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Message from President



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As we stand on the threshold of 2026, I am filled with both hope and urgency. This new year offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on our mission and renew our commitment to the most vulnerable among us—our children. Today, millions of children around the world are facing unprecedented challenges due to crises caused by poverty, malnutrition, educational disparities, environmental degradation, displacement, and natural disasters.

Every child deserves the fundamental right to a safe and nurturing environment, access to quality education, and the opportunity to thrive. However, we know that these rights are often compromised in the face of hardship. It is our collective responsibility to work tirelessly towards restoring their hope and ensuring they can flourish.

In 2026, let us amplify our voices and strengthen our commitment to address the multifaceted crises affecting children today. We must advocate for effective policies that prioritize healthcare, nutrition, and education, particularly for those in refugee situations and disaster-stricken regions. It is crucial to foster initiatives that address environmental challenges and promote sustainable practices for the future of our planet and its inhabitants.

Together, we can create a world where every child has the potential to succeed. I encourage you all to engage in meaningful dialogues, collaborate on innovative solutions, and act with compassion and purpose. Our combined efforts can make a powerful impact in the lives of children in need.

Let us enter this new year with a renewed spirit of solidarity and determination. Together, we can make 2026 a year of profound change and hope for children everywhere.

Prof. Joseph Haddad

President, IPA

From Executive Director's Desk



Season's Greetings!

As IPA marks 116 years of advancing child health, I am proud to share key updates on our global projects, governance, administration, and digital initiatives. Over the past few years, IPA has continued to expand its reach and impact, connecting pediatric societies and healthcare professionals, strengthening partnerships, and advancing evidence-based child health practices worldwide.

A major milestone was the IPA Congress 2025 was connecting over 6,000 pediatric healthcare professionals from more than 100 countries across the globe, significantly strengthening IPA's visibility and partnerships.

Through the Pediatric Association Advocacy for Immunization Priorities (2023–2025) initiative funded by the Gates Foundation, IPA worked in Nigeria and Indonesia, training over 2,000 National immunization champions. Building on this momentum, the IPA Advocacy – Immunization Champions project (2025–2028) supported by the Gates Foundation has expanded to Mexico, Angola, Liberia, and Ghana, strengthening policy environments for new vaccine introduction, improving coverage, addressing vaccine hesitancy, and supporting national immunization programs. IPA's Vaccines to Vaccination initiative, implemented in 2023-25 with a grant from GSK Global, conducted seven workshops across Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nepal, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, and Kyrgyzstan, training 177 participants to enhance coverage and reach zero-dose children. IPA has also expanded its global reach through a partnership with LDSC to conduct Training of Trainers (ToT) on the WHO Essential Newborn Care Course (ENCC), 2nd Edition. This initiative will be implemented through national and regional workshops in three selected countries, strengthening newborn care capacity and promoting standardized evidence-based practices across health systems.

In parallel, IPA continues to scale its digital learning portfolio. An online HPV training course in partnership with American Cancer Society (USA), will be launched on 4th March 2026, while the GAP4Cure childhood cancer course is in development with SIOP. Our signature initiative The IPA Vaccine Trust Course, has already trained more than 8,500 participants worldwide, further reinforcing IPA's growing global footprint and impact.

From Executive Director's Desk

As we expand our programs and strengthen our global presence, it is equally important to ensure that our governance structures remain robust, transparent and inclusive.

I believe governance matters must be approached with care and clarity, through a clearly defined, step-by-step process. We started the strategic planning in 2022 with the help of a consultant and held a SC retreat in 2023 to discuss strategic priorities for IPA. Major constitutional and administrative reforms were made in 2023 and in 2025 and it is a continuous process in which we should maintain transparency, inclusiveness, and unity. There are many more proposals for constitutional amendments so we should be cautious at every step as we move forward. It should be done with consensus. All proposed amendments will be presented at the IPA Council of Delegates (COD) Meeting and will follow one of two formal pathways, either as a SC resolution or resolution from a member society. All resolutions must be submitted to the IPA administrative office at least six (6) months prior to the COD Meeting.

On the administrative front, I am pleased to report that IPA's accounting processes now provide real-time visibility of all financial transactions, including sources of income and expenditure. Key institutional developments during this period include the launch of a revamped IPA website with the addition of a new Science Hub providing easy access to a wide range of child health resources. In addition, with the current webinar module used by the IPA Administrative Office, a proposal was put forward to consider a platform that would allow simultaneous streaming across multiple IPA social media channels. IPA webinars can now be publicly accessible through the IPA website and social media platforms, with the aim of enhancing visibility, engagement, and overall impact.

Looking ahead, as IPA continues to grow and strengthen its operations, this tenure will mark the final tenure of the elected Executive Director. An upcoming transition will involve a paid administrative position moving continuously in direction of a very professional organization.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement during my last 20 years with the International Pediatric Association. Together, we are committed to advancing child health globally. My thanks to the administrative office staff for their invaluable support

Dr. Naveen Thacker
Executive Director, IPA

Message From Editor in Chief



Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm that I greet you in this inaugural International Paediatric Association (IPA) Newsletter for 2026. As the Editor-in-Chief, I am privileged to connect with the dedicated global community of professionals who tirelessly champion the health and well-being of the world's children.

The turning of the year provides a valuable moment for reflection. We look back at the resilience shown by our young patients and the adaptability demonstrated by our medical community in the face of ongoing public health challenges. From navigating complex infectious disease landscapes to integrating new technological advancements in care, your commitment on the frontline remains unwavering. Our collective success lies in the principle that the well-being of a child anywhere is the concern of a pediatrician everywhere.

A New Imperative: Climate Change and Child Health

As we set our professional focus for 2026, we must confront one of the most significant long-term threats to pediatric health: climate change. The changing global environment is not an abstract future threat; it is a present danger, manifesting in increased respiratory illnesses due to air pollution, nutritional deficiencies from disrupted food systems, and mental health strain caused by environmental disasters.

Pediatricians must now operate as "Climate-Informed Clinicians" and advocates. Our role extends to educating families on heat stress prevention, recognizing climate-sensitive infectious diseases, and advocating for environmental policies that safeguard children's fragile health. The IPA is committed to providing you with the resources and research needed to address this critical public health crisis head-on.

Charting Our Course: Equity and Innovation

Moving forward, our mission remains centered on equity and innovation. Staggering disparities in access to care—be it essential vaccines or specialized pediatric treatments—demand our unified attention. Through the IPA, we commit to sharing evidence-based practices that can be locally adapted to close these gaps, ensuring every child, regardless of geography or socio-economic status, has the opportunity to thrive.

Message From Editor in Chief

This Newsletter serves as your vital connection to groundbreaking research, essential policy updates, and the collective wisdom of your peers. I urge you to use it as a tool for learning and engagement. Share your insights, highlight your local achievements, and strengthen our global network.

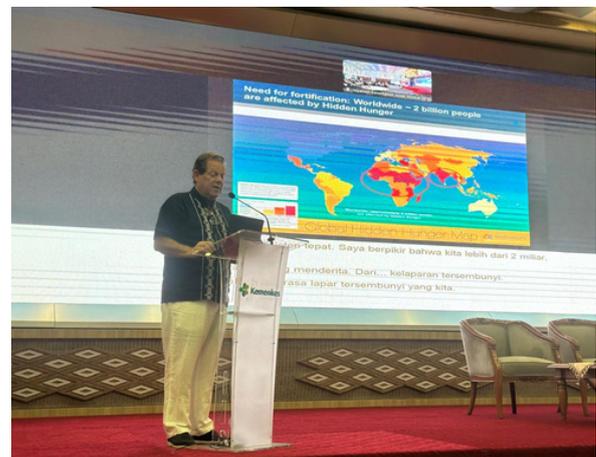
May 2026 be a year of collaborative success and impactful advocacy as we uphold the highest standard of care for the next generation. Thank you for your dedication to our shared and noble calling.

Prof. Adamos Hadjipanayis
Editor-in-Chief, IPA Newsletter

IPA Representation



Dr. Joseph Haddad, President IPA attended the FIGO World Congress 2025 on 5 – 9 October 2025 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.



Prof. Joseph Haddad, President IPA, visited Indonesia on 9 to 13 October participating to a one day workshop in ministry of health with HCP and Ministry Team on Mother and child health then delivering a opening speech in Indonesian Pediatric society in Malang Jakarta

IPA Representation



Dr. Joseph Haddad, IPA President, delivering a speech on promising therapies in neonates at the Hellenic Perinatal Society meeting in Athens on 30 October 2025



Dr. Naveen Thacker Executive Director of IPA attended the Experience Sharing Workshop on Pediatric Association Advocacy for Immunization Priorities under the grant from Gates Foundation organized by Indonesian Pediatric Society on 14-15th Nov 2025

IPA Representation



An Immunization Champions and Stakeholders meeting was held on 8 December 2025 in Abuja, Nigeria, as part of ongoing engagement activities. The meeting was attended by Dr. Haddad and Dr. Thacker.

During the visit, the official opening of the new office of the Nigerian Pediatric Society was attended, and Dr. Haddad also visited district and national hospitals.

IPA Representation



Dr. Carlos G. Alonso Rivera, President-Elect of IPA, attended the 4th National and 2nd International Pediatrics Congress of the Azerbaijan Pediatric Society, held in Baku on 11–13 December 2025.

IPA Representation

Prof. Adamos Hadjipanayis represented IPA At World Meteorological Organization and report submitted below

The Impact of Heat Exposure on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health: Identifying Priority Actions and Indicators

WHO-WMO Meeting, Geneva | 13–15 January 2026

I represented the International Pediatric Association (IPA) at the WHO-convened technical meeting “The Impact of Heat Exposure on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH): Identifying Priority Actions and Indicators”, held from 13 to 15 January 2026 at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in Geneva. The meeting brought together experts from WHO, WMO, academic institutions, national ministries of health, and international partners to advance global work on extreme heat, MNCH outcomes, and health system responses. The meeting aimed to: review the evidence on the impact of heat exposure on maternal, newborn and child health; identify and prioritize indicators to monitor heat-related MNCH outcomes; and align these indicators with existing climate, health surveillance, and policy frameworks.

Across the three days, discussions highlighted the growing burden of extreme heat on pregnant women, newborns, children, and the health workforce, particularly in low-resource and climate-vulnerable settings. Presentations reviewed current global and national heat-health indicators, including those from the WHO Global Survey on Climate Change and Health and the Lancet Countdown, and explored gaps in the integration of MNCH-specific needs.

