Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
ISPN & AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

The International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN) and the AANS/CNS section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery aspire to enhance collaboration between the two organizations.

**ISPN mission statement**
The International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN) seeks to promote the health of children throughout the world by encouraging the ethical transmission and exchange of neuroscientific information and techniques related to Pediatric Neurosurgery.

**The Section mission statement**
The mission of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery is to advance the care of patients with pediatric neurosurgical disorders and to support development of the field of pediatric neurosurgery.

Since:
- Both organizations have similar, if not identical goals (per mission statements above),
- There is a significant membership overlap,
- Both organizations have a history of friendship and collaboration,

Both organizations would like to formalize their relationship by agreeing to:
- Collaborate on selected educational endeavors where both Societies will be acknowledged
- Share and cross link educational material where feasible
- Provide mutual support in the promotion of web-based information
- Promote and participate in multi-center studies organized by either organization
- Try to avoid overlap of dates for meetings and courses as far as practicable
- Assist in membership and recruitment efforts, across the world
- Promote the inclusion of trainees and advanced practice providers into our respective societies
- Continue in the future to discuss ways to enhance collaboration

This MOU leaves total flexibility on the process to both sides and has no financial obligations.

This MOU is valid for a period of 3 years from the date of signing and may be revised 6 months before the expiration date. Both parties may terminate the MOU by written notification, duly signed by the presiding officer of the notifying party, giving at least 3 months’ notice.
Signed:

For the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN):

Signature:

Name: Wan Tew Seow
      ISPN President

Name: Shlomi Constantini
      ISPN President-elect

Date: 10/16/2023

For the AANS/CNS section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery:

Signature:

Name: Matthew Smyth
      Section Chair

Name: Ruth Bristol
      Section Secretary

Date: ___10/02/2023___
      ___10/16/2023___