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WELCOME WORD 2025

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Dear colleagues, dear ESPA members,

As ESPA celebrates its 15th anniversary, allow us to take a few moments to look back at the origins and development of our society with a brief historical reminder for younger members or any colleagues who have joined ESPA in recent years.

The FEAPA, Federation of European Associations of Paediatric Anaesthesia, was established to unite European specialists dedicated to paediatric anaesthesia. In 2010, FEAPA evolved into the European Society of Paediatric Anaesthesiology (ESPA), adopting a formal structure and expanding its mission to advance paediatric anaesthesia across Europe. The first annual ESPA Congress was held in 2010 in Berlin, becoming a key event for paediatric anaesthesiologists to share research, clinical advancements, and best practices. This event marked a significant milestone in the society's history, bringing together paediatric anaesthesiologists from across Europe.

In October, ESPA will return to Berlin for its **15th Anniversary Congress**, celebrating over two decades of progress and collaboration in paediatric anaesthesia. For the occasion, several past presidents will be present and will share their vision of paediatric anaesthesia and their perception of the changes and developments of the last 20 years, as well as the future perspectives of our wonderful specialty.

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we invite you to participate in the 2025 Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Anaesthesiology. The ESPA congress will take place at the Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Berlin, Germany, from **October 2nd to 4th, 2025**.

We have prepared an inspiring 2½-day program featuring expert speakers covering a range of engaging topics, including the 15th Anniversary Session—*from FEAPA to ESPA*—a session dedicated to the ENT patient, including dilemmas in airway management and ventilatory strategies; the Editor's Best Pick with the top publications; groundbreaking paediatric research; numerous hands-on workshops (such as gastric ultrasound, POCUS for heart and lungs, regional anaesthesia, videolaryngoscopy, and airway management); and several *Patient-Based Learning* sessions.

The program also offers ample opportunities for formal interactions, as well as plenty of space for lively discussions and networking with colleagues.

Like every year, we also propose you join us for a morning sports session on Friday

We hope to see you all in Berlin!

On behalf of Executive Board,

Jurgen de Graaff, ESPA Past President

Fanny Bonhomme, Member of the ESPA Executive Board

VACANCIES ESPA EXECUTIVE BOARD

As the Chair of the ESPA Election Committee and on behalf of the Executive Board, I cordially invite you to participate in the election process for the new members of the Executive Board of the European Society for Paediatric

Anaesthesiology. There are multiple vacancies that should be filled.

The specific functions (President – Secretary – Treasurer) will be elected from within and by the board after the inauguration. The nominations will open on October 5th and will close on October 15th, 2025.

The list of candidates will be published on the ESPA website on November 5th, 2025. Voting will take place electronically in November 2025, after which the new members will be informed. Every ACTIVE member shall receive a unique voting code along with the voting rules by e-mail. The new members of the Executive Board will be inaugurated at the (virtual) general assembly in February/March 2026.

Every active ESPA member (see The Statutes: https://www.euroespa.com/content/uploads/2020/08/01-2020-08-018-deed-of-amendment-articles-of-association-espa_translation_executed.pdf) can nominate him/herself for a position in the Executive Board by sending a motivation letter (max. 1 page), a headshot, and a curriculum vitae (max. 5 pages) to the Past-President Jurgen de Graaff (info@euroespa.com). Feel free to contact me for more information.

I am looking forward to your interest in serving our Society.

Sincerely,

Jurgen de Graaff
ESPA Past President

Timeline:

- October 15th, 2025: Deadline for nominations
- November 5th-15th, 2025: Elections
- February/March 2026: Inauguration of ESPA Executive Board at General Assembly & assignment of roles

ESPA MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025

We kindly remind you to renew your ESPA membership for 2025 to continue enjoying exclusive benefits, including:

- **Special Discount on the 2025 Congress** — Save on registration fees and join us for another outstanding event!
- **Enhanced Access to the Members' Zone** — including the *Pediatric Anesthesia Journal* and an extensive *Video Archive*.

To renew your membership and unlock these advantages, simply click here: [ESPA Membership Platform](#).

Thank you for being a valued member of ESPA. We look forward to sharing another year with you and sincerely appreciate your continued support.

ESPA AT ESAIC 2025

ESPA was proud to be present at ESAIC 2025 in Lisbon, where we welcomed many of you at our exhibition stand and had the opportunity to promote both the ESPA community and our upcoming ESPA Congress.

A key moment of our participation was the dedicated ESPA session, titled "Why Kids Are NOT Just Small Adults."

Chaired by the esteemed Michael Brackhahn and Nicola Clausen, this session addressed the unique challenges and considerations in paediatric anaesthesia—reminding us all that children require tailored care, not scaled-down adult protocols.

We were honored to feature insightful talks by:

- ◆ Nicola Clausen
- ◆ Laszlo Vutskits
- ◆ Artemis Vekrakou

Their expertise sparked meaningful discussion and provided valuable perspectives on the evolving approaches to caring for our youngest patients.



ESPA CONGRESS 2025 UPDATES

ABSTRACTS:

We are pleased to announce that the **abstract submission deadline for ESPA Congress 2025 has been extended to 14 July 2025.**

If you haven't submitted your abstract yet, there's still time to share your work and contribute to the advancement of paediatric anaesthesia on an international stage.

A warm thank you to all who have already submitted — we truly appreciate your contributions and look forward to showcasing your work at the congress!

Further details can be found at: www.espacongress.com/abstracts

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

Time is running out to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration rates.

Register by **14 July 2025** to benefit from reduced fees and secure your place at Europe's leading congress in paediatric anaesthesia.

Whether you're a clinician, researcher, trainee, or allied health professional, ESPA 2025 offers:

- ✓ A cutting-edge scientific programme featuring international experts
- ✓ Practical workshops and simulation training
- ✓ Networking opportunities with colleagues from across Europe
- ✓ Special sessions dedicated to trainees and young professionals

Full registration fees and the online registration form are available here:

www.espacongress.com/registration

After 14 July, standard rates will apply—register early and be part of the ESPA community in Berlin this October!

WORKSHOPS AND PBLs:

We're excited to offer a range of hands-on workshops and Problem-Based Learning (PBL) sessions during our Congress. Please note that reservations for workshops and PBLs will open on **31 July 2025**. These sessions have limited capacity and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Make sure to mark your calendar and secure your spot early!

More details will be available soon on the congress website:

 www.espacongress.com

DISCOVER THE BEST OF BERLIN:

As the event is approaching, why not take some time to explore the vibrant city of Berlin? Known for its rich history, dynamic culture, and cutting-edge innovation, Berlin offers something for every visitor. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, the city's highlights promise an unforgettable experience.

From iconic landmarks like the Brandenburg Gate and Berlin Wall Memorial to world-class museums and energetic neighborhoods, Berlin is a city that seamlessly blends the past with the present. Dive into its diverse culinary scene, visit the inspiring Museum Island, or relax in one of the city's beautiful parks.

To help you plan your stay, we recommend checking out the official Berlin Highlights guide, packed with must-see attractions and insider tips: [Berlin](#)

Highlights—Attractions and Sights.

Make the most of your trip to Berlin and enjoy all the city has to offer alongside the enriching experience of the ESPA Congress.

ESPA CONGRESS



15th European Congress for Paediatric Anaesthesiology

2–4 October 2025

Berlin, Germany

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OTHER EVENTS

The 11th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS 2025)

October 18–20, 2025, Lisbon

<https://eaps2025.kenes.com/>



2026 Annual Meeting, presented by IARS and SOCCA

May 1–3, 2026, Montreal

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



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