Opening Ceremony

51st Annual Scientific Meeting for ESPN 2018 will be opened with a great speech by Prof Alp İkizler. “Precision Medicine for Management in Kidney Disease: Promise or Fallacy?”

Dr. T. Alp İkizler is currently Catherine McLaughlin Hakim Chair in Vascular Biology and Professor of Medicine at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. He is Past President of International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism.

Programme Focus

State of the art lecture 1 → Epigenetics - What does it mean for pediatric renal diseases?

Thursday 4th October, 2018

Prof Dr Nine Knoers University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Her research focuses on identifying genes for inherited renal disorders and their pathophysiology. The ultimate aim of her studies is to find clues for new treatments for these disorders. Over many years, her team has substantially contributed to the elucidation of genes involved in hereditary kidney diseases.
**Pre-congress courses**

On October 3, ESPN is proud to present 4 pre-congress courses for pediatric nephrologists.

- **Nephrourology** - focusing both on stone disease and the wetting child
- **Genetics** - giving knowledge both into genetic techniques and important genetic diseases
- **Histopathology** - with a lot of hands on work at the microscope
- **CKD/MBD Dialysis** - giving you important knowledge into this so central topic in nephrology

**Aims and Objectives of ESPN Nephrourology Courses**

The first part of the course is “Evaluating and Treating the Wet Child” which is one of the most common problems regarding paediatric nephrology and urology. In this section, you will have a comprehensive update on evaluation, management and treatment of the most common congenital and acquired problems enuresis. In the second part, taking the advantage of hosting ESPN in an endemic stone country metabolic evaluation and contemporary medical and surgical managements of “Urinary Stone Disease” will be discussed by distinguished speakers.

**Pre-Congress Nephropathology Course**

“A one day program which covers what you need to know about both native and allograft renal pathology”

This one day course will make an emphasis on morphology and the use of immunoflourescence and electron microscopy on the more relevant topics in renal pathology.

Each session of the course is organized as short frontal lectures and complementary clinicopathological case discussions via digital slides. You will have an exceptional opportunity to discuss the individual cases one by one with an experienced nephropathologist.

If you want to gain hands-on experience in analyzing histological slides with immunoflourescence and electron microscopic features, **WE STILL HAVE AVAILABLE SEATS, DO NOT MISS THIS INTERACTIVE COURSE! COME AND JOIN US.**

Spaces for the other pre-congress symposia are booking up fast. Make sure you don’t miss out! You may contact with us to register for courses: [espn2018@flaptour.com.tr](mailto:espn2018@flaptour.com.tr)

For full information please click [here](#)
Controversial topics

This is a new feature at this year’s meeting. Two renowned colleagues will debate an important issue.

- Salt harmful or not?
- Eculizumab in aHUS to stop or not to stop
- VUR is important to find and treat
- Treatment of hyperphosphatemia - is it important to aim for normal PTH levels
- Should we screen healthy family members of children with inherited diseases?
- Congenital nephrotic syndrome – is early aggressive treatment needed?

Industry Symposium

New treatments new trends!!

“Thrombotic microangiopathy – a disease of the endothelium”
4th October 2018 at 12:30-13:30 at Hall 1

“Evolving Approaches to Rare Kidney Disorders: The Case of Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1”
4th October 2018 at 12:30-13:30 at Hall 2

Social Programme Highlights

Opening Concert
Antalya State Opera and Ballet will perform at the end of the Opening Ceremony.

Opening Cocktail
For details of social programme please click here
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Please make sure that you do not miss out on this opportunity!

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*Chair of Scientific Committee*

Prof. Dr. Elena Levchenko  
*ESPN Secretary General*