Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Please see the World Sepsis Day Declaration letter. This is an important initiative that has great bearing on the care of children worldwide.

As you know, many children who die worldwide die as a result of sepsis-related conditions. The World Sepsis Day Declaration is an effort to bring public awareness to the issue of sepsis globally as well as engage policy makers, clinicians, patients and families, and to raise funds to achieve the outlined goals.

It is important that we participate in this fully. With this in mind, I would appreciate if you could distribute this widely in your area and seek volunteers to act as ambassadors for this very important initiative.

Please forward the names of volunteers to our Executive Manager Sandrine Bobinet (wfpiccsoffice@kenes.com).

I will then be in touch to issue a formal invitation and apprise of ongoing plans.

Please join together to participate enthusiastically in the important declaration of World Sepsis Day.
Yours sincerely,

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NEWS FROM OCEANIA

The 2012 College of Intensive Care Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in Melbourne May 25th - 27th with the theme “Breathe Easy: Oxygenation in the New Millennium”

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NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA

“Nutrition in the critically ill child”  
27-28 of April 2012 University of Chile  
Aula Magna Faculty of Medicine University of Chile

From epidemiology, the bioethic point of view, up to nutrition in special medical and surgical conditions in ICU.

Inspite of the known important role of nutrition in critically ill infants and children, trying to control metabolic stress response, oxidative stress and the consequence of MODS, malnutrition in hospitalized patients is still a problem.

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NEWS FROM ASIA

Technical Assistance – Sharing Singapore’s Experience

Reported by: Pang Nguk Lan

Providing technical assistance is a vital element in human resource development. In the last 10 years,
KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital (KKH) has move out of Singapore’s shore to promote regional cooperation by fostering partnership in training in South East Asia Region. The train-the-trainers exchange is a grounded human resource development program which is best expressed by “give a man a fish and he will eat for a day but when you teach a man to fish and he has fish for the rest of his life.” This model of training provides long term sustainability for it enables the development of own institutional capabilities in meeting up with the skills needs of their staff.

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**NEWS FROM EUROPE**

**Call to Action for Newborn Health and EFCNI White Paper successfully launched in the EU Parliament**

With utmost pleasure we would like to inform you that EFCNI, parents, health professionals and politicians from across Europe came together November 2011 in the European Parliament for the first time to demand concerted action to improve the care of preterm and newborn infants in the European Union.  

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The 9th Turkish Pediatric Emergency and Intensive Care Congress will take place on March 30-April 4, 2012 in Ankara


Language of meeting will be in Turkish with several sessions in English.

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

**The 11th European Conference on Pediatric and Neonatal Ventilation** will again be in Montreux; Switzerland, June 6-9, 2012 and will continue to provide the unique and ideal environment to our meeting.

As in previous years, thematic sessions include lectures by key experts and well-known speakers on various topics related to ventilation and respiratory failure in newborns and children.

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We will continue to emphasize free paper and poster presentations offering young pediatricians, neonatologists, pediatric intensivists and pediatric anesthesists a multidisciplinary forum where they can present their research and share their clinical experience with all participants.

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