



Dear friends and supporters of EFCNI,

Last week at the 3rd Congress of joint European Neonatal Societies (jENS), EFCNI contributed largely to the event with sessions on family-centred care and follow-up of preterm infants, two lunch symposia and more. We also enjoyed exchanging ideas with healthcare professionals and parent organisations worldwide! Please find more information below.

Many thanks for your interest and support,

Your EFCNI team

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3RD CONGRESS OF JOINT EUROPEAN NEONATAL SOCIETIES (JENS)

Good news for preterm and ill babies: Many researchers focus on birth complications and preterm birth

The 3rd jENS Congress in Maastricht was a real highlight in the congress season 2019. 1,600 attendees, representing 71 countries, met from 17 to 21 September to discuss latest findings in research, improvements in care practices, and much more.

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Toolkit for the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health

The toolkit 'Shaping the future – Combining forces to improve newborn health' was launched on the occasion of this year's Congress of joint European Neonatal Societies (jENS) 2019 in Maastricht. The digital toolkit is available for download and aims to facilitate and support the implementation of the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health.

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LAUNCH OF NEW POSITION PAPER

The RSV position paper hits the shelves

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a potentially dangerous virus to preterm and ill babies. Therefore, EFCNI and a high-profile expert panel developed a position paper which was officially launched at the 3rd Congress of joint European Neonatal Societies (jENS).

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LAUNCH OF NEW POSITION PAPER

Parenteral nutrition: EFCNI and international expert panel call to action

At the jENS Congress in Maastricht, EFCNI launched their new position paper "Addressing the nutritional emergency of preterm birth – Optimal practice in neonatal parenteral nutrition". The paper is now also available online for download.

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WELCOME TO EFCNI

Professor Luc Zimmermann becomes Senior Medical Director of EFCNI

EFCNI warmly welcomes Professor Luc Zimmermann as Senior Medical Director of EFCNI as of 1 October, 2019. As a widely recognised paediatrician and neonatologist, Professor Zimmermann will contribute to the strategic direction of EFCNI



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and to our mission of improving the situation of mothers and newborn infants worldwide across the full spectrum of care.

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EFCNI IS HIRING

Join our team: job opportunities to support our mission in providing the best start in life

We are continuously looking for talents to join us in our work to improve the situation for preterm and ill babies and their families. If you are interested in working for EFCNI check out our open positions (note: career page is in German). We look forward to your application!

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NEW CORPORATE PARTNER

Sanofi Genzyme new Premium Partner of EFCNI

In July, EFCNI and Sanofi Genzyme agreed on a new partnership to join forces to improve the situation of babies with rare diseases.

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Welcome to GSK as new Project Partner of EFCNI

GSK joined the ranks of EFCNI's corporate project partners. We very much look forward to working together.

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CONGRESSES AND CONFERENCES

Meet EFCNI at these events in 2019

EFCNI will participate in a number of meetings, conferences, and congresses in autumn 2019. On our website we provide a detailed overview on all important events related to maternal and newborn health and marked those where you can meet EFCNI.

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BAPM ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NEWCASTLE

EFCNI at British Association of Perinatal Medicine (BAPM) Annual Conference

Silke Mader was invited to speak at the BAPM Conference and could vividly present the parent perspective. The Chairwoman of EFCNI pointed out the differences and inequalities in newborn care in European countries and referred to the long term consequences of preterm birth.

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WORLD PREMATURETY DAY 2019

Global claim out now

On 17 November, we will once more unite for World Prematurity Day. For the third time, the global community will celebrate jointly along with the common motto: Born too Soon: Providing the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

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WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2019

EFCNI's initiative for World Breastfeeding Week continues

For the fourth time, EFCNI celebrated World Breastfeeding Week with many partnering organisations and supporters. For this year's campaign we started a survey and asked mothers and nutrition experts what are the main challenges in breastfeeding and what could be done to improve breastfeeding. The answers were evaluated and visualised in a campaign poster which is now available in 18 languages.



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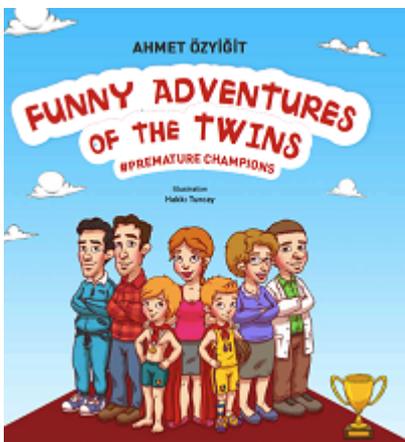
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NEW PROJECT BY ASOCIATIA PREMATURILOR

Preventing preterm births in Romania: A caravan tour to support pregnant women and mothers at risk

Asociatia Prematurilor, one of our collaboration partners in Romania, started a new project called ‘Caravan for pregnant women and mothers at risk’. The objective is to prevent preterm births in the country by providing preventive medical check-ups for pregnant women from disadvantaged, remote areas in Romania.

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FUNNY ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

El Bebek Gul Bebek releases a book to encourage parents and families of preterm children

Our partner organisation El Bebek Gul Bebek from Turkey released a new book called ‘Funny Adventures of Twins’. The book is available online in Turkish and English. It is a helpful resource because it shows that despite the challenges of preterm birth, affected children and families can turn their fate into a fulfilling life.

