



Dear friends and supporters of EFCNI,

May was a really eventful month for us. Right at the beginning, we were finally able to hold our Parent Organisation Summit again after an interruption of more than two years due to the pandemic. It was merely wonderful to meet with old and new members of our network after such a long time, to exchange ideas, learn from each other, and to celebrate the small and big successes together. Further, we had the great opportunity to be present at the 48th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Neonatology and Paediatric Intensive Care Medicine (GNPI) with talks and workshops.

Many thanks for your continuous support!

Please stay healthy and safe,

Silke Mader and the EFCNI team

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SECOND PARENT ORGANISATIONS SUMMIT

After more than two years, the international community of parent- and patient organisations gathered together to network and exchange experiences made during the pandemic

The Parent Organisations Summit, also known as POS, sure was a remarkable reunion. After almost 2,5 years, the international parents and patient community of preterm born babies could finally meet again in Freising, near Munich, Germany. EFCNI organised and hosted this event and we look back on three days of inspiring talks, insightful project presentations, exchange of experiences, and the much-appreciated opportunity to network with long-term partners and new members to the EFCNI-family.

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SMELLING CONGRESS AIR AGAIN

EFCNI on-site at the 48th GNPI in Aachen

After a digital event last year, the 48th annual conference of the Society for Neonatology and Pediatric Intensive Care Medicine (GNPI) took place on-site again in Aachen, Germany. EFCNI had the pleasure to be involved in the diverse congress programme: firstly in sessions on family-centred care and optimal nutrition of hospitalised newborns, secondly in a presentation on infant- and family-centred developmental care (IFCDC) in times of COVID-19, and last but not least in our workshop on setting up and running a human milk bank. Finally, we had the chance again to engage in personal exchange with the participants on site!

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NEW TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBER

Warm welcome to our long-time supporter Professor Felderhoff-Müser reinforcing the EFCNI Trustee Board

We are very pleased to welcome Professor Ursula Felderhoff-Müser as a new member of the EFCNI Trustee Board. For many years, she has been a valuable member of the foundation's Scientific Advisory Board providing advice and support for our projects. We are excited to work together even closer now to advance our goals in neonatal and maternal health.

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STRONG START FOR LITTLE HEROES 2022

The campaign 'Strong Start for little Heroes' enters the next round – Join us and sign up!

We are happy to announce that our campaign 'Strong Start for little Heroes' (Starker Start für kleine Helden) is starting again! We warmly invite neonatal intensive care units in Germany, Austria and Switzerland to register for this activity. As in previous years, we will provide all participating clinics with a comprehensive package facilitating their activities to draw attention to World Prematurity Day 2022. Included are greeting cards for former preterm born babies, gift sets for parents and much more. Among all participating neonatal units, we are going to give away great prizes. So do not wait and sign up! Please note this campaign is set up in German.

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REGISTER TODAY

Interested in neurodevelopment and human milk? Then register to attend The International Conference on Human Milk Science and Innovation (ICHMSI)

Do not miss the chance to attend The International Conference on Human Milk Science and Innovation (ICHMSI), taking place in Vienna, Austria, from 10-11 June. Register today and be part of an event dedicated to neurodevelopment and human milk, the role of bioactivity in driving clinical outcomes, and interactive round-tables and clinical case discussions. The conference takes place in a hybrid format, registration for digital access is still open.

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WHITE PAPER

The Burden of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) on European health systems

The European Health Management Association (EHMA) conducted a cross-sectional survey of 380 healthcare professionals in paediatric hospitals in 20 European countries. The results confirm that the burden of RSV in paediatrics is significant, system-wide and affects all care settings. Following a thorough assessment of the health system disruption due to RSV, and the RSV-related health resources use in Europe, EHMA has developed recommendations aimed at investing in informing caregivers, clinicians, and policy makers, and building a more resilient and prepared health system for RSV in a multi-sectoral approach.

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WEBINAR ON NEONATAL NUTRITION

Learn more about the role of Arachidonic Acid (ARA) when providing LC-PUFAs to neonates and infants

This free-of-charge webinar of the iCAN Speaker Series provides participants an in-depth understanding of key

challenges and application strategies within nutritional therapy.

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TWO INNOVATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS ON BOARD

EFCNI is cooperation partner in the INSPIRE- and the COUSIN-study

The INSPIRE-study aims to describe current neonatal blood transfusion practices within Europe in order to develop and incorporate international guidelines into clinical practice. This shall avoid unnecessary blood transfusions in preterm born babies admitted to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. EFCNI coordinates an international parental advisory board (PAB) and provides input on topics related to ethics and patient information. The COUSIN-study aims to identify and establish an internationally endorsed Core Outcome Set for family-centred care practices in neonatal care. All relevant stakeholders, including parents and former patients, should be actively involved in order to help ensure uptake of the Core Outcome Set and implementation of family-centred care practices in neonatal intensive care.

