



The new year has started full of projects and activities. The past week, we had the great opportunity to meet representatives of our partnering parent organisations from all over the world at the 12th EFCNI Parent Organisations Meeting. We also look very much forward to meeting you at the congresses over the year. Our communication motto in 2016 is *11 months – 11 topics*. Every month will focus on a topic in newborn health where we can join forces for the best start in life for our babies. Follow us on our channels and let yourself be surprised.



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## 12th Parent Organisations Meeting

The 12th Parent Organisations Meeting powered by EFCNI took place from 26 February to 28 February 2016 in Freising near Munich. With more than 60 participants from over 30 countries, the meeting was a great success. The agenda was full of interesting talks, workshops, and presentations.

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## Filming for change

"If we use our ideas - we can change the system", that's what EFCNI Chairwoman Silke Mader calls for in an interview given when she was appointed an Ashoka Fellow in 2015. The interview was now published on Filming For Change, a platform for filmmakers from all over the world collaborating with change-making organisations.

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## Where parents feel welcome

In January, our guest visitor Professor Fiona Alderdice from Queen's University Belfast and EFCNI Chairwoman Silke Mader visited the foundation Bunter Kreis and Children's Hospital Augsburg. Andreas Podeswik, Chairman Bunter Kreis, and Dr Wilfried Schenk, chief physician at Children's Hospital Augsburg, offered impressive insights of their activities in after-care and the implementation of family-centred care.

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## 11 months - 11 topics

For the 11 months from February to December 2016, we are going to focus our communication on one newborn health topic per month. The 11 topics were selected so that they correspond to the themes of the 11 Topic Expert Groups of the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health project. Our first topics are *Data collection and documentation* in the month of February, followed by *Birth and Transfer* in March.

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## Trustee Board: New composition

PD Dr Dietmar Schlembach MD, Head of the Clinic of Obstetrics (Vivantes Klinikum Berlin-Neukölln) and faculty member of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (Germany), was elected Chairman of the Trustee Board. In addition, Dr Michael Poschmann, Head of the Department of Paediatric & Neuro-orthopaedics of Schön Klinik München Harlaching (Germany), will support EFCNI as a new member of the EFCNI Trustee Board.



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## Natus - new corporate partner

EFCNI is pleased to announce that Natus Medical Inc. has become one of the premium partners 2016. Founded in 1989, Natus Medical Inc. is an international manufacturer of medical devices and software and a service provider for the Newborn Care, Neurology, Sleep, Hearing and Balance markets. The enterprise is specialised in screening, diagnostic and treatment solutions. Natus products are used in hospitals, clinics and laboratories worldwide. We thank Natus and the other partners for their kind support.

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## FINE education in Germany

Together, EFCNI and the Children's Hospital Klinikum Dritter Orden Munich started an important and great project beginning of this year: the training of the entire neonatal team in family-centred care. The *Family and Infant Neuro-developmental Education (FINE)* programme is launched for the first time in Germany.



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## Obituary Zack Boukydis

It is with great sadness that we learned that Zack Boukydis passed away on 10 December 2015. Zack was a highly esteemed colleague, an expert in early infant development and support of infants and parents, and a wonderful and kind person.

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## Meet EFCNI @ these congresses

We will participate in several congresses within the coming months and would be happy to see you there! Meet the EFCNI team @

- *Stockholm Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention on 18 April 2016 in Stockholm, Sweden*
- *24th European Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG) from 19 to 21 May 2016 in Torino, Italy*
- *49th Annual Meeting ESPGHAN from 25 to 28 May 2016 in Athens, Greece*
- *42. Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Neonatologie und Pädiatrische Intensivmedizin (GNPI) from 02 to 04 June 2016 in Frankfurt a. M., Germany*
- *25th European Congress on Perinatal Medicine from 15 to 18 June 2016 in Maastricht, Netherlands*
- *Conference Nutrition and nurture in infancy and childhood bio-cultural perspectives from 23 to 25 August 2016 in Dalarna, Sweden*
- *Conference The Power of Programming 2016 – Developmental Origins of Adiposity and Long-term Health from 13 to 15 October 2016 in Munich, Germany*
- *6th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies from 12 to 25 October 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland*
- *Global conference on maternal infant health from 4 to 6 November 2016 in Florence, Italy*

## Valentine's Day support for families in neonatal intensive care units

It is very important for us to keep you up-to-date about the numerous activities of our partner organisations. This time, it's Oleksandra Balyasna's turn to report on the projects of the Ukrainian organisations Velvet Hearts and Ranenko.