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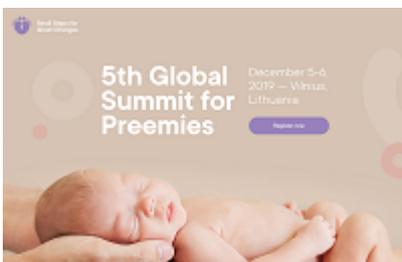
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PUTTING PREMATURETY ON THE AGENDA

Brazilian Parents of Premies' Association enters into dialogue with Brazilian Government

Denise Suguitani, Executive Director of the Brazilian Parents of Premies' Association, participated in several meetings about the topic of preterm birth with representatives of the Brazilian Government. They discussed how public policies can focus more on preterm birth and how the organisation can support the main government strategies aimed at this subject.

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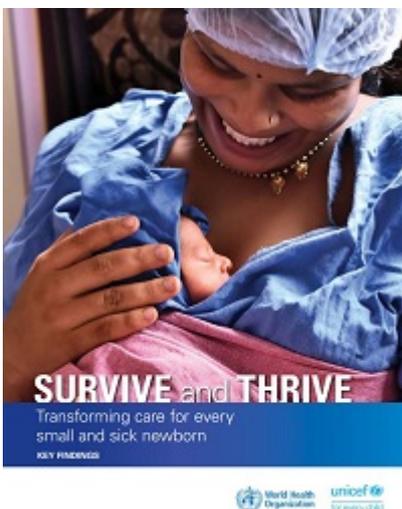
SAVE THE DATE

Join the 5th Global Summit for Premies by Neišnešiotukas in Vilnius

We kindly invite you to join the 5th Global Summit for Premies to help advance the care for preterm babies around the world. The Summit is dedicated to the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health and is held by Neišnešiotukas, EFCNI's partner organisation in Lithuania.

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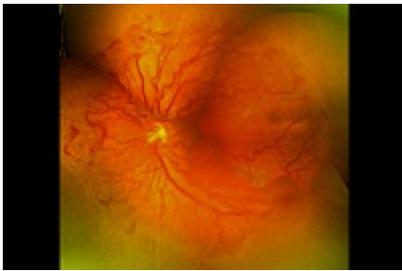
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SURVIVE AND THRIVE

WHO report on transforming care for newborns now available

After a thorough researching, writing and editing process, the report "Survive and Thrive; Transforming care for small and sick newborns", has finally been launched and published. The document was presented and met with great response at the jENS Congress in Maastricht.

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RETINOPATHY OF PREMATUREITY

Anti-VEGF drug ranibizumab: A new treatment option against retinopathy of prematurity?

Retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) is an eye disease that only occurs in very preterm born babies and can lead to serious eye problems and even blindness.

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LEARN AND SHARE FOR BETTER CARE

Next EFCNI Academy workshop in Düsseldorf

In December, we are offering another workshop for healthcare professionals with renowned experts in the setup and organisation of human milk banks. There are still a few places available for the workshop on 3 December in Düsseldorf, Germany. Find further information in the event flyer (in German). Please note that the workshops are held in German language.

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SERIES OF RECAP COHORTS – PART 4-6

An insight into the cohorts from Norway, Germany, and the Netherlands

Following our year-round series about cohorts of the EU-funded project 'Research on European Children and Adults born Preterm' (RECAP preterm), we proudly present you three further cohorts: the Low Birth Weight Life study of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), the Bavarian Longitudinal Study (BLS), and the POPS (Project On Preterm and Small for gestational age infants) cohort.

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NEW STUDY BY UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Preterm babies are less likely to form romantic relationships in adulthood

A new long-term study revealed: Adults who were born preterm are less likely to have a romantic relationship, a sexual partner and experience parenthood than those born full term.

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PARCA-R

Screening of cognitive and language delay in preterm born infants

The standardisation on over 6000 infants of the PARCA-R for the screening of cognitive and language delay has just been published in the Lancet Child & Adolescence Health. PARCA-R stands for Parent Report of Children's Abilities-Revised. It is a parent completed questionnaire that can be used to assess children's cognitive and language development.

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APPLYING A "LIVING GUIDELINES" APPROACH

How to keep WHO Recommendations up to date

How can the WHO keep its global recommendations up to date? BMJ Global Health has recently published an article, describing how the WHO successfully developed and applied a 'living guidelines' approach to its maternal and perinatal health recommendations.

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11 MONTHS - 11 TOPICS

Ethical decision-making and palliative care: Giving parents support when a pregnancy goes wrong

Ethical decision-making and palliative care is one of the 11 topics of the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health. We looked at this topic from different perspectives and, for example, conducted an interview on perinatal palliative care with Dr Fauzia Paize. She talks about the many issues, questions and challenges that arise if a baby dies before, during, or after birth.

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Nutrition

Providing mother's own milk (MOM) for preterm and ill term infants

Mothers are encouraged and supported to provide their own breast milk for their infant.



Nutrition: a key topic of the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health

In the month of August, we featured the topic of nutrition. Find out more in our interview on human milk banks with Professor Rolf Schlösser from the University Hospital Frankfurt, Germany as well as in a guest article by Professor Nadja Haiden from the Medical University of Vienna, Austria, on parenteral nutrition for ill and preterm infants.

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