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META ANALYSIS

Psychiatric disorders in survivors born very preterm or at very low birthweight

Surveillance programmes for individuals born too small or too soon rarely extend beyond early childhood and focus on cognitive and motor outcomes. In their meta-analysis, the Adults born Preterm International Collaboration (APIC) team now compared the risk of developing psychiatric disorders between individuals born very preterm and/or at very low birth weight, and term-born, normal birth weight control participants. Study results suggest that monitoring mental health throughout development in these high-risk individuals may be beneficial to support early detection and treatment. The work was partly funded by the EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the “RECAP preterm” project, in which EFCNI is also involved.

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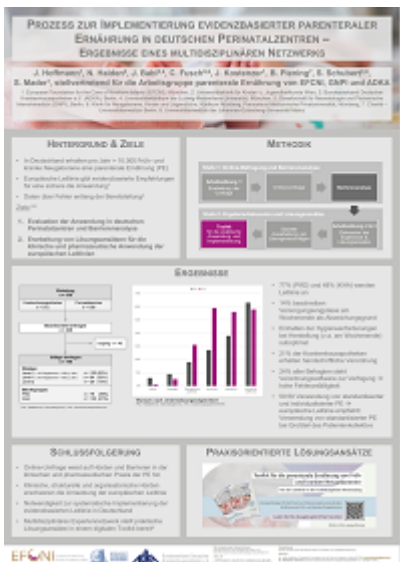


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Join the E-learning course to learn more about the RECAP preterm Cohort Platform

You are a researcher in the fields of neonatology, epidemiology, psychology and are interested in learning more about cohorts, registers and the use of the RECAP preterm Cohort Platform? The E-Learning course presents insights into very preterm cohorts, collaborative research principles, and techniques as well as new research on children and adults born very preterm based on pooled data. It also provides knowledge on how to implement a collaborative research protocol – including the ethical and legal requirements, procedures for harmonising data, the technological aspects of storing and sharing data, and analytic approaches and software. Participation in the e-learning course does not require any registration process.

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OPTIMAL AND SAFE PARENTERAL NUTRITION

E-poster on the process for the implementation of evidence-based parenteral nutrition in German perinatal centres presented at ADKA congress

Earlier this year, members of an expert panel on parenteral nutrition in neonatal care in which EFCNI is involved, published the article “Process for the Implementation of Evidence-Based Parenteral Nutrition in German Perinatal Centres – Outcomes of a Multidisciplinary Network”. The results of this publication were now presented at the 47th annual congress of the ADKA, the Federal Association of German Hospital Pharmacists by ADKA member, and member of the expert panel, Dr. Sebastian Schubert in a poster presentation as well as in two more detailed talks. Please note the poster content is in German.

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European Standards of Care for Newborn Health



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LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT IN FRANCE

Development of the Hospitalised Newborn Charta to strengthen the role of parents in the NICU

The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed unexpected consequences in neonatal units in France and worldwide, questioning the parents' role for the proper development of their hospitalised newborn baby. In order to avoid a recurrence

of the separation practices encountered during the pandemic and to emphasise the essential presence of parents with their babies, the Hospitalised Newborn Charta was developed by our French partnering parent organisation SOS Préma. The charter was distributed to all neonatal units in France and defines in 10 points the essential needs of the hospitalised baby and how to meet them.

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NEW TRANSLATION OUT NOW

The European Standards of Care for Newborn Health information brochure is now available in Portuguese

We are happy to announce that the information brochure about the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health (ESCNH) is now available in Portuguese. We would like to thank our Portuguese partner parent organisation XXS for coordinating the translation, and all other parties involved, consisting of parents, nurses, and doctors for the successful translation of the information brochure. This is an essential step towards the implementation of the ESCNH in Portugal.

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ABOUT HUMAN MILK

Register for our free, CME accredited e-learning series on enteral preterm nutrition

How does nutrition impact the neurological development of newborns, and how can human milk in particular promote the healthy development of very preterm babies? What exactly makes human milk a true superfood that contributes to growth and disease prevention and helps minimise mortalities? These and other questions are addressed by renowned international experts who share latest insights and studies on the importance of human milk nutrition for preterm infant health. We warmly invite healthcare professionals, nursing staff and interested learners to sign up and participate in this free, CME accredited online training!

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INSIGHTFUL COVID-19 PUBLICATION

EFCNI conducts study on parents' experiences regarding neonatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic

We are delighted to announce that our study “Parents’ experiences regarding neonatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic: country-specific findings of a multinational survey” has been published. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted healthcare systems, challenging neonatal care provision globally. In this article, significant country-specific differences have been identified by focusing on 12 countries. It is shown that the application of infant and family-centred developmental care (IFCDC) is less prone to disruptions in some countries than in others. There is an urgent need to reconsider separation policies and to strengthen the IFCDC approach worldwide to ensure that the 2030 Development Agenda is achieved. We thank all collaborators and participants of this study!

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