



One of our key projects is the development of *European Standards of Care for Newborn Health*. We started working on this project three years ago. This month, we celebrated two major milestones: The launch of the project website and the 3rd Chair Committee Meeting in Berlin. Another great news: EFCNI itself is growing. We are delighted to welcome three new colleagues in our team. Finally, we take an outlook at *Parents of Premies Day* on 1 May 2016.



Your EFCNI team

Launch of the ESCNH website

Three years after we started working on our project *European Standards of Care for Newborn Health* (ESCNH), we celebrate a major milestone: The launch of the project website. We're excited and proud to see it online.

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3rd Chair Committee Meeting

From 11 to 12 April 2016, the members of the Chair Committee of the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health project came together for the 3rd Chair Committee Meeting. In contrast to the previous years, this year's meeting was held in the German capital Berlin.

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12th Parent Organisations Meeting: video is out now

At the *12th Parent Organisations Meeting*, a video was taken to capture the atmosphere of this unique event and to give parent organisations a voice to explain their motivation and their work. We thank all collaborating parent representatives and the company Natus for their kind support.

[Watch the video on Youtube](#)

[View more about the Parent Organisations Meeting](#)



EFCNI Awards 2016

On the first evening of the *12th Parent Organisations Meeting*, we celebrated the EFCNI Award Ceremony. For the fourth time, selected parent organisations received awards for their strong commitment and achievements. This year, we have introduced the new category "International". We were impressed by the numerous remarkable events and activities that the parent organisations have realised during the past 12 months. The EFCNI 2016 Awards went to *malíček*, *Neišnešiotukas*, *Nedoklubko*, and *Con Amor Vencerás* in the category International. Warmest congratulations!



View more information about the winners:

- [*malíček*](#) (Slovakian)
- [*Neišnešiotukas*](#) (Lithuanian)
- [*Nedoklubko*](#) (Czech)
- [*Con Amor Vencerás*](#) (Spanish)

Visit in the Salzburger Landeskliniken

Together with representatives of the Hungarian parent organisation *Melletted a helyem Egyesület (Right(s) beside you)*, EFCNI's Chairwoman Silke Mader and Vice Chair Nicole Thiele had the opportunity to visit the division of neonatology of the *Salzburger Landeskliniken – University's Hospital Salzburg (SALK)*. Special thanks to Dr Erna Hattinger-Jürgenssen who showed them the whole department and explained their philosophy of care in detail.



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EFCNI on LinkedIn

We are pleased to announce that EFCNI is now present on the professional network *LinkedIn*. From now on, we will continuously inform you about news of the foundation, our partner organisations, and research news. To stay up-to-date, everything you need to do is to follow us on LinkedIn. Be the first to read exclusive articles.

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Parents of Premies Day

The first Sunday in May is *Parents of Premies Day*, a global awareness day initiated by the US based *Graham's Foundation*. EFCNI supports this awareness day by posting the ten most important rights of parents and newborns every day until 1 May 2016: Stay tuned and follow us on facebook.

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Triplets for EFCNI

We're delighted to introduce our new colleagues who joined our team in March and April 2016: Aurelia Abenstein as Executive

Assistant, Valerie Matthäus as Project Manager for Maternal and Newborn Health, and Diana Hofmann-Larina as Art Director Graphic Designer. Welcome to our team.

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Euro-Peristat 2016 Meeting

Better data for better health: Vice Chair Nicole Thiele represented EFCNI at the *Euro-Peristat 2016 Meeting* in Paris, France. She gave a talk in the session "Reinforcing ties with international organisations and societies". We thank the Euro-Peristat team for the kind invitation.

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Seminar on Early Parental Care of Hospitalised Newborns

Some time ago, we reported about the *Close Collaboration with Parents (CC)* training programme. Now, we were very pleased to be invited as guest speakers to the *Close Collaboration with Parents* seminar at *Turku University Hospital* in Finland. Thanks to Prof. Liisa Lethonen and Sari Ahlqvist-Björkroth for an inspiring and interesting conference day.

