Dear ISPAD Colleagues

We write to advise that the 13th ISPAD Science School for Health Professionals will be held in Valencia, Spain, October 23-25 2016, immediately prior to the 42nd Annual Conference of ISPAD, also known as ISPAD 2016.

The three day Science School is a foundation course in research methodology designed for allied health professionals (dietitians, nurses, psychologists, and social workers) who have or wish to develop a research interest in diabetes in children and adolescents. Applicants should demonstrate a minimum of 3 years’ experience working with children and adolescents with diabetes and also be a current ISPAD member. The School will give participants an understanding of: quantitative and qualitative research methodologies; developing and planning a research question; critiquing research; introductory level statistics and data analysis; writing grant applications; and will provide constructive discussion about research projects currently being undertaken or considered.

The course is not designed for individuals with doctoral degrees, those currently enrolled in advanced doctoral research training programs, or medical doctors.

Student places will be limited to 15 and one applicant per hospital/centre. Applications will be assessed by the Science School Lead Conveners. Student places will be limited to 15 and one applicant per hospital/centre. Applications will be assessed by the Science School Lead Conveners. Accommodation, meals and educational materials will be provided to the delegates during the Science School. Economy travel to attend the School will also be arranged or covered by ISPAD.

The educational grant for this Science school by: JOHNSON & JOHNSON DIABETES CARE COMPANIES is gratefully acknowledged.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to attend the ISPAD Annual Conference that immediately follows the Science School. Please note that the additional cost of attending the ISPAD 2016 Conference cannot be met by the Science School sponsorship. Alternative funding should be sought at your workplace. Attending the Annual Conference is an invaluable experience which provides exposure to current research as well as opportunities for future collaborative research, introduces attendees to the warm collegiality of the ISPAD multidisciplinary ‘family’, facilitates continued networking and is the setting for unforgettable ISPAD activities.
Applicants must send by email to the lead convener the following:

- Letter of application which must also include reasons for wishing to attend the Science School, your intention of attending the ISPAD 2016 Conference after the Science School, and whether you are planning on submitting a poster or oral presentation at the ISPAD 2016 Conference
- Curriculum Vitae (Word document, max 2 pages)
- Description of current work, and experience (clinical and research) which must also include your project idea that you plan to bring to the Science School for discussion
- Letter of Endorsement (Word document sufficient) emailed separately from your Head of Department that supports your application and confirms adequate support and resources within your department to undertake your clinical research project idea.
- Proof of current ISPAD membership

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Closing date for applications and Head of Department endorsement:
April 23rd, 2016 (CET)

Applicants will be notified regarding acceptance beginning of May 2016, to enable leave and travel arrangements to be made.

We look forward to receiving an application from an interested and qualified Health Professional from your centre.

Helen Phelan and Lis Northam