Working groups focused on maternal health, newborn health, child health, public health surveillance, and climate and health, resulting in a prioritized set of MNCH indicators linked to heat exposure. Strong emphasis was placed on the need for indicators that are feasible, comparable, and actionable, and that can be integrated into existing systems such as DHIS-2, early warning systems, and national surveillance platforms.

The meeting also addressed adaptation interventions in health facilities, including heat-resilient infrastructure, workplace protections for health workers, and service delivery adaptations. Participants emphasized that protecting health workers from heat stress is essential for maintaining safe, high-quality care for mothers and children. The importance of community engagement, gender-responsive approaches, and alignment with WHO guidance (e.g. heat-health action plans and occupational health standards) was repeatedly underscored.



On behalf of the International Pediatric Association, I highlighted the interdependence between health worker wellbeing and child health outcomes, and the need to frame heat mitigation in MNCH facilities as a patient safety, quality-of-care, and equity issue. IPA stressed that failure to address extreme heat risks will further widen existing child health inequities unless pediatric perspectives are embedded in indicators, facility standards, and workforce protection strategies.

The meeting concluded with agreement on next steps, including the refinement of prioritized indicators, development of policy briefs for health programme managers, and alignment with global initiatives such as the Extreme Heat Risk Governance Framework and WHO's High Horizons work. IPA will remain engaged in follow-up activities and contribute pediatric expertise to ensure children's needs are adequately reflected in global heat-health action.

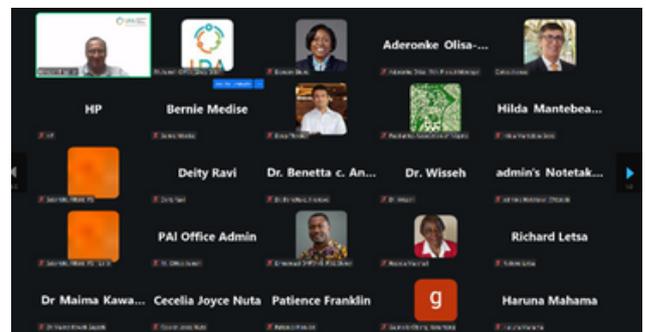
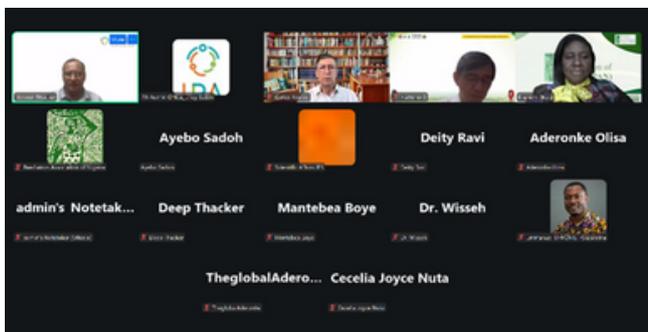
Pediatric Association Advocacy for Immunization Priorities



The Experience sharing workshop was successfully conducted on 14-15 Nov 2025 in Jakarta by Indonesian Pediatric Association



An Immunization Champions and Stakeholder meeting was held on 8th Dec 2025 at Abuja, Nigeria as a part of continuous engagement activities by Paediatric Association of Nigeria which was attended by Dr Haddad and Dr Thacker.



IPA Advocacy:

Immunization Champions and Policy Influence Orientation meeting with all the newly added societies (Angola, Ghana, Liberia and Mexico)



Stake holder consultation meeting completed by Pediatric Society of Ghana on 19th December 2025 to identify the immunization priorities.

IPA pediatric member societies from Angola, Liberia and Mexico have completed Stakeholder Mapping and soon they will be completing the Stakeholder Consultation.

IPA V2V Project

In the third year of the V2V project , four regional workshops will be conducted across Anglophone & Francophone Africa, South Asia, and Central Asia. The first two workshops are scheduled to be completed by 15th April 2026, planned in Uganda and Bangkok.

IPA SANOFI RSV Project

RSV Survey for IPA Member Societies

We are thrilled to share that our survey on pediatric societies has been wrapped up, garnering 104 responses from 99 countries! The data is now being analyzed, and we're gearing up to turn these insights into a manuscript

RSV Survey for Pediatricians

We are excited to announce that 31 countries have agreed to join IPA for our survey to disseminate among their pediatric members! A detailed list of participating countries is available region wise.

Asia Pacific India Japan Malaysia China	Latin America Brazil Mexico Venezuela Bolivia Honduras Chile Argentina	Europe Azerbaijan Cyprus Deutschland Israel United Kingdom Spain	Sub Saharan Tanzania Ethiopia Kenya Ghana Liberia	Middle East and North Africa Algeria Iraq Egypt Jordan Oman	Central Asia Turkey Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan Azerbaijan
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The survey deadline has been extended to 15th February 2026. We kindly request all pediatric members to share the survey within their regions and follow up with colleagues to ensure we achieve the maximum number of responses.

Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZK7QBKN>

IPA ACS HPV Online Course- Promotion & Launch

On 4 February 2026, in honor of World Cancer Day, IPA will announce the IPA–ACS partnership to prevent cervical cancer and highlight the upcoming course launch. Thirteen IPA member societies will join IPA in this important initiative.

Global Launch of HPV Vaccination Online Course – 4 March 2026

The official global launch of the HPV vaccination training modules will take place on 4 March 2026 on International HPV Awareness Day, as a virtual event via Zoom. More details will be shared soon.

IPA LDSC Project Update

Training of Trainers on WHO’s Essential Newborn Care (2nd Edition)

We are pleased to announce that the proposal for the Training of Trainers (ToT) on WHO’s Essential Newborn Care Course (2nd edition) has been accepted. The workshops (National & Regional) are planned to be conducted in 3 countries

IPA SIOP Project Update:

The IPA–SIOP project began in September 2023. The project includes three modules featuring 15+ video lectures. Soon the online course will be completed and launched.

Activities conducted under IPA program areas {Nov 2025 to Jan 2026}

1. Program Area on maternal, newborn and perinatal Medicines:

- The subgroup on maternal health has drafted a survey to collect standardised national data on maternal, newborn, and reproductive health policies, services, outcomes, and systems to support a global collaborative study led by the International Pediatric Association on improving maternal health.
- The subgroup on care of the newborn has conducted a webinar, “Surfactant: Addressing The Unmet Life Saving Potential in LRS”.
- The subgroup on NRP + is working on “Training of Trainers (ToT) on WHO’s Essential Newborn Care Course (2nd edition)
- The subgroup on Follow-up care of High Risk Newborn has conducted a short needs assessment survey among the member pediatric societies and has drafted a Global Analysis of Follow-Up Practices for High-Risk Newborns: A Situation Analysis and Needs Assessment

2. Program area on nutrition breast feeding and food safety:

- The subgroup on neonatal and child nutrition has collected resources from 20 countries to develop a guideline on iron and vitamin D intake. The subgroup on allergy and nutrition is drafting a position paper on allergy

3. Program area NCD, Adolescent and Mental Health:

- Subgroup on mental health is preparing a statement on ‘Addressing the global rise of mental health disorders in children and adolescents.

4. Program area on immunization and infectious diseases :

- The subgroup on vaccines and vaccinology training is preparing a course on vaccinology
- The subgroup on antibiotics, new drugs and AMR has conducted a webinar “From Scarce to Sophisticated: Navigating Pediatric Respiratory Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Across Global Regions”
- The subgroup on HPV is preparing a repository and drafting a manuscript out of a survey that gathered information from pediatric society leaders and members on the status, barriers, needs and support required to strengthen HPV policies and uptake across countries.

5. Program area on ECD, childhood disabilities and primary care:

- The subgroup on primary care is preparing a survey of country-level information on pediatric primary care systems, workforce training, service delivery, digitalization, child development, disability services, and emergency pediatric care to understand and strengthen child health services globally.

6. Program area on Quality, Better and Essential Medicine, AI:

- The subgroup on AI “Global Readiness for AI in Medicine”.
- The subgroup on quality, “Pediatric Death Audits towards improving quality and safety in pediatric care”

7. Program area on Environment Health & Climate Change:

- The subgroup has planned a webinar on “Protecting Children from Mycotoxins in a Changing Climate” on 24th February, 2026.

8. Program area on Social Pediatrics:

- Social pediatrics are doing a webinar series on bearing witness and advocating for children in conflict settings in collaboration with ISSOP. So far, 4 webinars have been done. They have also published a statement on Social Pediatrics, Child Rights, and Humanitarian Crises.

***International Pediatric
Association and
American Cancer Society
Launch Global
Partnership on World
Cancer Day to Close the
HPV Vaccination Gap***



4 February 2026 – On World Cancer Day, the International Pediatric Association (IPA) and the American Cancer Society (ACS) announced a new global partnership, **Vaccinate Adolescents Against Cervical Cancer**, to accelerate the elimination of one of the world’s most preventable cancers, in alignment with the World Health Organization’s global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer.

Despite the availability of a safe and highly effective vaccine, **more than half of girls globally remain unvaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV)**—the primary cause of cervical cancer. Each year, **over 600,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 340,000 die**, with the vast majority of deaths occurring in low- and middle-income countries.

The partnership mobilizes pediatric societies, healthcare professionals, and public health leaders to close this gap and support WHO’s goal of **vaccinating 90% of girls by age 15**. Through clinical leadership, healthcare worker training, and country-level action the partnership seeks to strengthen HPV vaccination programs. Central to the effort is empowering healthcare workers, whose recommendation is one of the strongest predictors of HPV vaccine uptake.

As part of the partnership, IPA and ACS will roll out a **free online training course** and **ready-to-use resources** for pediatric and other medical societies, as well as frontline healthcare providers. These tools will be officially unveiled during a global virtual event on 4 March 2026, bringing together clinical leaders and public health partners from around the world.

***International Pediatric
Association and
American Cancer Society
Launch Global
Partnership on World
Cancer Day to Close the
HPV Vaccination Gap***



“Urgency, focus on unvaccinated girls, and pediatric leadership are not optional—they are essential to achieving the 90% vaccination target”

_PROF JOSEPH HADDAD, IPA PRESIDENT

“We have an unprecedented opportunity to eliminate a cancer--cervical cancer--through HPV vaccination and appropriate screening. We must not lose this opportunity to increase HPV vaccination rates and protect girls from a deadly but now preventable disease”

_DR. ANU AGRAWAL, PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGIST, VP GLOBAL CANCER SUPPORT”

Over the next several years, the partnership aims to **train healthcare providers in more than 50 countries** and support medical societies in advancing national HPV vaccination efforts.