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Welcome to our network

We warmly welcome two parent organisations to our network: *Mora Thavmata* (Miracle Babies), our second partner organisation from Cyprus, and *Pravo na chudo* (Right for a miracle), our first partner from Russia.

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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](#)

Public hearing at German Federal Parliament on paediatric nursing

The petition, submitted by the German paediatric nurse Monika Otte and addressed to the German Federal Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag) reached the requested number of 50,000 signatures. Otte and her supporters had demanded to keep paediatric nursing a separate medical profession. The petition led to a public hearing on 11 April 2016 at the German Federal Parliament with the aim of influencing the legislative procedure.

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Free seminars and helpline to support parents of preterm children

Parents of preterm born children often face specific challenges. Our colleagues from the Romanian partner organisation *Asociatia Unu si Unu* dedicate themselves to this issue and provide free seminars and a helpline for parents of preterm children.

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First conference on family-centered care in Greece

On 4 March 2016, the Department of Neonatology of the General Maternity District Hospital *Helena Venizelou* in Athens organised the first conference on the implementation of family-centred developmentally supportive care in Greece. The conference was



organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and held in close collaboration with the Greek organisation *Ilitominon*.

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Lectures for healthcare professionals

For more than two years, the Swedish parent organisation *Svenska Prematurförbundet* has been giving speeches to healthcare professionals on topics like patient communication. EFCNI is pleased to publish a guest article by Karl Rombo, Vice Chairman of *Svenska Prematurförbundet*, in which he talks about his experiences.

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Guest articles featuring Birth and Transfer

In line with our newborn health topic *Birth and Transfer*, EFCNI is proud to feature four guest articles describing the development and current situation of Italy, Ireland, Hungary and Portugal:

- [Neonatal transport in the central region of Hungary](#), by Zsolt Somogyvári
- [Introduction of a 24 hour transport service in Ireland](#), by Mandy Daly
- [Nation wide transport system in Portugal](#), by Paula Guerra, Estela Coutinho and Prof. Hercília Guimarães
- [Facts and figures about the transport system in Italy](#), by Francesco Collini



Birth and transfer

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11 months - 11 topics

Our series *11 months - 11 topics* has successfully started. After focussing our communication on the newborn health topics *Data collection and documentation* in February, and *Birth and Transfer* in March, April is dedicated to *Follow-up and continuing care*, followed by *NICU design* in May. For the topic *Birth and transfer*, we took the opportunity to interview Dr Dietmar Schlembach and Professor Umberto Simeoni, the Chair Team of our Topic Expert Group in the *European Standards of Care for Newborn Health Project*, about important issues in this field.

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Relaunch of the HNN website

The *Healthy Newborn Network* redesigned their website. User feedback was considered and new features were included to make the website even more interactive and responsive.

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High Risk Transport of Neonates Congress in September 2016

Following the motto *When skills, equipment and professionalism make the difference*, international experts in the field of neonatal transportation will meet in Copenhagen from 1 to 3 September for the CPH Transport Congress 2016.

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New research on the early introduction of allergenic foods

The *New England Journal of Medicine* recently published a randomised controlled trial of Perkin and colleagues evaluating the efficacy of the early introduction of allergenic foods in breastfed infants. The study raised the question of whether the prevention of food allergies by the early introduction of allergenic foods may be dependent on the dose and the compliance of parents and their children.

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ECPM: Abstract submission, webinar, Young Investigator Award

The abstract submission deadline of the *European Congress of Perinatal Medicine (ECPM)* has been extended to 5 May 2016. If you're 35 and younger, don't miss this opportunity to apply for the *Young Investigator Award*. You'd like to learn more about the congress programme? On Tuesday, 19 April 2016 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm CET, you're invited to join the [webinar on the ECPM Pre-Congress Courses](#) (1-4).

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Draft guideline on Autism Spectrum Disorder for public consultation

The *European Medicines Agency (EMA)* has released for public consultation a draft guideline on the clinical development of medicinal products for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder. This guideline is intended to provide guidance on the evaluation of new products in ASD.

The document open for consultation is available by clicking [here](#). Please send completed [template for comments](#) to



cnswpsecretariat(at)ema.europa.eu by **31 August 2016**.

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