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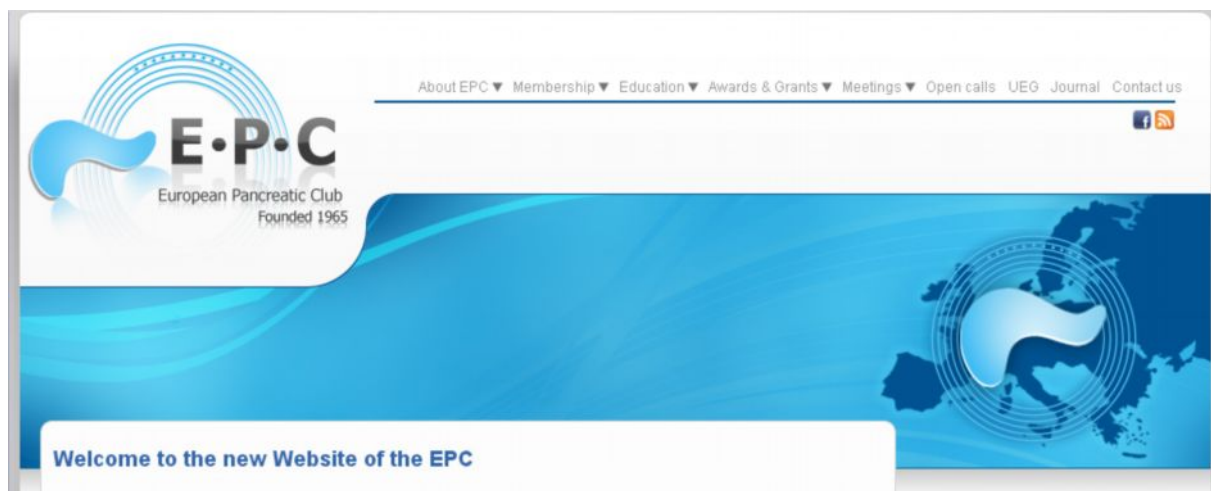
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EPC Newsletter

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Dear former, current and future EPC Members!

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the webpage of the EPC has been redesigned! This new web page will allow you to handle your personal data and membership payments. Moreover, you will be able to submit abstracts via this webpage to the annual EPC meetings. We also would like to update the webpage regularly to inform you about recent developments in Pancreatology.



The specific functions of the web page are as follows:

1. Data handling

One of the biggest advantages of the new website is to store up to date information about the data of our current and past members. However, the database is empty at the moment so everyone needs to register on the web page. The system will remember your data, so during abstract submission, data renewal or membership payment, you do not need to repeat it. **PLEASE CREATE YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNT NOW.**



If you or your group has paid your membership fees for next year, please still create your account.

We also tried to **update the information for all National Societies**. Please check whether the information concerning your National Society is correct. If there is no updated information, please help us obtain the necessary data.

2. Membership payments

There were lots of requests for group registration from the National Societies and from Pharmaceutical Companies. Therefore, we established the possibility of group registration.

a. Single membership payments

The web-based system of the EPC offers an easy, fast and comfortable way to pay your membership fee regardless of whether you wish to pay by credit card, or wire transfer. The system automatically generates an invoice, or proforma invoice, respectively and sends it to you via email.

b. Group payments

If you would like to pay the membership fee for more people, you can choose the group payment option, which is specifically developed for allowing a single transaction. If you wish to pay for someone who is already registered, the system will recognize it and you do not need to type in his/her details again. The system will remember your group, so next year you just need to update your group details.

If you or your group has paid your membership fees for next year, please choose bank transfer for your payment and send an e-mail to the treasurer (rolf.graf@usz.ch) and/or to the secretary (secretariat.epc@gmail.com) to confirm your membership.

PLEASE NOTE!

New long-term membership fee activated!

In order to stimulate long-term memberships, you can now pay your membership fee for up to three years in advance, which will not only reduce your time spent with administration but will reduce your membership fee by 20%. If you are under the age of 35, your fee is further reduced. Please note that this reduction only applies to the EPC portion of your membership fee.

To discourage last minute, conference based memberships, the membership fees will increase from 1st May each year.

The membership fees for each National Societies for the periods of 1st Jan – 30th April and from 1st May – 31th Dec can be found on the webpage. Of course we will send you a reminder before the deadline expires.

3. Abstract submission

From 2013 you can submit abstracts for the annual EPC meeting via the new webpage. This feature provides a fast and comfortable way to upload and edit your abstracts before submission. Moreover, the system will store your abstracts from the former meetings, so you can check and download these abstracts any time after the meeting. In addition, from 2013 the abstract evaluation process will be carried out online, which will speed up the process.

4. Next Year Conference (Zurich, 2013)

www.epc2013.com



Rolf Graf
President of EPC

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the **45th Annual Meeting of the EPC** in Zurich. This meeting will continue in the successful tradition of excellent conferences covering the latest developments in the field of pancreatic research.

Zurich is a bustling, vibrant and energetic city famous for its beautiful views of the lake and mountains, attractive cultural life and exciting events for visitors from all over the world. The meeting will be held at the Kongresshaus Zurich which features a unique central location with spectacular view of Lake Zurich and provides all the infrastructures required to successfully organize premium scientific events.

We are certain that the 45th EPC meeting will be a memorable and enjoyable experience and we look forward to welcoming you in Zurich. Our vision is to promote the exchange of knowledge, foster collaborations and last but not least relish the friendship among our members.

Abstract Submission Live	30.01.2013
Registration	15.02.2013
Abstract Submission closes	13.03.2013
Confirmation of approved abstracts	05.04.2013
Registration Early Rate	17.04.2013
Online Registration closes	20.06.2013
Congress dates	26-29.06. 2013

We wish all of you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you in Zurich in 2013!



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