“Healthcare Professional or workers remain most trusted messenger but it is also important to empower them with necessary knowledge and more importantly empathetic communication, which is the foundation for building trust and increasing vaccine acceptance.” **_DR NAVEEN THACKER, IPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Launched on World Cancer Day, the partnership sends a clear message: **cervical cancer is preventable, healthcare worker recommendations save lives, and reaching every girl is essential to eliminating this disease.**



Global Readiness for AI in Medicine

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2025 | 2:30 PM GMT

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Topic
TB in Children:
Challenges and Progress in the Philippines

Topic
"Childhood Tuberculosis in India -
Where we are and how did we reach there?"

4th of Oct 2025
3:00 pm IST
5:30 pm PHT

Zoom

Dr. Vasant Khalatkar
President IAP 2025

Dr. Yogesh N Parikh
Secretary General 2024-2025

The Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) and the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) jointly hosted the inaugural APPA-IAP Webinar on October 4, 2025, bringing together paediatricians and child health experts from India, Philippines and across the Asia Pacific region. IAP President, Dr. Vasant M Khalatkar emphasized India's commitment to eliminate tuberculosis by 2030 while APPA President, Dr. Joselyn Eusebio described childhood tuberculosis as a "silent epidemic" affecting millions across Asia. The APPA-IAP Webinar served as a dynamic platform for collaboration, innovation, and the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge in paediatric tuberculosis care. It showcased the latest advances in diagnosis and management, equipping clinicians across the Asia Pacific with practical insights.

The **Third APPA Executive Committee (EC)/ Standing Committee (SC) Meeting** was held on **October 5th, 2025**. The meeting was organized to discuss issues pertaining to APPA. The agenda included: updates on the 19th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) to be held from July 26- July 29, 2026 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) in Colombo, Sri Lanka, issues regarding the APPA e-Journal (Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health) and other matters.





APJPCH and MJPCH Zoom Meeting, Oct. 21, 2025

A Zoom meeting between representatives of the Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health (APJPCH), APPA e-Journal based in Lahore, Pakistan and the Malaysian Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health (MJPCH), published by the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPS) in Kuala Lumpur, was held on October 21, 2025.

The meeting was held to discuss matters on the indexing of the APJPCH, reducing numbers of articles submissions to APJPCH and “Publication Ethics and Policies” for APJPCH.

The Editorial Board of APJPCH were represented by Prof. Zulkifli Ismail, APPA Secretary General / Associate Editor, APJPCH, Editor-in-Chief, APJPCH Prof. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan and Dr, Khalid Masud. MJPCH were represented by Prof. Zilfalil Alwi, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Intan Juliana Abdul Hamid and Dr. Halim Fikri.

WEBINAR ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY
PROGRAMME

- 5:00 PM – 5:05 PM
Opening Remarks
DR. JOSELYN A. EUSEBIO
President, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association
- 5:05 PM – 5:30 PM
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS
PROF. SUMUDU NIMALI SENEVIRATNE
Director, Centre for Complex Hormonal Disorders, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
- 5:30 PM – 5:35 PM
The Growing Burden of Childhood Obesity in the Asia-Pacific Region: Magnitude, Trends, and Challenges
DR. EMMA A. LLANTO
Past President, Philippine Society of Adolescent Medicine Specialists
- 5:35 PM – 6:00 PM
The Role of Physical Activity in Preventing and Controlling Childhood Obesity: Strategies for the APPA Region
PROF. DR. ANTHONY OKELY
co-Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Children's Food, Nutrition and Physical Activity
- 6:00 PM – 6:25 PM
Influence of Food Marketing on Childhood Obesity: Addressing Commercial Pressures and Promoting Healthy Choices
PROF DR. TILAKAVATI KARUPAIAH
SRI Professor, School Of BioSciences, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences
- 6:25 PM – 6:55 PM
Q&A and Panel Discussion
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APPA Webinar on Childhood Obesity, Oct. 26, 2025

A video webinar on Childhood Obesity-hosted by the Asia Pacific Association (APPA) and the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians (SLCP), was held on October 26, 2025. Childhood obesity in the Asia-Pacific region shows rapid surge due to socio-economic transition leading to rapid urbanization and change of lifestyles, leading to a generation burdened with chronic non-communicable diseases.

Dr. Emma Lanto, a paediatrician specializing in adolescent medicine in the Philippines, discussed the growing burden of childhood obesity in the Asia-Pacific region.

Impact of overweight and obesity is immense as mentally it can affect any organ head to toe and psychosocially leads to stigma, discrimination, bully, and depression’ Globally, overweight and obesity are rising rapidly with more than half a billion children world-wide suffering from it, surpassing under nutrition numbers

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Joint Webinar 2025

**SCREEN USE IN CHILDREN
A GROWING CHALLENGE**

8 NOVEMBER 2025 14:00 TO 16:20 HOURS (UTC +8) VIA ZOOM PLATFORM

On November 8, 2025, the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) and the Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) successfully conducted a joint webinar entitled: “Screen Use in Children: A Growing Challenge.”



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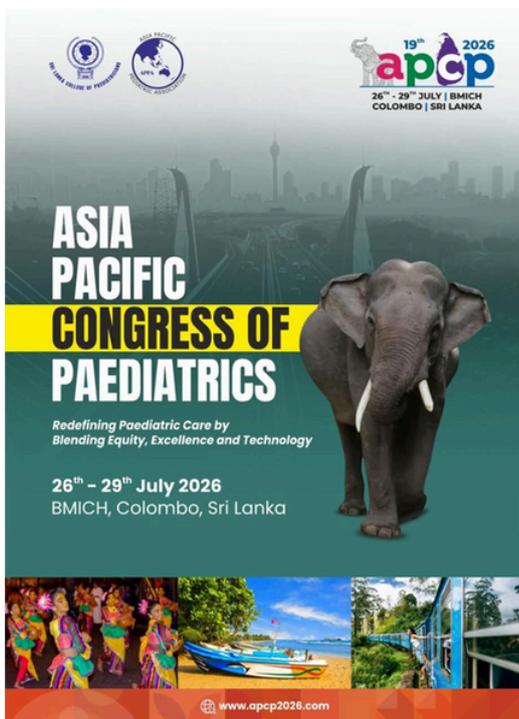
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The virtual event was to address the increasing concerns surrounding screen time and its impact on child health and development. The virtual event held via Zoom drew 263 registrants, with 120 attendees participating live spreading across 13 Asia-Pacific countries. A post-event survey received positive responses, reflecting strong engagement and appreciation for the relevance of the topics.

This webinar underscored the urgent need to address screen use among children, a challenge that requires collaboration between healthcare professionals, parents, and policy makers. The APPA-SPS webinar successfully highlighted the significance of this issue and set the stage for continued dialogues and action in the Asia-Pacific region. .Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health (APJPCH), APPA e-Journal, the APJPCH is a quarterly e-journal published regularly since September 2018 - www.apjpch.com. The July-September 2025 issue is now online.

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19th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP 2026)

Date: 26–29 July 2026 at

Venue: BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Theme: “Redefining Paediatric Care by Blending Equity, Excellence & Technology.

Website: www.apcp2026.com

Indian Academy of Pediatrics

The national conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, PEDICON 2026, held in Kolkata, was a resounding success. The conference witnessed participation from over 8,000 pediatricians from across the country, along with an outstanding presence of faculty—more than 1,200 national and over 50 international experts.

A major highlight of PEDICON 2026 was its strong focus on capacity building through 14 Training of Trainers (TOT) modules, addressing key public health priorities such as nutrition in children under five years, nutrition in older children and adolescents, besides their physical and mental health issues, allergy disorders, pneumonia in under-five children, diarrheal diseases, rational antibiotic use, infectious diseases, and immunization practices. These TOT sessions successfully trained over 600 pediatricians. In addition, 26 hands-on workshops were conducted, providing skill-based training to nearly 1,000 pediatricians. The conference also saw active participation from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization, reinforcing its national and global relevance.

Alongside a vibrant scientific program, PEDICON 2026 featured a robust industry exhibition and multiple awareness initiatives, including programs promoting a safe and healthy environment for children, making it a truly comprehensive academic and public health event. To increase the awareness on role of HPV vaccination an excellent FIRESIDE Chat was done with Ms. Nikita Porwal (Miss India World 2024) in prevention of cervical cancer in Women.

In the forthcoming year, the Indian Academy of Pediatrics plans to roll out an extensive and ambitious academic program across the country. This will include more than 750 physical workshops, conducted across the length and breadth of India, aimed at capacity building and skill enhancement of pediatricians at all levels.

In parallel, a robust and regular digital training program will be conducted on a daily basis, ensuring continuous learning and easy accessibility. These programs will involve all 25 IAP subspecialty chapters, covering a wide spectrum of pediatric disciplines.

A major academic milestone for the Academy is the development of 360-Degree Pediatrics – Practice Guidelines, created through the active involvement of leading academicians across the country. These guidelines will comprehensively cover neonatology, general pediatrics, and pediatric subspecialties, with a strong focus on practical, evidence-based care.

For the first time, the Academy is also preparing standardized, emergency-based pediatric guidelines, which will be disseminated nationwide with the objective of strengthening pediatric emergency care practices and ensuring uniform, protocol-driven management across healthcare facilities.

To further advance child healthcare and academic rigor, the Presidential Action Plan includes the conduct of more than 50 research workshops and over 50 nursing training workshops across the country, aimed at strengthening research capacity, multidisciplinary collaboration, and quality of care.

In addition, a dedicated postgraduate training program has been planned, encompassing structured academic support, exam-oriented learning, clinical decision-making skills, and mentorship, with the goal of nurturing the next generation of pediatric leaders and academicians.

The Indian Academy of Pediatrics takes pride in its strong and well-established academic framework. To support this, the Academy has developed its own dedicated digital learning platform, enabling seamless national and international academic engagement.

Through this platform, we would be delighted to partner on a once-a-month global teaching initiative, featuring expert-led panel discussions with participants and faculty from across India and around the world. This forum will foster the exchange of ideas, scientific knowledge, and best practices, with the shared goal of improving child healthcare globally.





