The new UENPS, founded July 1, 2006 in Vienna, is a roof organisation integrating national European neonatal or perinatal societies under ONE organisational roof without impinging on national societies interests or needs. The UENPS to date comprises 16 societies with more than 4150 members. Instead of mission statements and statutes, the UENPS in co-operation with IPOKRaTES will pursue and successfully complete the following twelve projects within two years:

Within one year

1. Form a society with excellent scientists, teachers and clinicians. UENPS invites excellent scientists, either Europeans, Americans or elsewhere and young talented European neonatologists or perinatologists to join as members and to identify with this Europe based society.
2. Enabling UENPS members to disseminate information to factually all colleagues, neonatologists and perinatologists within the UENPS countries and beyond. UENPS and IPOKRaTES address registry together will reach over 10 000 colleagues.
3. Install a European as well as regional Research Networks & Registry of Research Centers to provide a base for multi-center-studies across Europe.
4. Recruitment and distribution office for postdoctoral fellows from within and outside the UENPS.
5. UENPS collective acquisition of e-access the most important journals at a reduced registration fee; Fostering, strengthening one or more European journals by collective orders at a reduced price.
6. Establishing RAPID communication on PILOT TRIALS & new METHODS in order to:
   • rapidly spread new techniques (analogue to OPEN SOURCES e.g. Linux)
   • bring about innovative, competitive “Frontier Research” (see EU Research Council).
7. A task force will secure EU-funding for projects of UENPS and its members and recruit industrial sponsors, since this society will be a key-player in its field in Europe and beyond.

Within two years

8. Founding of RESEARCH CAMPUS for young scientists in Cooperation with IPOKRaTES where the best, most talented young (< 35 years) scientists from Europe will spend one week together:
   • exchange of ideas, protocols in an informal way together with editors of scientific journals
   • underpinned with KEY lecturers on "What is this thing called science".
9. Arranging the TEACH-THE-TEACHERS program in Cooperation with IPOKRaTES.
10. To publish European Guidelines under the supervision of World Experts.
11. Planning and coordination of excellent, European based Congress(es) with World’s Top scientists/lecturers for Europeans and for the rest of the world; of very good Regional Educational Programs. Cities which symbolise the roots of Europe such as Rome, Istanbul, Athens, Alexandria and Jerusalem could be the sites of these world conferences.
12. Formation of opinion and decision on collective ordering of equipment.

We welcome you to our new society!

The President/CEO The Vice-President The General Secretary
George Simbruner Hercília Guimarães Borut Bratanic


Union of European Neonatal & Perinatal Societies is constituted by Austrian, Czech*, Dutch*, Estonian, Georgian, Hellenic, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovenian, Slovakian, Serbian, Swiss*, Turkish neonatal and/or perinatal societies.

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Colleagues, who are interested in UENPS and/or want to join the society as individual members are invited to visit the internet and to

Provide name and e-mail address preferably at www.ipokrates.info or FAX this form to: + 43 512 504 27308

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NOTE those who are already a member of a national society belonging to UENPS do not need to register

Membership is free of charge for 2006
Membership fee for the future years to come will be according to the socio-economic status and the doctors’ average income of your country, ranging from 0.5 € to maximally 10.- €