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Dear Young ESPID members,

We hope you are all well even though the pandemic is far from over. At the end of another challenging year, we would like to take this opportunity to notify you about the progress of some Young ESPID activities and also to update you on some achievements from this year.

First a short reminder about the criteria of being a Young ESPID member.

- ≤ 40 years or >40 years and still in training
- Annual membership paid
- Personal desire of being a Young ESPID member as not all the ≤ 40 years ESPID members are also Young ESPID members

After the 2021 Young ESPID AGM and the interactions with you all in the breakout rooms, we came up with a couple of great projects that we and others have since then moved forward:

- We have a new Social Media Ambassador, Jorge Rodriguez from Portugal, whom is now part of the Social Media Team. He will be actively involved in spreading ideas and opportunities through Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn during the entire year, not only over the conference period. It has been decided that there is no need for a separate Young ESPID account for these platforms, so all the news that will be directly aimed for the Young ESPID members will have the #YoungESPID. We will use the current account as an umbrella under which lots of information can be found.
- In all the breakout rooms a desire to create more opportunities to interact with each other during the entire year was expressed. Therefore, we developed a plan to meet online, in small groups, with all country representatives. The first one was this month, and it was a real success. We agreed that , together, we are the ESPID family, and we look forward to working more closely with the country reps to pursue our goals. As the 2023 Congress will take place in Portugal, we suggest that the Portuguese Young ESPID members contact the present country representative from Portugal, Jorge Rodriguez, to see how you could be involved in the activities of the local organization committee. If you are interested in becoming a country representative or your country is not represented yet, send us an email at youngespид@espid.org along with your CV and letter of intention. The final lists are updated every year before the annual congress in May. The position is for 2 years term, so at the end of you term please do encourage new

people to step forward. Please note that if no new people come forward the current rep will stay on.

- A Clinical Training Network was proposed in one of the breakout rooms. The Committee for Education is now developing a list of places for training opportunities and ideas for how to advertise this on our website; we'll keep you posted.
- Even though 80% of you voted in favor of obtaining CME credits for participating in case rounds/online courses that are held on the ESPID Educational Platform, the Committee for Education concluded that it is too expensive and the administrative burden is too high at this moment. However, an alternative is being developed and they will start offering diplomas for all participants. This diploma could be taken into consideration at some point as a criterion for receiving different grants.
- Meet the expert interactive morning sessions for Athens 2022 congress. Similar to previous years, Young ESPID members will arrange and coordinate these sessions together with the experts. This is a great opportunity to learn new things and interact with leaders from the infectious disease field. The selected coordinators will get free registration to the conference. You will receive an email in the upcoming weeks with more information.

Building up a strong Young ESPID community is one of our goals. This is why we are encouraging you all to take part in as many ESPID activities as you can and to take advantage of all the great opportunities that ESPID has to offer. Because you are the hope and future of the pediatric infectious disease field in your country.

Warm regards,

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