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Asociacion Latinoamericana de Pediatria (ALAPE)

SLIPE- “Migrant Children: Challenges of Infectious Diseases”

ALAPE participated in the Latin American Congress of Pediatric Infectiology (SLIPE) by holding a symposium on the health of migrant children in Latin America, with a focus on infectious diseases. The symposium was based on a position paper currently under development as a joint academic effort between both scientific societies.

This work was motivated by concerns regarding the exponential increase in migrant children in the region over the last two decades. Migrant children represent a highly vulnerable group, exposed to physical and moral exploitation, child labor, increased risk of disease, prostitution, and physical and sexual abuse.

The objectives of the symposium were:

1. To highlight the importance and magnitude of child migration as a serious public health problem in Latin America, where children represent approximately 25% of the migrant population, significantly impacting the health of children and adolescents, particularly in the area of infectious and vaccine-preventable diseases.
2. To outline the challenges related to immunization and the prevention of infectious diseases.
3. To address challenges in the surveillance and diagnosis of communicable diseases.
4. To promote a comprehensive approach to the risks faced by migrant populations, especially those under 18 years of age—estimated at 6.3 million according to UNICEF data—during mobility, at origin, transit, and destination.

Representing ALAPE were Dr. Marcela Fama Pereira, President of ALAPE, and Dr. Mónica Pujadas, a member of the Board of Directors. Representing SLIPE were Dr. María Luisa Ávila, President of SLIPE, and Dr. Claudia Beltrán, a member of SLIPE’s Vaccine Committee.



Perspective on the Current Situation of Vaccination in Latin America

On December 9 and 10, the Summit of the Americas on Immunization: Regional Perspectives, Challenges, and Future Directions was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The event was convened by the Latin American Society of Vaccinology (SLV) and featured the participation of highly respected scientific societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the Latin American Pediatric Association (ALAPE), the Pan American Association of Infectious Diseases (API),

The Latin American Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Societies (FLASOG), the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), the Latin American Society of Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases (SLAMVI), and the Latin American Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (SLIPE). Each organization delivered an institutional presentation addressing regional perspectives, priorities, and challenges in immunization from the standpoint of its respective specialty.



From ALAPE, the reemergence of diseases such as measles and pertussis was addressed, in light of the increase in cases that led the Region of the Americas to lose its certification as a measles-free region by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Emphasis was placed on restoring vaccination coverage as the primary strategy for controlling vaccine-preventable diseases, as well as on addressing vaccine hesitancy, with pediatricians serving as the main advocates and trusted recommenders of vaccination. Governments and institutions were urged to ensure a sustained supply of vaccines.

We highlighted the fundamental role of scientific societies in ongoing updating and continuing medical education in order to continue providing high-quality care and to allow us to keep working for the health and well-being of children and adolescents in our countries and across the region.

32nd Congress on the Prevention and Care of Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse: “From Indignation to Action”

On September 8 and 9, the 32nd Congress on the Prevention and Care of Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse, titled “From Indignation to Action,” was held in Bogotá. The congress featured a high-level academic program that included topics addressed by the different sectors involved in the care of children who are victims of abuse. It included international speakers who are experts in their fields, workshops, and presentations of innovative and successful experiences from various countries in the region, such as Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Colombia, as well as from Spain and the United States.

Dr. Marcela Fama Pereira, President of the Latin American Pediatric Association (ALAPE), attended on behalf of the Association to participate in a panel discussion with Drs. Isabel Cuadros Ferré, President of Asociación Afecto (Colombia); Abigail Casas Muñoz, President of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) (Mexico); and José A. Díaz Huertas, pediatrician (Spain). The discussion focused on the need to continue addressing child abuse and sexual abuse in childhood through a multidisciplinary approach, as this complex problem involves multiple factors—individual, family, psychosocial, and cultural—making the participation of different sectors such as education, physical and mental health, justice, and legal protection of children and adolescents essential for prevention, identification, and management.

The creation of a Latin American League Against Child Abuse was proposed, with the aim of carrying out joint work in partnership with the various institutions represented and welcoming those interested in contributing to the construction of a path that promotes, advocates for, and proclaims a childhood free from abuse in any of its forms.

We emphasized child abuse as a multidimensional problem in which pediatricians play a key role in primary prevention through a comprehensive approach that includes family support, early detection, and community education, integrating health, education, social policy, and justice. All of these are essential components for detection, intervention, and prevention within the context of child development.



ALAPE, as a scientific society, recognizes the shared responsibility of pediatricians to advocate for the prevention of child abuse and sexual abuse. Through actions that strengthen comprehensive, timely, and humane care, ALAPE seeks to contribute to reducing the incidence and consequences of child abuse.

The actions to be developed include:

- The generation and dissemination of updated scientific evidence.
- Training health professionals in the detection and management of child abuse.
- The development of evidence-based clinical protocols and the promotion of effective public policies.
- Leading educational campaigns for families and communities.
- Promoting the creation of support networks for parents and children.
- Encouraging research to evaluate and improve preventive interventions.

As conclusions and commitments arising from this panel discussion, the following actions were established:

- The creation and implementation of the Latin American League Against Child Abuse, leveraging a shared language and culture to advance prevention and care for this problem.
- A declaration of commitment by pediatricians to the prevention of child abuse.
- Participation in and increased visibility of this issue in academic activities across countries in the Latin American region.

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To learn about all of ALAPE's activities throughout 2025, we invite you to read our most recent newsletter.

<https://alape.org/boletin-2025/>

Sociedade Brasileira de Pediatria

1st World Congress of Pediatric Emergency and Urgent Care

Brazil will host the 1st World Congress of Pediatric Emergency and Urgent Care in São Paulo, from March 25 to 28, 2026. This will be a hybrid event, with global and simultaneous transmission in three official languages: Portuguese, English, and Spanish. The congress will bring together 31 international speakers from 15 countries across six continents, ensuring strong scientific rigor and a wide diversity of perspectives. In addition to clinical topics, the program will address quality, safety, management, education, physician well-being, and other relevant themes. This event will provide a unique opportunity for shared learning and exchange of experiences aimed at improving care for critically ill children.

42nd Brazilian Congress of Pediatrics

In 2026, the city of Belo Horizonte, in the state of Minas Gerais, will host the 42nd Brazilian Congress of Pediatrics, the largest scientific event organized by the Brazilian Society of Pediatrics. We expect to welcome more than 5,000 pediatricians from across the country. The congress will take place from October 13 to 17, 2026, and will offer scientific updates and a platform to share ideas that further strengthen healthcare for children and adolescents. Pediatricians are invited to participate in this important event, where highly relevant topics in pediatrics will be discussed.

Sociedade Brasileira de Pediatria has also prepared a document on Early Childhood Without Screens: Better Health which reflects its commitment to promoting healthy early childhood development by advocating for reduced screen exposure. The material presents evidence-based recommendations and public health strategies that support children's physical, cognitive, and emotional well-being. For more info visit IPA website. www.ipa-world.org

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DOHAD GROUP CUBA: AN INNOVATIVE COLLABORATION STRATEGY AMONG SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

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Introduction: The DOHaD concept (an acronym for Developmental Origins of Health and Disease) constitutes a new area of knowledge related to the "plasticity" of the growth and development process and its influence on the genesis and prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). The purpose of this article is to describe the emergence of the DOHaD Cuba Group and the main results it has achieved.

Development: The DOHaD Cuba Group emerged in 2021 at the proposal of the Cuban Societies of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine, and its actions have been oriented toward promoting the paradigm shift that the DOHaD concept represents in health promotion and the prevention of NCDs throughout the life course, particularly from early stages. This brief communication in the IPA Bulletin presents the main results obtained since its creation, including:

1. In addition to pediatricians and clinicians, the group has incorporated specialists from diverse fields, including geneticists, obstetrician-gynecologists, nutritionists, public health specialists, geriatricians, epidemiologists, general practitioners, cardiologists, nephrologists, psychologists, neurophysiologists, histologists, and others who have recognized the importance of knowledge from these different scientific areas in the practical application of the DOHaD concept.
2. Four international symposia have been held with the participation of foreign experts and several hundred Cuban specialists. Furthermore, a delegation from the Group participated in the DOHaD World Congress 2022 and the DOHaD Canada Congress 2023.
3. Joint publications have been produced by the members of Group 1 and 2, and research projects are underway, most notably the National Cohort Study of the Cuban Child. This study included all children born in Cuba during the first week of March 1973 (N 4299), who were analyzed at birth, 7 months, 7, 11, and 17 years of age. Upon reaching their sixth decade of life, these children were re-contacted to identify the relationships between different events that occurred during their early years and their health status, educational achievements, and social standing in adulthood.
4. The DOHaD Cuba Group is also the core of the Collaboration Agreement between the University of Medical Sciences of Havana and the Lunemfeld Tanenbaum Research Institute, affiliated with the University of Toronto, within which some of the activities related to the aforementioned events, publications, and research are carried out.
5. Members of the Group are incorporated into the NCD Committee of the Cuban Society of Pediatrics and the NCD Coordinating Group of the Ministry of Public Health. Internationally, pediatricians from the Group are part of the ALAPE NCD Committee and the DOHaD Subgroup included in the IPA Development Programs.

Conclusions: Addressing the DOHAD concept and applying its results from various scientific societies can contribute to the implementation of actions that foster scientific and technological progress, particularly in the health sector.

The experience of collaborative work among several Cuban scientific societies toward a common goal—improving the well-being and quality of life of the population—has yielded useful results for the improvement of the National Health System.

Keywords: DOHAD, prevention, non-communicable diseases

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Confederación Nacional de Pediatría de México - CONAPEME

COMMEMORATING CONAPEME'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY(Mexico)

In October 1975, the National Pediatric Association of Mexico changed its name, structure and Constitution, giving birth to CONAPEME (Confederación Nacional de Pediatría de México). The major difference was that all of Mexico's pediatric colleagues, associations and academic groups were represented.

In order to honor this important happening, from October 9th to 11th in the city of León, Guanajuato, CONAPEME'S current authorities led by Dr. Roman Gonzalez-Rubio, organized the 50th Anniversary National Meeting. This outstanding academic meeting, besides gathering an important number of foreign professors, and attendees, was a celebration of five decades of uninterrupted work and advocacy in favor of Mexican children.

One of the most touching moments was the public recognition by the Governor of Guanajuato Madam Libia Denisse Garcia-Muñoz Ledo, and the State Health Secretary Dr. Gabriel Cortes Alcala, to CONAPEME's Past-Presidents presenting them with the CONAPEME 50 Anniversary Medal.

