

## **Change in the Trustee Board of EFCNI**

### **PD Dr Dietmar Schlembach newly elected member of the Trustee Board of EFCNI**

**Munich, 21 July 2015 - The EFCNI Trustee Board has the honour to welcome the newly elected member PD Dr Dietmar Schlembach MD, Head of the Clinic of Obstetrics (Vivantes Klinikum Berlin-Neukölln) and faculty member of the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (Germany), Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as a new member of the EFCNI Trustee Board. He is following PD Dr Matthias Keller MD, who stepped down from his position.**

The EFCNI boards very much regret Dr Keller's departure from the Trustee Board. 'We thank Dr Keller for his achievements for EFCNI. As co-founder, he laid the groundworks for what the foundation is known for today. With Dr Schlembach we are delighted to welcome a renowned expert in maternal-fetal medicine and obstetrics to the Trustee Board, who will complement the Board with his valuable experience', said Jürgen Popp, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

As member of the Trustee Board, Dr Schlembach supports the EFCNI Executive Board which consists of co-founder Silke Mader, Professor Neil Marlow and Nicole Thiele. 'We are happy that Dr Schlembach has joined the EFCNI Trustee Board. Dr Schlembach has been closely connected to our foundation for many years, not only as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board but also as co-editor and co-author of our brochure "A healthy pregnancy",' added Silke Mader, Chairwoman of the Executive Board.

PD Dr Dietmar Schlembach MD is an expert in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Obstetrics and Head of the Clinic of Obstetrics (Vivantes Klinikum Berlin-Neukölln) as well as faculty member of the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (Germany), Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Prior to his position in Berlin he was deputy medical director of the Obstetrics Department at Jena University Hospital. He addresses the specific problems and treatment of pregnancy complications and prenatal diagnosis. His clinical and research focus is screening, diagnosis and treatment of hypertensive disorders and intrauterine growth restriction, preterm birth and prenatal diagnosis and therapy of fetal abnormalities. He is chairman of the DGGG

Hypertension of Pregnancy/Pre-Eclampsia Working Party. Other medical specialist areas include prenatal diagnosis and treatment.

‘I am honoured to be elected as a new member of the EFCNI Trustee Board. Knowledge and information contribute to ensuring that possible risks during pregnancies can be detected as early as possible, which is key for a good outcome for mother and baby. Therefore, comprehensive and extensive information for healthcare professionals as well as easy to understand information for young women and parents-to-be is vital. Fostering information exchange and best practice sharing across borders is important to tackle the problem of preterm birth and possible ways of prevention at a European level to achieve actual improvements for women and newborns. The foundation is fighting for a very valuable cause and I am happy to contribute my knowledge and experience to pursue their aims,’ explained Dr Dietmar Schlembach.

EFCNI’s Trustee and Executive Board and the entire team warmly welcome Dr Schlembach 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](http://www.efcni.org)

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