of joint European Neonatal Societies (jENS) together with the Hungarian society of Peritanology and Obstetric Anesthesiology. We are proud to be a partner and one of the organising institutions of the event. It will take place September 16 – 20, 2015 in Budapest, Hungary. You can find out more about the congress on its website.



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French Book on Developmental Care

Charlotte Bouvard from our partner SOS Préma and Silke Mader co-authored an article which was recently published in the book "Soins de développement en période néonatale" by Jaques Sizun et. al. The chapter focusses on the feelings of parents after having experienced a preterm birth. We are very thankful for the great opportunity to contribute to this important work. The book can be purchased online.



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New EFCNI Team Member Fernando Guzmán

We are happy to introduce to you our new team member Fernando Guzmán. He started in September as Project Manager for Maternal and Newborn Health. Fernando studied medicine in Mexico City. Working as a physician, he realized the constant need to provide patients with higher quality healthcare standards. In 2012, he finished an MBA in Healthcare Organizations to address this important issue.



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Big Mountain for Small Babies

A great picture of a socks line – at 5,895 metres above sea level! Neonatal nurse and member of our Swedish partner Svenska Prematurförbundet completed a charity activity in August this year. She went to Africa and climbed Kilimanjaro to raise funds. In her backpack: A socks line which she left under a stone at the peak! Congratulations to Sophia for this great achievement.



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New Campaign in Lithuania

Our partner organisation Neišnešiotukas in Lithuania celebrated the kick-off to their big campaign leading up to World Prematurity Day November 17 this year by taking part in the Vilnius marathon in September. The activity “Smallest Heroes” will educate the general public the upcoming weeks about prematurity. The highlight will be a gala event on World Prematurity Day.

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Great Media Results in Bulgaria

18 TV reports, 19 radio interviews, 17 print articles, and 110 online posts: That is the impressive outcome of the activity “The biggest heroes are the smallest ones” from “Our Premature Children” in Bulgaria. The organisation coordinated three events with many activities for families. The campaign received much attention throughout Bulgaria.

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720 km for Preterm Babies

720 kilometers in 10 days – by foot and bike! David Cholez, supporter of our French partner SOS Préma, undertook this amazing journey this August to raise awareness for preterm babies. Cholez, father of twins born too soon, collected money for the cause... and won countless hearts.

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Monitoring Stress of Preterm Babies

Swedish scientists published the new assessment tool “ALPS-Neo” for monitoring pain and stress of newborn infants. The tool is particularly interesting for caregivers in order to read the baby's cues appropriately and react accordingly.

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International Standards to Assess Size of Foetuses and Newborns

The intergrowth 21st project defined for the first time a common set of standards reflecting how babies should grow when mothers are healthy, well-nourished and receive medical care. The study makers now developed international standards for foetuses, newborn infants, and the postnatal growth period of preterm infants. More than 300 clinicians and researchers collected data from 27 institutions from all over the world to draft the standards. The findings make it possible to detect underweight and overweight babies worldwide and grant them adequate treatment.

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Restricted Use of Bromocriptine for Stopping Breast Milk Endorsed

The Coordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralised Procedures – Humane (CMDh) endorsed recommendations to only use bromocriptine-containing medicines to stop lactation when there are compelling medical reasons such as child loss or HIV of the mother. The drug must not be used in women at increased risk of serious side effects. These include diseases that increase blood pressure or heart disease or severe psychiatric disorders.



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