Undoubtedly this meeting will be remembered as the one that celebrated the past, strengthened the present and confirmed CONAPEME's pediatricians commitment to the future of Mexican children.



Dr. Gabriel Cortes-Alcala, State Health Secretary.
Madam Governor Libia Denisse Garcia-Muñoz Ledo.



CONAPEME'S PAST PRESIDENTS.



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Asociación Pediátrica De Guatemala

80 Years of Leadership in Service of Children

In 2025, the Guatemalan Pediatric Association (ASOPEDIA) celebrated its 80th anniversary, reaffirming its institutional leadership in child health promotion, continuing medical education, and pediatric integration at national and regional levels.



On October 30, 2025, ASOPEDIA held its 80th Anniversary Commemorative Dinner, a formal event highlighting the association's long standing commitment to child health. A special tribute was paid to Dr. Ernesto Cofiño, founder of ASOPEDIA, honoring his visionary legacy in Guatemalan pediatrics. The historical review was presented by the President of the Board, Dr. Rubén Ruiz Santa Cruz, who also received recognition from



Dr. Marcela Fama, President of the Latin American Pediatric Association (ALAPE), and Dr. Carlos Alonso, President-elect of the International Pediatric Association (IPA). The event brought together national and international pediatric leaders, strengthening regional collaboration.

Nationwide Continuing Medical Education

Throughout 2025, ASOPEDIA implemented a decentralized education strategy through the 5th Northern Symposium (Izabal), Eastern Symposium (Jutiapa), and Southern Symposium (Escuintla), delivered in hybrid formats.



These activities featured lectures and workshops led by pediatric subspecialists and were aimed at pediatricians across the country. Distinguished pediatricians were recognized for their professional contributions, and more than 50 new members joined the association, reinforcing its national representation.



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Health Promotion and Social Responsibility

ASOPEDIA launched the first edition of the “Moving for Children” Run, an innovative health promotion and fundraising initiative supporting pediatric services in national hospitals, while engaging both the medical community and civil society.



Academic Excellence and Innovation

The LXVI National Congress of Pediatrics welcomed over 1,500 participants and national and international experts. The scientific program included multiple parallel modules, hands-on workshops, and the integration of innovative technologies such as clinical simulation, artificial intelligence, and telemedicine, all within an ethical and humanistic framework.

In addition, 2025 marked the relaunch of the scientific journal Guatemala Pediátrica, ASOPEDIA’s official publication since 1961, dedicated to disseminating evidence-based original research, reviews, and clinical cases.

Looking Ahead to 2026

ASOPEDIA remains committed to continuing medical education and regional cooperation. Planned events for 2026 include:

- 5th Southern Regional Symposium: January 30–31, 2026, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala · 6th Eastern Regional Symposium: May 29–30, 2026, Jalapa, Guatemala

- 6th Western Regional Symposium: July 24–25, 2026, San Marcos, Guatemala · 6th Northern Regional Symposium: October 23–24, 2026, Petén, Guatemala

In addition, the 67th ASOPEDIA National Congress of Pediatrics and the 4th Latin American Congress of Pediatric Emergencies (SLEPE) will be held from September 2 to 4, 2026, in Guatemala City.

More information: <https://asopedia.org/>

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City of Tucumán – Tucumán Province
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City of Esquel – Chubut Province
Metropolitan Region Conference

Dr. Carlos A. Gianantonio Pediatric Teaching and Training Center – Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

SAP 2026 Congresses and Events

- 11th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- 11th Argentine Congress of Emergencies and Critical Care
- 9th Argentine Congress of General Ambulatory Pediatrics
- 9th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- 9th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Nutrition
- 4th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Dermatology of the Argentine Society of Pediatrics
- 2nd Argentine Congress of Diagnostic Imaging in Pediatrics
- 10th National Conference on Injury Prevention
- 3rd National Conference on Professional Practice

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September 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2026

Venue: Buenos Aires Marriott – Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

First Block (Thursday and Friday)

- 9th Argentine Congress of General Ambulatory Pediatrics
- 4th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Dermatology of the Argentine Society of Pediatrics
- 2nd Argentine Congress of Diagnostic Imaging in Pediatrics
- 10th National Day of Injury Prevention
- 2nd National Day of Professional Practice

Second Block (Saturday and Sunday)

- 11th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- 11th Argentine Congress of Emergencies and Critical Care
- 9th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- 9th Argentine Congress of Pediatric Nutrition

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Looking Back: How EAP Turned 2025 into a Year of Momentum

Across Europe, paediatricians are working in increasingly challenging environments shaped by workforce shortages, uneven training standards, rising misinformation, and widening gaps in access to care. In 2025, the European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP), representing 53 national societies, advanced its mission amid workforce shortages, uneven training, and rising misinformation. EAP focused on integrating education, advocacy, and standards to strengthen paediatric care across Europe.

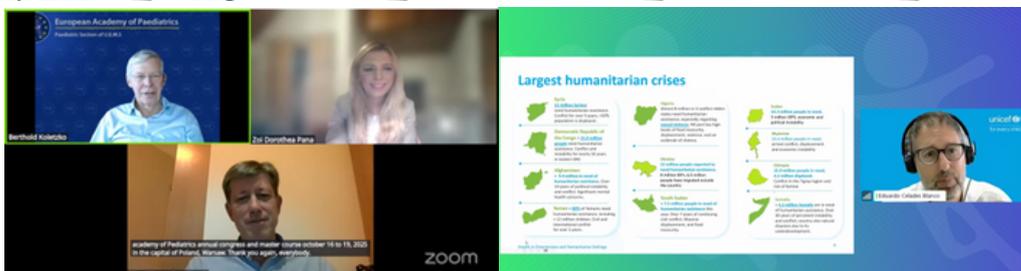
Education

EAP prioritized continuity in professional development. Key highlights included the Congress and MasterCourse in Warsaw (October 2025) fostering clinical updates and cross-country exchange, and the launch of the EAP 2025 Webinar Series, offering free, accessible learning. The series opened with a widely attended vaccination webinar and concluded with a UNICEF joint session on World Children's Day. Structured training was reinforced through the Core Knowledge in Paediatrics (CKP) Course and the inaugural Leadership Academy in Leipzig, emphasizing leadership and advocacy skills.

EAP Congress and MasterCourse, Warsaw Snapshots:



Webinar Snapshots:





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Snapshots from the EAP Leadership Academy:



Advocacy

EAP amplified its voice at EU and global levels. It engaged the European Commission on child health priorities and addressed safety issues such as button battery injuries working together with Duracell. Collaboration with WHO Europe strengthened vaccination strategies, maternal immunisation, and rubella surveillance. EAP also supported WHO linked implementation efforts, including dissemination of the WHO Europe Primary Health Care Pocket Book

A major milestone was WHO accreditation as a non-state actor, enabling formal participation in regional health processes.

Public campaigns marked World Immunization Week and issued a Global Call on the impact of armed conflict on children, including engagement with the infant formula donation initiative for Nasser Hospital in Gaza and complemented by humanitarian initiatives supporting Ukraine by providing urgently needed equipment for the care of preterm infants and EAP support in training of Ukrainian paediatricians.

EAP Achieves WHO Accreditation as a Non-State Actor

16 September 2025

Working document EUR/RC75/21: Engagement with non-State actors: accreditation and triennial review.

It grants the EAP the right to attend and contribute to the Regional Committee's discussions, ensuring that the voice of paediatricians is heard

Standards and Assessment

EAP achieved mid-year accreditation of the EBP-EAP Examination, aligning with European quality benchmarks. Participation reached a record 356 candidates from 39 countries. Additionally, the Paed STEP survey, launched with WHO in collaboration with the EAP and Young EAP, began mapping residency structures to inform future policy.

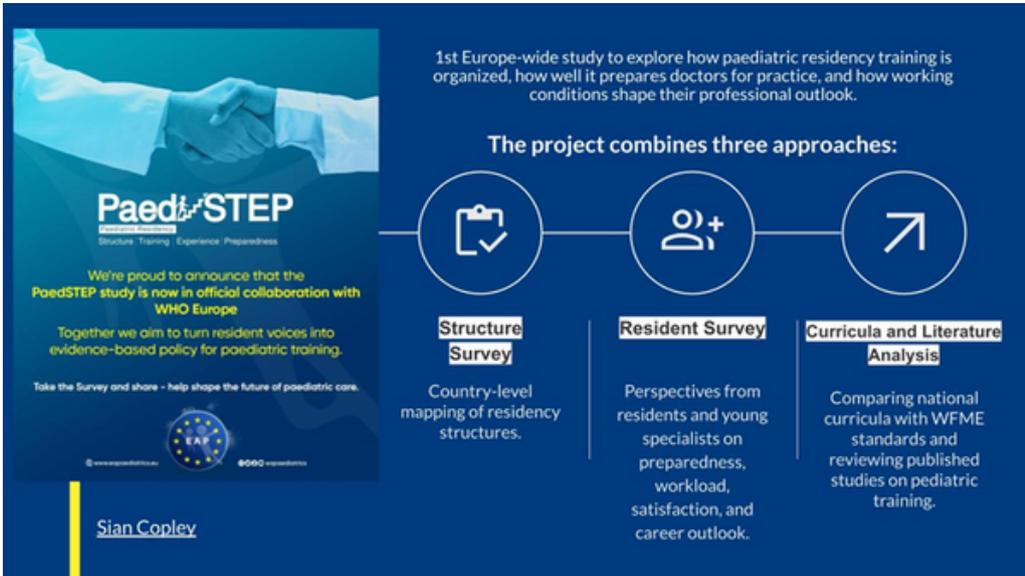


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- Resident Survey**
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- Curricula and Literature Analysis**
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Together we aim to turn resident voices into evidence-based policy for paediatric training.

Take the Survey and share - help shape the future of paediatric care.

Sian Copley



Looking Ahead

In 2026, EAP will continue this integrated approach through the MasterCourse in Tbilisi (30th April-3rd May), Spring Meeting in Tallinn (14-15th May), and CEPAS 2026 in Lyon (28-31st October), alongside expanded webinars, leadership training, and a landmark study on paediatric primary care systems across 42 countries providing a robust evidence base for advocacy aimed at strengthening and aligning paediatric care across Europe.

2025 demonstrated how shared challenges can be transformed into collective momentum through education, evidence, and advocacy, creating a unified voice for children.



