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PRESIDENT'S WORD 2024

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Dear colleagues,

As the year 2024 draws to a close, I am pleased to extend my warmest wishes for a quiet and peaceful end to this eventful year. I hope you and your families remain safe and healthy, and I wish you the best of luck for the upcoming year 2025, which I trust will bring new and exciting opportunities for all of us.

Before we embrace the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to share the latest news and updates from ESPA with you.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community. Let us look forward to a bright and successful year ahead, together.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Warm regards on behalf of the ESPA Executive board,

Michael Brackhahn
ESPA President

ESPA PAIN LADDER INITIATIVE

With the December Issue of Anaesthesia Critical Care & Pain Medicine, the Second part of the ESPA Pain Ladder initiative has been published. The group around Maria Vittinghoff and Per-Arne Lönqvist has put a lot of effort into this second edition of one of the most downloaded documents on the ESPA homepage. We are all happy about and we congratulate the authors on achieving this publication.

Further details can be found on the website at:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352556824000857>

ESPA MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025

As we approach the end of 2024, we are delighted to announce that the ESPA membership fees for 2025 remain unchanged.

Now is the perfect time to become a member or renew your membership for the upcoming year. Simply visit the [ESPA Membership Platform](#) to secure your benefits, including:

- Access to the Pediatric Anesthesia Journal,
- Discounted ESPA Congress 2025 registration fees,
- Full access to the ESPA Video Archive and more.

Don't miss out—join or renew today and continue enjoying the full range of resources and advantages that ESPA membership offers!

ESPA CONGRESS 2025

We are excited to announce that the **15th European Congress of Paediatric Anaesthesiology** will take place from **October 2nd to 4th, 2025**, in the vibrant capital of Germany, Berlin. This special anniversary edition promises an

engaging blend of a scientific program, hands-on workshops, and problem-based discussions, all presented in a refreshed format.

We're also pleased to share that the congress will be hosted at the **Vienna Easy House, Berlin**, offering a fantastic venue for this milestone event.

Stay tuned—more details will be shared in January. We can't wait to welcome you all to Berlin for what promises to be an unforgettable ESPA conference!

ESPA CONGRESS



15th European Congress for Paediatric Anaesthesiology
2–4 October 2025
Berlin, Germany
www.espacongress.com | www.euroespa.com



ESPA ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

As many of you know, ESPA updated its statutes in September 2023. In line with this change, the financial year has been extended to cover 18 months, concluding on December 31st, 2024.

To comply with this adjustment, we are required to hold a voting General Assembly to discharge the board for their work over the past financial period. The board has therefore decided to organize an **online General Assembly** on **March 8th, 2025**, via Zoom, which will include an integrated voting process.

More details will be shared well in advance, including all necessary information regarding the content of this assembly. We look forward to your participation in this important event!

ESPA WEBINARS 2025

We are pleased to share that our final webinar of 2024, focused on muscle relaxation, was a great success. It attracted high attendance and concluded with a lively and engaging discussion.

Encouraged by this response, we are excited to announce that **three webinars** are planned for 2025! Detailed information about these sessions will be shared in our next

Newsletter.

One of these educational webinars will be a special collaboration with **ESAIC**, scheduled for the end of next year, focusing on regional anaesthesia techniques in paediatric anaesthesia.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and participation in our educational initiatives!

PAEDIATRIC REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA

The topic of paediatric regional anaesthesia has become very important in achieving high-quality paediatric anaesthesia and thus ESPA decided to start a cooperation with RA-UK, the UK-Division of the European Society of Regional Anaesthesia (ESRA), and the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (APAGBI). Within RA-UK you can now find the Paediatric Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anaesthesia section of the RA-UK Website (<https://www.ra-uk.org/index.php/introduction.html>). This resource is a collaboration between RA-UK, APAGBI, and ESPA to provide up-to-date guidance on the performance of ultrasound-guided regional anaesthesia in children, initiated mainly by Babette Clinck, Annabel Pearson, Catalina Stendall, and Nadia Najafi. In the near future, this collaboration will be expanded to a wider collaboration, other blocs, and important tools for daily OR work. We are extremely happy about this important collaboration and grateful for the enthusiasm of the whole team!

ESPA COLLABORATION WITH ESAIC 2025

We are delighted to announce that our close partnership with ESAIC will grow even stronger in 2025, following the **Memorandum of Understanding** signed by both societies' presidents in January 2024.

As a testament to this collaboration, ESPA has organized a dedicated **ESPA session** during the ESAIC Congress in **Lisbon**, taking place from **May 25th to May 29th, 2025**. This session will highlight the importance of our partnership and our shared commitment to advancing pediatric anaesthesia.

We look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate this exciting step forward in our collaboration with ESAIC!

OTHER EVENTS

The 4th World Congress on Maternal, Fetal & Neonatal Medicine (MFNM 2025)

February 25 - 27, 2025, Barcelona

<https://worldmfnm.com/>



Euroanaesthesia 2025

May 25 - 27, 2025, Lisbon

<https://euroanaesthesia.org/2025/>



IARS Annual Meeting

March 20 - 23, 2025, Waikiki

<https://meetings.iars.org/>



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