

## *Pediatric Intensive Care*

### **European Club on Pediatric Intensive Care (ECPIC)**

The first meeting of the European Club on Pediatric Intensive Care (ECPIC) was held in Barcelona on 12 September 1980 during the XVI International Congress of Paediatrics.

During this congress a small group of pediatric intensivists, from Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and Spain, decided to organize regular yearly meetings. In their opinion, the aim of the Club would be to promote meetings between intensivists mainly involved in the care of infants and children. Indeeds, at that time, numerous meetings brought together either neonatologists or adult intensivists but few opportunities were offered to pediatric intensivists to meet.

After Barcelona, four meetings were held; 1982 Azay Le Ferron (France); 1983 Canterbury (UK); 1984 Rotterdam (The Netherlands); 1985 Mainz (West Germany). The program of each meeting included lectures, free communications, discussions on research protocols, organization and collaborative studies. In 1984, the ECPIC participated in the organization of the 2nd International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical and Neonatal Intensive Care, jointly with the Medical School of Erasmus University Rotterdam. The first symposium had been organized in 1981 in Ljubljana by Professor Kornhauser. The Third Symposium will be held in Paris in September 1987 and again the ECPIC will participate in its organization.

Intensive Care Medicine is publishing a number of papers written by members of the ECPIC and I would like to express my acknowledgements to the Journal in supporting our proposal for this publication; it gives us an excellent opportunity to exchange views and ideas with adult intensivists. Such exchanges are considered as very important since several members of the ECPIC are also members of the European Society on Intensive Care Medicine.

Five years after its birth the European Club is drawing an increasing interest. ECPIC will become a society in the neare future. In opening our group to new members we hope to increase our scientific knowledge and the level of care in European Pediatric intensive care units. Our aim will be also to promote the fame of European Pediatric Intensive Care in other Continents.

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