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Bulgarian Pediatric Association

One of the key priorities of the Bulgarian Pediatric Association (BPA) in 2025 was to enhance the qualifications of young specialists. By the end of the year 2025, a number of educational and training initiatives were implemented, alongside the launch of the Pediatrics Plus podcast.

In March 2025, two editions of the Pediatrics School were held in Starosel and Razlog. The program, initiated by the “Knowledge Gives Life” Foundation with the support of the America for Bulgaria Foundation, Bulgarian Pediatric Association and the Association of Medical Students in Bulgaria, aimed to provide fifth- and sixth-year medical students with deeper insight into pediatrics and support their practical training.

In June 2025, BPA organized the Second Interactive Training Academy for Young Pediatricians at the Medical Simulation Training Center of the Medical University of Plovdiv. Organized by Dr. Diana Nencheva-Milichevich and Dr. Kostadin Ketev under the mentorship of Assoc. Prof. Yordanka Uzunova, MD, PhD, the program combined theoretical and hands-on modules focused on key emergency and diagnostic pediatric skills. Training included endotracheal intubation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, lumbar puncture, and point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), alongside lectures on imaging, ECG interpretation, and blood gas analysis. Participants received CME certificates accredited by the Bulgarian Medical Association, awarded by Prof. Ivan Litvinenko, MD, PhD, and Assoc. Prof. Yordanka Uzunova, MD, PhD.

Between August and November 2025, BPA and UNICEF jointly conducted communication skills trainings in Sofia and Sliven, based on the BPA guideline How to Communicate More Effectively with the Pediatric Patient and Their Parents. The program focused on practical techniques and promoting a child- and family-centered approach.

In September, BPA partnered in the first postgraduate qualification program Therapeutic Communication in Pediatrics, implemented with academic institutions and NGOs.

In 2025, BPA also established the Prof. Dr. Dragan Bobev Scholarship to support pediatric residents and young specialists under 40 through specialization and advanced training in leading European pediatric centers.

Additionally, BPA launched the Pediatrics Plus podcast—the first pediatric-focused podcast in Bulgaria—hosted by Dr. Andrey Goncharov. The podcast features expert yet informal discussions on clinically relevant topics and supports continuing medical education for young pediatricians, residents, and medical students.





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The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)

★RCPCH Conference 2026
11-13 May Birmingham, UK and online

<p>30 years of RCPCH: Reflect, celebrate, and inspire</p> 	<p>Registration opens October 2025</p> <p>www.rcpch.ac.uk/ conference</p>
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RCPCH Conference 2026

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) Conference will be held from 11–13 May 2026 in Birmingham, UK, with an online option for virtual participation.

German Society for Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (DGKJ)

Congress for Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine 2026- Berlin

Date: November 18 to 21, 2026

Motto: "Together into the future"

Website: www.dgkj-kongress.de

This year, we have chosen three guiding principles: Interdisciplinarity, innovation, and networking.

The Romanian Society of Pediatrics

The key event for our society was the National Congress of Pediatrics with international participation, held in Sinaia from 24 to 27 September 2025. The Congress brought together over 1,500 participants, including pediatric specialists, subspecialists, and resident doctors.

The event was organized in partnership with Romania's leading Universities of Medicine and Pharmacy: "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, "Iuliu Hațieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca, the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova, and "George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology Târgu Mureș.

This year, a full day was dedicated to pre-congress, fully booked courses and hands-on workshops covering key topics such as Basic Pediatric Life Support, Transfontanellar Ultrasound in Newborns, Step-by-step Pediatric Endoscopy, Ultrasound in Pediatric Practice, Endocrinological Puzzle in Children, ECG in Pediatrics, and Pulmonary Ultrasound.

The scientific sessions addressed a wide range of specialties, including pediatric respiratory medicine, gastroenterology and hepatology, cardiology, endocrinology, neurology, rheumatology, nephrology, oncology, dermatology, sleep medicine, genetics, and neonatology. Continuing our advocacy efforts against tobacco and derivative use among youth, a dedicated section of the Congress focused on this important public health issue.

The three sections devoted to infectious diseases and vaccination generated significant interest, drawing numerous participants. Pediatricians, infectious disease specialists, and epidemiologists from Romania and abroad discussed topics such as adolescent vaccination, recommendations and priorities, the safety of live attenuated vaccines in immunosuppressed pediatric patients, pneumococcal vaccines from past to future, innovations in newborn prevention against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), the expanding role of vaccines beyond disease prevention, and vaccines for traveling children.

All sessions featured lectures by nationally and internationally recognized experts from the UK, Italy, Greece, Albania, and Turkey.

A special day was dedicated to young researchers, who presented oral communications and posters. The Society awarded five prizes to the best scientific papers, encouraging excellence in pediatric research.



Slovak Pediatric Society

The Czechoslovak Medical Society J. E. Purkyně (ČsLS JEP) was founded in 1949. Since 1953, Slovak doctors, including pediatricians, have also participated in its activities. After the establishment of the federative Czech and Slovak Federative Republic, the Slovak Medical Society was founded in 1969, which also included the Slovak Pediatric Society (SPS). Until 1973, the SPS operated together with the Czech Pediatric Society as the Czechoslovak Pediatric Society. Therefore, we formally consider 1973 to be the year of the establishment of an independent SPS, although de facto it had been operating since 1953.

The SPS is an organizational unit of the Slovak Medical Society, which is the most important professional medical society in Slovakia. The SPS is a member of UNEPSA, EPA, and IPA. The official SPS website is: www.sls-sps.sk

The SPS is organizationally led by its committee, which is elected for a period of four years and has 13 members. A president and a vice president are elected from among them. In 2026, the president is Assoc. Prof. MUDr. Milan Kuchta, CSc., and the vice president is Prof. MUDr. Karol Kráľinský, PhD.

Currently, the SPS has five sections (Neonatology Section, Social Pediatrics Section, Pediatric Obesity and Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases Section, Pediatric Oncology and Hematology Section, and Pediatric Pneumology Section). A Section of Young Pediatricians is in preparation.

The SPS has also established four working groups (Working Group for Scientific and Research Activities, Working Group for Breastfeeding Support, Working Group for Vaccination, and Working Group for Palliative Care).

Historically, the first Pediatric Conference was held in 1962. Subsequently, under the auspices of the SPS, pediatric conferences of major pediatric clinics (Bratislava, Košice, Martin, and Prešov) were gradually organized. Since 1984, the SPS has also organized Conferences of Young Pediatricians (19 editions in total). Since 2008, the popular Festival of Pediatric Case Reports has been organized (18 editions). Since 1997, separate Slovak Pediatric Congresses with international participation have been held; in 2025, the 15th edition took place.

The SPS recognizes its distinguished members and their significant contributions. The Grand Prix is the SPS award for lifetime achievement in the development of Slovak pediatrics. Every year, awards are also announced for the best publications in several categories, including a category for young authors.

The Committee financially supports the significant book-publishing activities of its members. The SPS is a professional guarantor or initiator of the publication of several pediatric journals (including Czech and Slovak Pediatrics). The SPS participates financially and organizationally in supporting active foreign participation in congresses, primarily aimed at supporting younger participants.

The SPS and its committee members have been behind several successes in pediatrics and healthcare in Slovakia, such as the vaccination program, the general screening program, the organization of primary pediatric care, dispensary care, the development of pediatric subspecialties, the lactation program (even before the introduction of BFHI principles), progress in the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases, and the initiation of a residency program. For example, the SPS prevented an attempt to abolish the role of the “general practitioner for children and adolescents (primary pediatrician)” and replace it with a single “general practitioner” (GP) responsible for caring for all three generations of the population. Thanks to the significant activities of the SPS, the youngest generation continues to be treated and preventively monitored by specialists—pediatricians.

Swedish Paediatric Society



ZOOM WEBINAR INVITATION

GLOBAL PAEDIATRIC HEALTH
Disease in Childhood

SILENT SUFFERING
Maternal & Child Health Amidst the Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan
The conflict erupting on 15 April 2023 has severely disrupted essential health services, leaving millions in urgent need. Join us to address one of the largest crises of our time.

SPEAKER:
DR. HIBA HUSSEIN IBRAHIM
BSC, BDS AND MPH
TEAM LEAD FOR SEXUAL, REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, CHILD, AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (SRMNCAM) AT THE WHO, SUDAN COUNTRY OFFICE.

WEBINAR AGENDA:

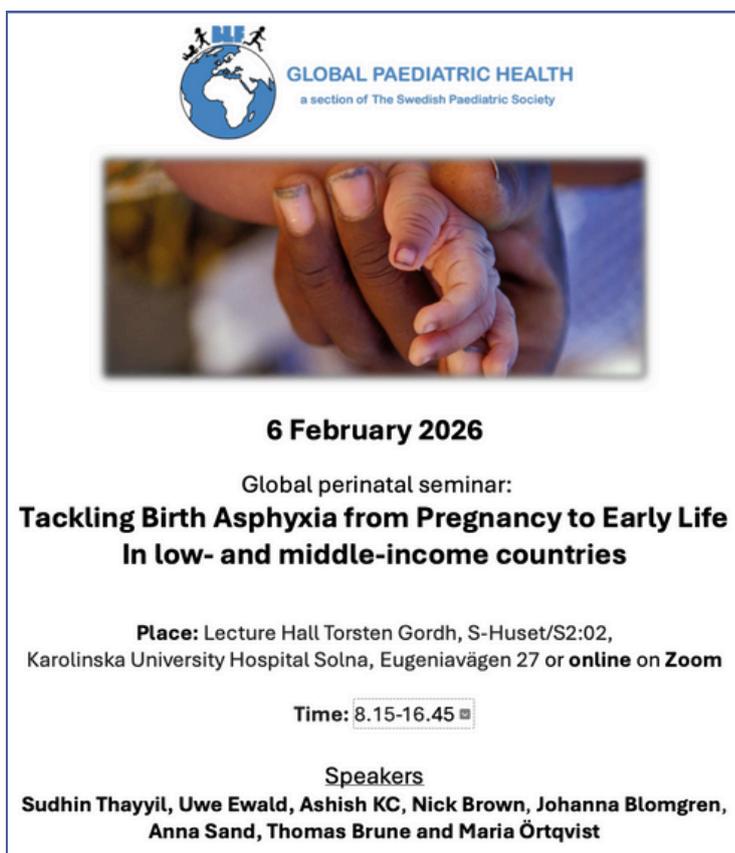
- 1 This session will examine the conflict's impact on vulnerable populations and discuss priority actions for resilience.
- 2 Impact Analysis: The devastating effects on maternal & child health.
- 3 Emergency Response: Highlighting key interventions currently underway.
- 4 Critical Gaps: Persistent challenges facing humanitarian & health actors.
- 5 Future Actions: Safeguarding wellbeing and strengthening health systems.

