



Dear friends and supporters of EFCNI,

As we are approaching the holiday season and the end of a busy and successful year, we would like to thank all of you for your support and your contributions in 2019 – again it's been a real pleasure to work with you!

We wish you and your loved ones peaceful and enjoyable holidays, and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Your EFCNI team

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### WORLD PREMATURETY DAY 2019

## A big campaign for small babies

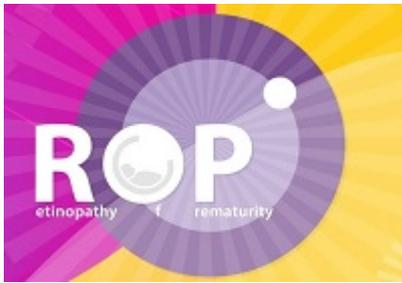
This year's World Prematurity Day claim was: "Born too Soon: Providing the right care, at the right time, in the right place." The claim echoed throughout the world. Non-governmental, parent and patient organisations, as well as individuals from all continents joined forces for preterm babies and their families. So far activities in more than 100 countries have been registered.

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### BE PART OF OUR CAMPAIGN

## The world is bright, save our babies' sight!

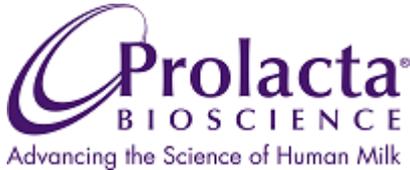
We really care about the vision of preterm born infants! Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) should be taken as a serious



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disease with potentially long-term consequences for the children, their parents and families. Please support our campaign – share and distribute our materials.

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NEW CORPORATE PARTNER

## Welcome to Prolacta Bioscience Inc. as a new Corporate Project Partner of EFCNI

Prolacta Bioscience Inc. is a provider of human milk-based nutritional products for premature infants in the neonatal intensive care unit. Prolacta is also exploring the therapeutic potential of human milk across a wide spectrum of patients, e.g. babies with congenital cardiac or gastrointestinal disorders.

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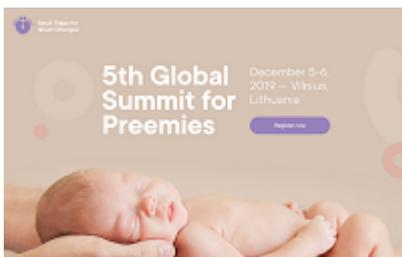
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BROCHURE UPDATE

## New: German version of “Healthy pregnancy” now available

At the end of November, we launched the new German brochure at the congress of the German Society of Perinatal Medicine in Berlin. We not only revised the content, but also added new chapters, e.g. on vaccination and psychological problems during and after pregnancy. Order your free copies at [info@efcni.org](mailto:info@efcni.org)

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CALL TO ACTION

## 5th Global Summit for Preemies – presentation of Call to Action at the Lithuanian Parliament

We care and we act! Silke Mader submitted together with Neišnešiotukas and neonatal experts the Call to Action for implementing the European Standards for Newborn Health to the Lithuanian Parliament. The ceremonial act was part of the 5th Global Summit for Preemies in Vilnius.

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## NEW TEAM MEMBERS

### More support for our administration and communications team

We would like to introduce our new colleagues: Renée Kleisaris supports our team as Team Assistant. Ursula Liliana Buczek is our new Head of Communications and Veronika Mehl joins the team as Communications Manager. A warm welcome to all of you!

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## NEW FACT SHEET

### Now available: German translation of the factsheet “Why the first 1000 days of life matter”

The first 1000 days of life – the period between conception and a child’s 2nd birthday – are a unique window of opportunity to support child development and long-term health. In this factsheet you can find a lot of information on how parents can give their baby the best possible start into life.

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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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## Network

## ALL THINGS NEONATAL

### Parent representatives and professionals hold a panel at congress in Hungary



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The 17th Congress of the Hungarian Perinatology Society in Siófok, Hungary, organised by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the newly-founded Department Group of Neonatology at Semmelweis University, highlighted the importance of family-centred care in neonatology.

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TED TALK

## Unseen Power – Parents Power

Oleksandra Balyasna, CEO of our Ukrainian partner organisation Early Birds, had the incredible chance to be a speaker at a TED talk in Kyiv. She dedicated her presentation to the power of change referring to her experience from founding and running her parent organisation against all odds.

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## Science



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INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR ARMIN WOLF

## Retinopathy of prematurity – not only an acute condition?

We talked with Professor Armin Wolf, Deputy Hospital Director, Eye Hospital, Ludwig Maximilians-University Munich about the long-term effects of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) and why screening of the eyes is important for all preterm babies.

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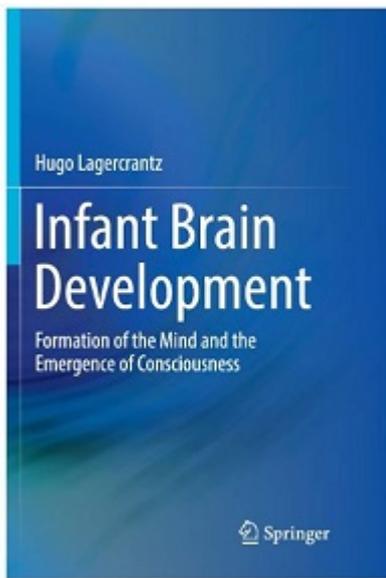
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ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## Become a patient expert and play an active role in the development of clinical trials

Are you a patient or a parent/caregiver of a child with Kawasaki disease/cystic fibrosis/osteogenesis imperfecta/patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)? Get involved in the development of clinical trials conducted by c4c (connect4children) consortium.

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## BOOK REVIEW

### “Infant Brain Development: Formation of the Mind and the Emergence of Consciousness” by Hugo Lagercrantz

Paediatrician and member of the EFCNI Scientific Advisory Board, Professor Hugo Lagercrantz, has written an insightful and lively book on early childhood brain development.

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## European Standards of Care for Newborn Health



## ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### European Standards of Care for Newborn Health – a year of taking action

For a year now, we have been following one big aim: advancing newborn care by making the set of standards known and accessible to the wide public so that eventually every baby will get the best start in life.

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## GLANCE - Global Alliance for Newborn Care



## GLANCE – GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR NEWBORN CARE

### New website is now online

On the occasion of World Prematurity Day, we launched the website of our new, global project GLANCE. Visit us at [www.glance-network.org](http://www.glance-network.org).

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