Dear Colleagues,

We are privileged to welcome you to the 30th meeting of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society in 2011 in Basel. This is the second time that Basel is fortunate enough to host the society. The 3rd meeting in 1984, chaired by Juerg Baumann, also took place in Basel and at the time there were only 31 participants. Since then the group has developed and expanded to the respected and authoritative organisation it is today and we expect to host between 400 and 500 guests.

The venue is the Congress Centre in Basel which provides all the necessary facilities for this size of meeting. There are two large and comfortable Congress Hotels situated in the same square and several smaller, inexpensive hotels in the neighbourhood within 5 minutes walking distance.

A pre meeting course will be held and the subject this year is “idiopathic Scoliosis and Kyphosis”. Leading expert faculty will report on current state-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment in these conditions. The main topic of the congress will be the “paediatric foot”. Papers can be submitted on all aspects of foot diseases and trauma in the child's foot.

Basel is an ancient city with a recorded history of over 2000 years which traces back to an original roman settlement. The historical city centre, which is a 10 minute walk from the Congress Centre, offers spectacular scenery and many historical buildings, some of which date back to the Middle Ages. The schedule of the scientific program has factored in time to explore and enjoy the highlights of the city. The scientific program will finish at 4 p.m. on Thursday, following which there will be a guided walking tour of the city for all participants. On Friday the Gala Dinner will be held in the historical and atmospheric restaurant “Safran Zunft”, which has belonged to the guild of spice traders since medieval times.

We look forward to welcoming the members of EPOS and all other people with an interest in Paediatric Orthopaedics to the beautiful city of Basel in 2011.

Professor Fritz Hefti
Dr. Stephanie Böhm
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**TUESDAY, April 5**
8.30 > 12.00
Advanced EPOS course on “Cerebral Palsy”
Organizer: Reinald Brunner, Basel

**WEDNESDAY, April 6**
8.31 > 12.00
Advanced EPOS course on “Cerebral Palsy”
Organizer: Reinald Brunner, Basel

13.30 > 17.00
Pre meeting Course: “Idiopathic Scoliosis”
Organizers: Carol Hasler, Basel & Dror Ovadia Tel Aviv

20.00 > 21.30
Welcome Reception

**THURSDAY, April 7**
08.00 > 11.00
Scientific Session: The Paediatric Foot

11.30 > 12.30
GENERAL ASSEMBLY PART 1

12.30 > 14.00
Lunch Symposia

14.00 > 16.00
Scientific Session: The Paediatric Foot

16.30 > 19.00
Guided City tour

19.30 > 23.00
Presidential Dinner at Café Spitz, Merian Saal

**FRIDAY, April 8**
08.00 > 12.00
Scientific Session: Free papers

12.00 > 12.30
Presidential lecture
Prof. Alain DiMeglio, Montpellier

12.30 > 14.00
Lunch Symposia

14.00 > 18.00
Scientific Session: Free Papers Award ceremony

18.00 > 19.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY PART 2

20.00
Conference dinner “Safran Zunft”

**SATURDAY, April 9**
08.00 > 12.30
Scientific Session: The Paediatric Foot

12.30 > 13.00
Closing Ceremony

13.00 > 14.30
Celebration Lunch
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The scientific program Committee invites authors to submit abstracts for consideration and inclusion in the program. **Deadline for submission: October 15, 2010.**

The main Topic of the Conference is **PAEDIATRIC FOOT**

Submission of abstracts can only be done online via the congress webpage.

Acknowledgement and notification:
The acknowledgement of receipt for will be sent on reception and notification to the authors of acceptance or rejection will follow in December 2010.

**Educational Credits**
CME accreditation towards the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) are pending
GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress dates: April 5 to 9, 2011
Congress venue & access: Congress Centre Basel, Messe Platz, 4005 Basel

Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg Airport is 15 minutes’ drive from the Congress Centre Basel. All three of Basel’s railway stations – SBB (Switzerland), SNCF (France) and DB (Badischer Bahnhof, Germany) – are within 10 minutes of the Congress Centre Basel. There is a multi-storey car park with space for 1600 vehicles at the Exhibition Square.

Registration and information desk
The registration desk situated at the entrance of the building will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday April 5 to April 8, from 8.00 am to 6 pm, and Saturday April 9 from 8.00 am to 2.30 pm

Exhibition
There will be an ongoing trade exhibition, where posters are displayed and coffee, tea are served during the breaks.

Official congress language
The congress will be held in English, no simultaneous interpretation

Passport and visa requirements
For citizens of most countries, only a valid passport is required. EU citizens need only valid Identity Card; for other countries, visitors may need a visa. Please consult your travel agency or the nearest Swiss Consulate. On request, Symporg SA will be pleased to send you an Official Invitation letter. Official invitations may be obtained to facilitate participants requirements for entry visas. However, this invitation does NOT include the payment of any expenses such as registration fees, travel and hotel accommodation. Please write to the congress secretariat Symporg SA.

Money
The local currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF). One Swiss Franc equals approximately 0.69 Euro. Banking hours are from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Climate and Clothing
The climate is usually mild in April with temperature between 9° to 17°Celsius. However, in addition to light clothing, don’t forget warmer clothes and a raincoat for rainy days and good walking shoes as well as proper clothing if you plan excursions.
Shopping
Shops in Basel are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm and Saturday from 8:30 to 5:00 pm.

Disclaimer
Neither the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society nor Symporg SA accepts liability for damages, and/or loss of any kind which may be incurred by Congress participants or by any persons accompanying them, both during the official activities and the excursions. Participants are advised to take out insurance against loss, accidents or damage which could be incurred during the Congress.

Registration and Hotel reservation
For registrations and hotel reservations, a secure online registration will be opened shortly. Please refer to the secure Symporg webpage: https://www.symporg.com/registration/epos 2011

Congress registration fees
Swiss Franc : CHF

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Included in the registration fees:

Participant:
Admission to the scientific session, satellite symposia, abstract book, exhibition, welcome reception, coffee breaks, guided city walking tour.

Accompanying person:
Welcome reception, guided city walking tour. 1 day excursion

Cancellation:
Symporg must be notified of any cancellation in writing.
**Registration fees:** in case of cancellation received
- before February 25, the amount will be refunded, minus CHF 150 for administrative fees
- after February 25, we regret that no refund can be given for cancellation received on or after this date.

**Hotel reservation:** in case of cancellation received
- before February 1, no charge
- from February 1 until March 5, 1 night will be charged
- as of March 6, full reservation will be charged.

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**SOCIAL PROGRAM**

**WEDNESDAY, April 6**

*20h00* Welcome Reception, congress centre

**THURSDAY, April 7**

*16h30* Guided walking City Tour, departure from Congress center

*19h30* Presidential Dinner at Café Spitz, Merian Saal

**FRIDAY, April 8**

*20h00* Conference Dinner “Safran Zunft”

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**ACCOMMODATION**

This is the list of hotels available for the EPOS 2011 congress:

- ***** Swissotel
- **** Ramada Plaza – Hotel Basel – Merian am Rhein

Hotel reservations are possible online on the secured Symporg webpage:
[https://www.symporg.ch/registration/epos2011](https://www.symporg.ch/registration/epos2011)
Congress secretariat:
Symporg SA, Professional Congress Organizer, has been appointed the official Congress agency for the organisation of the congress. Please contact Symporg for any information concerning the congress, apart from the content of the scientific program.

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