Scan this QR To join the webinar

DATE: 2 DECEMBER 2025
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (CET) | CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME

PLATFORM: LIVE VIA ZOOM

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
Paediatricians, Nurses, and Public Health Professionals interested in global health and humanitarian issues.



GLOBAL PAEDIATRIC HEALTH
a section of The Swedish Paediatric Society



6 February 2026

Global perinatal seminar:
**Tackling Birth Asphyxia from Pregnancy to Early Life
In low- and middle-income countries**

Place: Lecture Hall Torsten Gordh, S-Huset/S2:02,
Karolinska University Hospital Solna, Eugeniavägen 27 or **online on Zoom**

Time: 8.15-16.45

Speakers
**Sudhin Thayyil, Uwe Ewald, Ashish KC, Nick Brown, Johanna Blomgren,
Anna Sand, Thomas Brune and Maria Örtqvist**

Kenya Paediatric Association

The Kenya Paediatric Association Annual Scientific Conference is scheduled to take place from April 14th to 17th, 2026.



The International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC) 2026

The International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC) 2026 will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from March 23 to 26, 2026. This landmark event will unite nearly 1,800 delegates from 95 countries, serving as a catalyst for advancing maternal and newborn health worldwide.

The conference-themed “Moving Forward. Together,” will foster collaboration, share best practices, and accelerate collective action to improve outcomes for mothers and newborns across the globe.



KPA SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2025

1. Norms and Standards for Paediatric Care & Infant & Child Mentorship Protocol Launch.

The Kenya Paediatric Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, has been instrumental in developing national newborn norms and standards, as well as comprehensive Standards for Paediatric Care and the Infant & Child Mentorship Protocol. In 2025, together with the Ministry of Health, we launched pivotal newborn care documents—including Norms & Standards, the Investment Case, and Mentorship Protocols—to strengthen paediatric and newborn services nationwide. Additionally, on World Pneumonia Day, we participated in the official launch of the Norms and Standards for Paediatric Care & Infant & Child Mentorship Protocol. These milestones represent significant progress in advancing child health care across Kenya.



Ministry of Health, County government and KPA officials during the launch of the Norms and Standards for Paediatric Care & Infant & Child Mentorship Protocol

2. Early Childhood Development Training

We conducted a training workshop on Nurturing Care Dissemination and Early Childhood Development (ECD) to strengthen the capacity of healthcare providers in supporting optimal child development during the earliest years of life. Beyond imparting practical skills and strategies for fostering ECD in both clinical and community settings, the workshop focused on developing ECD champions among participants. Attendees were equipped with advocacy tools to effectively translate ECD science into practice and drive positive change within their communities. The training further emphasized the importance of ECD advocacy across Kenya, encouraging healthcare workers to identify local challenges and design tailored solutions. This comprehensive, hands-on approach empowered participants to convert their knowledge into meaningful actions that improve child health and developmental outcomes.



3. ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 2025

The Annual Scientific Conference 2025, themed “Shaping the Future: Collaborative Approaches to Child Health and Development” brought together participants to explore innovative solutions and partnerships aimed at transforming paediatric healthcare. Attendees participated in a series of insightful and interactive sessions that addressed challenges across all stages of child development. The conference emphasized actionable strategies designed to achieve better outcomes for children, fostering collaboration and the exchange of impactful ideas among professionals in the field. Below is a list of sessions (Tracks) held.

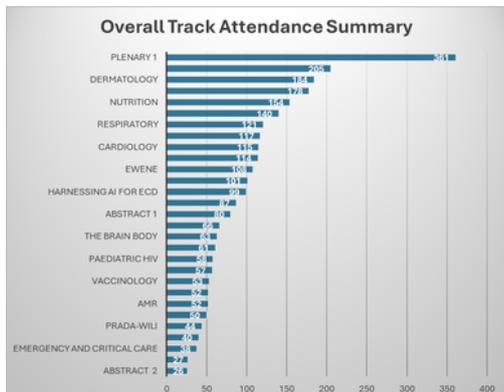


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4. COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS - EAST CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH (ECSAPACH)

The enrolment of the first cohort of 15 trainees on October 2025 to the college was a key achievement in 2025. The College of Paediatrics has been established, and curriculum development domains are now available on the virtual learning platform.

A total of 195 Foundation Fellows has been admitted from six countries, with Kenya having the highest number of enrolments.



INAUGURAL ORIENTATION

This morning marked a historic moment as the East, Central & Southern Africa College of Paediatrics and Child Health (ECSAPACH) held its inaugural orientation for the first cohort of Associate Members.

This milestone officially launches the College's very first class and sets the stage for strengthening paediatric education, research, and training, while advancing healthcare delivery for children across the ECSA region.

We congratulate our pioneer class as they embark on this transformative journey.

5. ADVOCACY

In 2025, the Kenya Paediatric Association (KPA) advanced child health advocacy by promoting key messages on immunization, child safeguarding, and maternal and newborn health via stakeholder engagement and targeted outreach

Key Advocacy Messages for 2025

- Paediatricians are critical champions of policy, clinical care, and community advocacy.
- Urgent need to improve HPV and TCV/MR vaccine uptake, particularly in underserved counties.
- Maternal & newborn health requires stronger leadership, equity focus, and investment in quality care.
- Increased RMNCAH+N financing and strengthened public-private partnerships remain a priority.



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Dr. Supa Tunje
President, Kenya Paediatric Association

The National Vaccines and Immunization Program, in partnership with The Kenya Paediatric Association, held a training session aimed at strengthening paediatric advocacy for improved vaccine coverage in Kenya and regional advocacy.



6. KPA CSR ACTIVITIES 2025

The KPA team conducted a series of CSR activities across the county, supporting over 500 children in need. We organized medical camps to deliver essential healthcare, held mentorship sessions, and participated in community outreach. These initiatives were designed to support vulnerable children and create a positive impact in their lives.

7. KENYA PAEDIATRIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Kenya Paediatric Fellowship Programme (KFPF) seeks to reduce maternal and child mortality by training paediatric specialists to expand access to specialised care within health facilities. Supported by the ELMA Foundation, the programme has awarded 458 scholarships across 15 subspecialty areas since its launch in 2019. To date, 355 scholarships (77.5%) have been granted — including 148 in Phase I and 207 in Phase II — with 103 scholarships remaining before the programme concludes. In addition to training, the initiative places strong emphasis on mentorship and quality improvement to strengthen the overall delivery of paediatric care in Kenya.



Kenya Paediatric Fellowship Program (KFPF) Neonatal nurses' beneficiaries who recently graduated from Kenyatta National Hospital



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Kenya Paediatric Fellowship Program (KPPF) beneficiaries who recently graduated from Gertrude's Institute of Child Health and Research (Oct 2025)

8. Continuing Medical Education (CME)

One of the Association's flagship initiatives is the KPA Webinar Series, conducted nearly every week throughout the 2025. These sessions form a cornerstone of Continuous Medical Education (CME) for our members, while remaining open to other healthcare workers and professionals from diverse cadres and affiliations. The webinars provide a dynamic platform for engagement, learning and discussion, ensuring that participants stay informed on emerging evidence, innovations and best practices in paediatric and child health for optimal care delivery. We had 6082 members that attended KPA webinars in 2025.

The image displays three promotional posters for live webinars. The first poster is for 'World Immunization Week' on 24th April 2025, featuring a woman with a vaccine on her arm and the slogan 'Vaccination For All is Humanly Possible'. The second poster is for 'Status of New Maternal Vaccines' on 30th April 2025, showing a woman feeding a baby. The third poster is for 'Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine/ Measles Rubella Integrated Campaign' on 15th May 2025, featuring a child and a large bacterium. Each poster lists a panel of speakers and includes a QR code to register. Logos for various organizations like UNICEF, WHO, Gavi, and PATH are visible at the bottom of the posters.

Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN)

PANCONF'25 (GOMBE)

The 56th Annual Scientific Conference of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN), held in Gombe in January, 2025, with its main theme being Intersectoral Collaboration in Advancing Child Health and Development. The event emphasized the integration of health with education, social protection, and policy sectors. PAN showcased multi-agency partnerships as a core strategy to tackle child health challenges. The conference highlighted scalable models for collaborative action, knowledge-sharing, and cross-sector policy alignment. The conference also featured most importantly, the experience sharing workshop of the PAN/IPA Immunization Champions with presentations and dialogues towards improving HPV immunization uptake in Nigeria.



PAN AT IPA MEXICO CONFERENCE 2025

PAN was represented at the IPA conference, Mexico in May 2025. Our delegates also participated in fireside chat and presentation of the Paediatric Immunization Advocacy Project funded by the Gates Foundation through IPA. The PAN President, Dr Ekanem Ekure was also elected as a member of the IPA standing committee and member of IPA Executive committee representing Sub-Saharan Africa.





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PAN CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

PAN marked Children's Day 2025 with the theme "Tapping the Untapped Natural Treasure," advocating for child health, equity in healthcare access, and holistic development. The event was marked by an art competition which held among secondary school students in Abuja, Nigeria. The theme "NUTRITION" was depicted through artistic drawings which was judged by art professionals of the Nike Art Gallery. Six winners emerged winning up to 200,000 naira cash prize for the overall best. The event showcased the creativity of children in highlighting the issues affecting them in the society through artwork.



PAN MARKING WORLD DAY CELEBRATIONS

The PAN state chapters actively marked world days such as World Malaria Day, Immunization Week, and World Breastfeeding week with community outreaches, radio advocacy, and clinical services. Key topics included HPV, malaria elimination, and child nutrition. Innovative practices included integrated campaigns (Plateau), collaboration with traditional leaders (Cross River, Delta), media-driven sensitization (Anambra, Abia) and social media engagements(Lagos State)



LIVE WEBINAR

Making the most of BREASTFEEDING from start to finish

#WorldBreastfeedingWeek2025

5:00 PM WAT | 2 August 2025

On 1 Echo Platform

Dr. Gbemisola Boyede
Founder, Ask The Paediatrician
SPEAKER

Dr. Ayodele Renner
Consultant Paediatrician
Ile-Ife Multiphasic Centre
MODERATOR

Dr. Lope Adejuyigbo
Lactation Consultant, Founder
The Best Feeding Ulub
SPEAKER

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PAN WEBINARS

In the year 2025, PAN has hosted 10 webinars cutting across different topics in childhood health and development. The capacity of our members has been built to keep abreast with new and emerging issues within the ecosystem of child care. In line with our mission, PAN also collaborated with other associations and organizations on childhood topics of interest.

