European Paediatric Mycology Network
towards a better understanding and management of childhood mycoses

The European Paediatric Mycology Network (EPMYN) was launched in 2014 to create a European platform for research and education in the field of Paediatric Mycology.

Its aim is to increase the knowledge of the epidemiology and pathogenesis and to improve the management of invasive fungal infection in neonates and children. The objectives of the EPMYN are:

- to investigate the clinical epidemiology of invasive fungal infections in neonates and children
- to create a forum for educating and training colleagues in the field of paediatric mycology
- to investigate new diagnostic and treatment modalities in specific paediatric patient groups

Current activities are focussed on collecting the necessary information about the current management of invasive fungal infections in children and neonates from a large number of European centres. This information will be collected by an electronic survey and the data will be captured in the REDCap database. The results of this survey are expected to define specific areas of future research and will emphasize difficulties encountered in our daily practice which need to be addressed.

Our first post-graduate course in Paediatric Mycology is taking place on October 12-13, 2015 in Lisbon, Portugal (just after the Trends in Medical Mycology 2015). This post-graduate course is specifically targeted at paediatric infectious diseases specialists, paediatric hemato-oncologists, paediatric pulmonologists and neonatologists (and those in training).

The EPMYN is a member of the PENTA-ID, a recognised Level 1 network for paediatric infectious diseases in Europe (www.penta-id.org)

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