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## Event announcement

On 27 April 2016, Dr Wolf-Henning Becker is going to organise a training on *Diagnostics and treatment of hypertensive disorders during pregnancy* in Hamburg, Germany. All interested gynaecologists are invited to join the event. There are no participation fees. However, the organiser welcomes a donation of 20 € per person in favour of charitable projects of EFCNI. EFCNI greatly appreciates this support.

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## WHO Safe Childbirth Checklist

Every year, more than 300,000 mothers and more than 2 million children die within the first 28 days after birth. The majority of these deaths occur in low-resource settings and most of them could have been prevented. The WHO Safe Childbirth Checklist has been developed to support the implementation of essential maternal and perinatal care practices.

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## Agenda setting

EFCNI congratulates Magdalena Makaruk from the Polish parent organisation Fundacja Wczesniak for her appearance in the national broadcasting TV station TVP SA. The twenty-minute feature was recorded in the hospital St. Sophia in Warsaw where Magdalena gave birth to her preterm born son 13 years ago. Magdalena spoke about the origins of her foundation and its link to the hospital. She also explained what kind of help parents of preterm born children can receive from the foundation.

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## Professor Haumont on the programme "eNewborn"

Professor Dominique Haumont (Brussels) on the international neonatal benchmarking and evaluation programme *eNewborn*: "Receiving high quality care is what patients and families want and deserve. Crucial to high quality newborn healthcare services are good data. Fellow neonatologists Professor Neena Modi (London), Dr Mark Turner (Liverpool) and I decided to collaborate in a new international and exciting benchmarking programme *eNewborn*, which will be launched 6 May 2016."

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## Interview with Dr Nicholas Lack and Professor Gérard Bréart on Data

## collection

Data is an important topic in neonatal health. On the occasion of our *11 month - 11 topics* focus, we took the opportunity to ask Dr Nicholas Lack and Professor Gérard Bréart, the Chair Team of our Topic Expert Group on Data collection and documentation, some questions on important issues in the field.

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## Launch of Lancet series on Ending Preventable Stillbirths

Following the successful launch of The Lancet's Stillbirth Series in 2011, The Lancet launched a follow-on series called Ending Preventable Stillbirths on 19 January 2016 in London. The Lancet's Ending Preventable Stillbirths (EPS) Series is a set of five papers written by a collaboration of 216 authors and advisors from over 40 countries, representing over 100 organisations.

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## The Lancet Breastfeeding Series

On January 29, The Lancet launched the Breastfeeding Series as part of their set of new evidence on topics with regard to the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which will be published throughout the year.

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## Horizon 2020: Submission deadlines for life sciences

Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly EUR 80 billion of funding available over seven years. It promises discoveries by taking great ideas from the lab to the market. Don't miss the submission deadlines in the field of life sciences.

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## Latest research in the diagnostics of preeclampsia

The New England Journal of Medicine published a multicenter, observational study of Zeisler et al. examining a ratio of serum markers sFlt-1 to PIGF that may predict the absence or presence of preeclampsia in pregnant women in whom preeclampsia was



suspected.

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## EMA Guideline on medical products for treatment of pain

The draft of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) on medical products intended for the treatment of pain is open for public consultation until 31 March 2016.

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## Risk factors of feeding and eating disorders

A recently published register-based cohort study from Hvelplund et al. in Pediatrics examined the relationship between perinatal risk factors and feeding and eating disorders (FED) in children aged between 0 to 3 years.

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## Latest research on Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC)

Boundy et al. recently published a meta-analysis in Pediatrics looking for the association between kangaroo mother care (KMC) and neonatal outcomes. Results from 124 studies were summarised in the analysis.

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