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. A descriptive study in which the epidemiology of invasive candidiasis in children and neonates in Europe will be presented, will be undertaken in 2016.

Our first post-graduate course in Paediatric Mycology was held in October 2015 in Lisbon, Portugal. During this course the 30 participants were provided with state of the art lectures on the epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of invasive fungal infections in specific paediatric patient populations. Interactive case presentations with active involvement of the participants led to vivid discussions.

Publications:
Highlights: Post-Graduate Course Paediatric Mycology published by Pfizer Infectious Disease, Pfizer bv.

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