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PRESIDENT'S WORD ON ESPA CONGRESS 2025

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank You for an Inspiring Annual Congress in Berlin Dear colleagues and friends, As we close this year's congress, I am filled with gratitude for the depth, passion, and energy that each of you brought to our meeting. The past few days have been a remarkable exchange of ideas—where science met dialogue, and collaboration met curiosity.

Before continuing, a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for their support and for fostering so many engaging conversations at their booths.

This year, our discussions reached far beyond the realm of pure medicine. We explored politics, public health, and the broader social forces that shape science and care. Together, we reflected on value-based thinking and the courage to look beyond our own

horizons.

What inspires me most is the shared sense of possibility that filled our sessions. We witnessed new ideas, new incentives, and new ways to drive change. But as I said during the closing ceremony, progress does not come from agreement alone—it comes from honest dialogue, from challenge, and from the willingness to face our own blind spots.

So I encourage you all: keep offering your comments, your questions, and your critiques. That is how we grow—together.

Let us leave this congress not only with new insights but also with momentum. Let us carry forward the spirit of curiosity, courage, and collaboration that has defined these days.

Thank you for your commitment, your ideas, and your energy.

Last but not least, our deepest appreciation to our longtime partners from Guarant: Lucie, Jakub, Tereza, Nicola, Alena, and Denisa from Association House. Their tireless dedication and professionalism made this congress what it is today—despite every obstacle along the way.

We look forward to seeing you again—next year in Madrid!

With warm regards,

Michael Brackhahn
ESPA President

ESPA CONGRESS 2025 SURVEY

Thank you for being part of ESPA 2025!

Your participation made the congress truly special, and now we would like to hear about *your experience*.

Your feedback is highly valued and will help us further improve the event for all future participants.

✓ Please, log in to your account at <https://espa2025.gcon.me/page/home>.

✓ Click on “**SURVEY**” in the menu and complete the questionnaire.

As a thank-you, once you submit the survey, you will be able to download your **Certificate of Participation** under *Documents* on your Personal Page.

 **The survey will remain open until 15 October 2025.**

We truly appreciate your time and input — thank you for helping us make ESPA even better!

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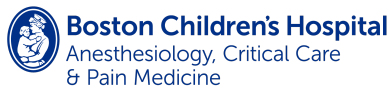
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our sponsors and industry partners for their support of the 15th ESPA Congress 2025. Their contribution played a crucial role in bringing this year's meeting to life and in creating an environment where progress in paediatric anaesthesia can truly prosper.

We hope all delegates had the opportunity to meet our partners in the Exhibition Area, explore their innovations, and exchange ideas directly with them. Their ongoing commitment helps bridge science, clinical practice, and industry—we are proud to grow this community together.

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ESPA CONGRESS 2026

We are pleased to announce that the next ESPA Congress will take place **in Madrid from 24 to 26 September 2026**.

Known for its welcoming atmosphere, rich history, and vibrant energy, Madrid will provide an ideal setting for our paediatric anaesthesia community to reconnect, learn, and exchange knowledge. Delegates can look forward to a diverse scientific programme, hands-on workshops, and valuable networking opportunities with colleagues from across Europe and beyond.

Outside the congress venue, the spirit of Madrid will offer unforgettable experiences—from relaxed evenings over tapas to walks through historic neighborhoods filled with life and color. ESPA 2026 aims to be not just a professional gathering but a meaningful shared experience.

We look forward to welcoming you there.

Please follow the congress website at <https://www.espacongress.com/> for updates planned in December.



ESPA EXPO ELECTION DEADLINE

We kindly remind you that the nomination period for vacancies on the ESPA Executive Board will close on **15 October 2025**. If you are an active ESPA member and meet the eligibility criteria, you are welcome to submit your candidacy.

Further information regarding the nomination process, required documents, and the full election timeline is available at:

<https://www.euroespa.com/about-espa/espa-elections-2025/>

SAFETOTS WEBINAR INVITATION

Please join a focused 45-minute Zoom webinar with **Dr. Jacob Karlsson**, who will present “*The 10 C’s — Crisis Management*” as part of the **2025/26 Online Lecture Series** in paediatric anaesthesia.

This session is designed to offer practical strategies for managing critical situations and will bring valuable perspectives to both clinical practice and team communication.



Save the date and attend live to benefit from real-time interaction.



Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zraWLbp-QWOQicezT3K8nA#/registration



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 LIVE
WEBINAR

Guidance on the IARS International Outreach Travel Grant Webinar



The International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS) invites researchers from low-, lower-middle-, and upper-middle-income countries to join a 1-hour webinar, ***Maximize Your Chances: Guidance for the IARS International Outreach Travel Grant***, on Thursday, **October 16, 9-10 am ET**. This session will provide practical guidance for those interested in presenting their research at the 2026 Annual Meeting, presented by IARS and SOCCA, and applying for the IARS International Outreach Travel Grant.

Led by experienced researchers, reviewers and past awardees, the webinar will:

- Offer step-by-step advice on preparing a clear and compelling abstract,
- Share insights into what reviewers value in successful travel grant applications, and
- Highlight strategies to strengthen research proposals and increase competitiveness.

We encourage you to share this opportunity with your members and trainees who may benefit from expert guidance as they prepare their abstract and travel grant submissions. Participation in this session can help ensure stronger applications and broader representation from across the global anaesthesiology community.

Learn more and register here: <https://iars.org/non-cme-webinars/>

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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