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## WELCOME WORD 2026

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Dear Colleagues,

In this ESPA newsletter 'summer edition, we share exciting updates on our upcoming congress in Madrid, highlight ongoing projects with our partners, and provide a first glimpse of an important new initiative that will help shape the future of paediatric anaesthesia training in Europe. Each topic will be outlined in more detail in the text below.

Also, I want to thank my fellow executive board members and all members and supporters of ESPA for the trust placed in me as President of ESPA. My priority will be to continue strengthening the scientific and professional networks that make ESPA such a vibrant and successful community.

Best regards,

Nicola G. Clausen  
ESPA President

# ESPA CONGRESS 2026 IN MADRID

Preparations for our annual congress are progressing rapidly, and we are delighted by the enthusiasm already shown by the paediatric anaesthesia community. More than 200 colleagues from around the world have already registered, and we hope to welcome many more in Madrid this September.

This year's scientific programme features an unprecedented number of problem-based learning discussions and hands-on workshops. To help participants select sessions that best match their experience and learning objectives, educational activities will be clearly identified as either **General (G)** or **Advanced (A)** level.

If you are planning to contribute your work, please remember that the abstract submission deadline is approaching. We encourage all members to share their clinical experience, research, and innovative ideas with the wider ESPA community.

Whether you are presenting your work or attending to learn and network, we hope you will contribute to the dynamic and engaging environment that characterizes ESPA meetings.

Please note that ESPA will reward three abstracts submitted by authors from low- and middle-income countries with one free registration each.

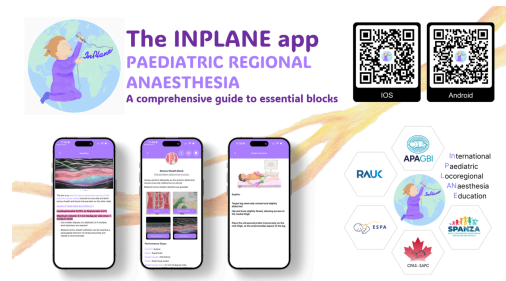
We warmly invite members of ESPA and colleagues in related fields to join us in Madrid for what promises to be an inspiring and rewarding conference.

## STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIONS

### **INPLANE App Now Available**

We are pleased to announce that the **INPLANE (International Network for Paediatric Locoregional Anaesthesia and Education)** app is now available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play.

The first release provides step-by-step guidance for all Paediatric Plan A blocks and includes educational resources covering key topics such as informed consent, local anaesthetic systemic toxicity (LAST), compartment syndrome, and other essential principles of regional anaesthesia practice. To upload, please visit: <https://apps.apple.com/ar/app/inplane/id6757392756>



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## PARNet Continues to Grow

ESPA is proud to support **PARNet**, the **European Paediatric Anaesthesia Research Network**, developed through the ESAIC–ESPA partnership. PARNet has recently launched an updated website featuring ongoing projects, opportunities for collaboration, and resources for investigators interested in paediatric perioperative research. We encourage members to explore the platform and consider becoming involved in future initiatives. If interested, contact: [research@esaic.org](mailto:research@esaic.org) or visit <https://esaic.org/research/research-groups/parnet/>.

## LOOKING AHEAD

One of ESPA's strategic priorities is to support excellence in training across Europe. We are therefore excited to participate in a new collaborative project aimed at defining the minimum requirements for paediatric anaesthesia training throughout Europe.

This initiative has the potential to strengthen educational standards, facilitate professional mobility, and ensure high-quality care for children regardless of where they receive treatment. Further details will be shared in the coming months.

## ESPA CONGRESS 2026 UPDATES

### VENUE:

The ESPA Congress will take place at **Meliá Avenida América**, a 4-star hotel in Madrid offering modern accommodation and extensive conference facilities under one roof. Strategically located close to IFEMA and Adolfo Suárez Madrid–Barajas Airport, the hotel provides convenient access for international participants while remaining well connected to Madrid's city centre. With versatile meeting spaces, comfortable guest rooms, and on-site dining options, Meliá Avenida América offers a practical and welcoming setting for the congress. Participants can look forward to a smooth and comfortable congress experience in Spain's vibrant capital.

To locate the venue on the map, please click [here](#).

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## CONGRESS REGISTRATION:

Registration for the ESPA Congress is now open and interest is already growing.

We warmly thank all participants who have already secured their place. If you have not registered yet, we encourage you to take advantage of the Early Registration fee, available until **27 July 2026**.

Early registration is the best opportunity to confirm your participation at a reduced rate and start planning your congress experience in Madrid. The ESPA Congress will offer a valuable platform for professional exchange, networking, and discussion with colleagues from across Europe and beyond.

For further details, including registration fees and practical information, please visit the [Registration page](#).



## PARTNERS OF THE ESPA 16th CONGRESS

We would like to thank all our sponsors and industry partners for their support of the ESPA Congress. Their involvement helps us deliver a dynamic scientific meeting and gives delegates the opportunity to discover the latest developments, products, and solutions in paediatric anaesthesia. We encourage all participants to visit the Exhibition Area, meet our partners, and learn more about the work they do to support our specialty.

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## ESPA MEMBERSHIP FEES 2026

We kindly remind you to renew your ESPA membership for 2026 to continue enjoying exclusive benefits, including:

- **Special Discount on the 2026 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

ESPA is also pleased to highlight the upcoming **International Assembly for Pediatric Anesthesiology (IAPA)**, which will be held in London, United Kingdom, from **18–21**

**April 2029.**

IAPA represents one of the largest global gatherings dedicated to paediatric anaesthesia, bringing together clinicians, educators, researchers, and trainees from across the world. The meeting provides a unique opportunity to exchange knowledge, foster international collaborations, and discuss innovations that will shape the future of perioperative care for children.

We encourage ESPA members to save the date and look forward to contributing to this important international event. Further information will be shared as it becomes available.

## OTHER EVENTS

### **PROSA 2026,**

September 10-11, 2026, Maastricht

May 1-3, 2026, Montreal

<https://www.prosaconference.com/>

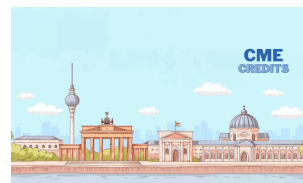


### **V Euro Anesthesiology and Critical Care Congress,**

*presented by IARS and SOCCA*

October 19-20, 2026, Berlin

<https://www.euroespa.com/event/v-euro-anesthesiology-and-critical-care-congress/>



### **The International Assembly for Pediatric Anesthesiology IAPA, 2029,**

April 18-21, 2029, London



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