PAN WEBINAR SERIES 2025 | 006

PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PAN)
in Collaboration with
PAEDIATRIC ASSEMBLY NIGERIAN THORACIC SOCIETY

Presents a webinar On

CHILDHOOD PNEUMONIA
CURRENT PERSPECTIVES ON DIAGNOSIS, MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION



Dr. Muhammad S. Abubakar
MBBS, MPH, FMCPhed,
Consultant Paediatrician,
Department of Paediatrics
Cardiopulmonary Unit,
Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital,
Kano State

SPEAKER



Dr Adofunke O. Babatola
MBChB, FWACP
Consultant Paediatrician,
Department of Paediatrics
EKI State University/
EKI State University Teaching
Hospital, Ekiti State

SPEAKER



Dr Adaeze C. Ayuk
MBBS, MSc, FMCPhed
Professor/Consultant,
Paediatric Pulmonologist,
University of Nigeria/
University of Nigeria Teaching
Hospital, Ituku Ozalla, Enugu State.

MODERATOR

WED., 30th July 2025 **3PM PROMPT** **VIRTUAL VIA ECHO PLATFORM**
www.bit.ly/pwb_2025

ANNOUNCERS: EKANEM EKURE (PAN President), CHIKA DURU (PAN Secretary)

PAN WEBINAR SERIES 2025 - 007

PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PAN)
in Collaboration with
PAN IMMUNIZATION COMMITTEE

Presents a webinar On

Twins or brothers?
TACKLING THE FOES OF MEASLES AND RUBELLA



Dr Somkenechi C. Okpala
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Dr Esther Yiltok
MBBS, MEd, MSc, FMCPhed
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University of Jos/
Jos University Teaching Hospital,
Plateau State



Dr Ayebo E. Sadoh
MBBS, MPH, FMCPhed
Professor/ Consultant Paediatrician
Institute of Child Health
University of Benin/
University of Benin Teaching
Hospital, Edo State

WED, 27TH AUGUST, 2025 **3PM — 4:30PM (WAT)** **VIRTUAL VIA ECHO PLATFORM**
www.bit.ly/pwb_2025

ANNOUNCERS: EKANEM EKURE (PAN President), CHIKA DURU (PAN Secretary)

PAN WEBINAR SERIES 2025 | 010

PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PAN)
in Collaboration with
NATIONAL AGENCY FOR FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL (NAFDAC)
and
PAN COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

PRESENTS A WEBINAR ON

OVERVIEW OF PHARMACOVIGILANCE AND REPORTING OF ADRs & AEFIs USING THE MEDSAFETY APP



DR. ECHIENNA ELENWA
B.Pharm, M.Pharm, PhD, MSc, PGD
Specialist Pharmacist,
NAFDAC, Nigeria

PRESENTED



PHARM. YVORNE ITADJO IHENDE
B.Pharm, BSc, Dip. Lit
Assistant Director,
Pharmacovigilance,
NAFDAC, Nigeria

PRESENTED



DR. IZDAMAKA VIVIAN MUNEKE
MBBS, FMCPhed
Professor/Consultant
Paediatric Nephrologist,
University of Nigeria, Ituku
Ozalla, Enugu, Enugu

PRESENTED



DR. CHIDINWELUEM THECLA EZEONU
MBBS, FMCPhed
Professor/Consultant
Emerg State University Abakaliki,
Director, Institute of Child Health,
Aba University Federal University
Teaching Hospital Abakaliki

MODERATOR

WED, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2025 **3PM TO 4:30PM (WAT)** **VIRTUAL VIA ECHO PLATFORM**
www.bit.ly/pwb_2025

ANNOUNCERS: EKANEM EKURE (PAN President), CHIKA DURU (PAN Secretary)

PAN WEBINAR SERIES 2025 - 002

PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PAN)
in Collaboration with
NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (NAPD)

Presents a webinar On

PAEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH
A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH BETWEEN PAEDIATRICIANS & PAEDIATRIC DENTISTS

SPEAKER



Dr. Elizabeth O. Oziegt
BCh.D, FMCDS, PhD
Professor/Consultant
Department of Child Dental Health
Faculty of Dentistry Obafemi Awolowo
University, Ile-Ife

MODERATOR



Dr. Chizoba C. Okolo
BDS, FWACS
Consultant
Department of Child Dental Health
Bayero University, Kano,
and Aminu Kano Teaching
Hospital, Kano

WED, 26TH MARCH, 2025 **3PM — 4:30PM (WAT)** **VIRTUAL VIA ECHO PLATFORM**
www.bit.ly/pwb_2025

ANNOUNCERS: EKANEM EKURE (PAN President), CHIKA DURU (PAN Secretary)



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PAEDIATRIC ADVOCACY FOR IMMUNIZATION PRIORITIES PROJECT- PHASE 1 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The PAN/IPA immunization champions embarked on a community sensitization outreach in 21 states eligible for the Measles/Rubella(MR) integrated vaccine roll out. The goal of the outreach was to sensitize the communities about MR vaccine for children and HPV vaccine for their girls aged 9 years. This outreach was done in alignment with the priorities of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, responsible for immunization in Nigeria. The 21 states namely: Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Oyo, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The sensitization activities were carried out in Primary Health Care centres across the states including an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp. Over 2500 persons were reached which included mothers, fathers, community leaders, health workers, women leaders, teachers, grandmothers, e.t.c. A total of 554 children were vaccinated during the sensitization activity which took place in October 2025.



**PAEDIATRIC ADVOCACY FOR IMMUNIZATION PRIORITIES PROJECT- PHASE 1
SCHOOL OUTREACH**

In November 2025, the PAN/IPA immunization champions carried out school-based outreach in 13 schools selected withing six geo-political zones of Nigeria. Each zone was represented by two states in addition to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The school outreach goal was to intensify awareness, drive demand generation and mobilize eligible girls for the HPV vaccine while creating peer to peer advocacy/sensitization through establishment of the HPV vaccine health club in seven states. Also, there was an integration of nutritional assessment through the BMI check up for all the students engaged in the activity. Over 2700 students were reached, 161 eligible girls were vaccinated and seven health clubs were inaugurated with their members decorated with a badge of honor.





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THE IPA PRESIDENT VISITS NIGERIA- OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW PAN OFFICE

From the 8th to the 10th of December 2025, PAN was excited to welcome the IPA President Prof. Joseph Haddad to Nigeria. Alongside with the IPA Executive Director Dr. Naveen Thacker, members of PAN Executive council, Board of Trustees, the PAN/IPA immunization champions and other PAN members, he attended the Stakeholders Consultative forum and Experience Sharing Workshop on the 8th December, 2025. On the 9th of December 2025, he officially opened the new PAN office located at TF- C20, Mall of Dubai Garki , Abuja. He concluded his visit on the 10th of December by touring some hospitals in Abuja.



IPA PRESIDENT VISITS NIGERIA- TOURING OF HOSPITALS IN ABUJA





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PAN/IPA STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND EXPERIENCE SHARING WORKSHOP

The Stakeholders Consultative forum and Experience Sharing Workshop held on the 8th December, 2025, in the WACOP Conference Centre Abuja, Nigeria. In attendance was the President of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) Prof Joseph Haddad, the IPA Executive Director Dr Naveen Thacker, members of PAN Executive council and Board of Trustees as well as other dignitaries such as Her Excellency Zainab

Bagudu President Elect of the Union for International Cancer Control. There were representatives from agencies such as the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), National Orientation Agency (NOA), Women Advocate for Vaccine Access (WAVA), Federal Ministry of Women Affairs (FMWA), Pathfinder International and Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning.

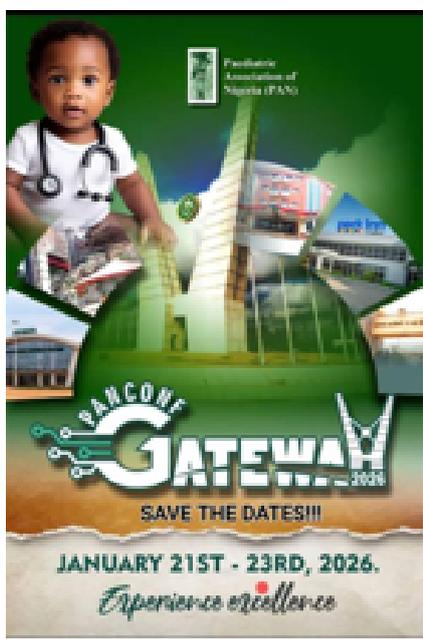
The PAN/IPA Immunization Champions from the 36 states and the FCT were present to share their experiences, identify gaps, and chart a way forward for improving childhood immunizations in Nigeria specially with respect to Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine and Measles Rubella Vaccines recently rolled out.





PAN CONFERENCE - PANConf 26 (Abeokuta, Nigeria)

The Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN) proudly invites you to PANConf Gateway 2026 — a landmark event that promises innovation, collaboration, and excellence in paediatric healthcare. This edition of the annual PAN Conference will be held in the historic city of Abeokuta, the Gateway State, known for its rich culture and warm hospitality. There will be cutting-edge scientific sessions, expert panels and keynote speakers, networking with top professionals in paediatrics and child health and engaging exhibitions and cultural experiences



JAN 21ST-23RD 2026

5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

THEME:
ACHIEVING SDG-3 AND CHILD HEALTHCARE THROUGH INNOVATIVE FUNDING MODELS & TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN SOLUTIONS!

SUB THEMES

- Sustainable Child Health Financing in a Challenging Economy
- Artificial Intelligence & Digital Solutions in Paediatric Research & Practice
- Emerging & Re-emerging Communicable Diseases & Case for local vaccine Production
- The role of the contemporary Media in SDG-3 in Nigeria

VENUE
EMPELEX EVENTS AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABEOKUTA

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Membership Categories (Professional and Non-Professional)			
Member Category (Age 18 and Above)	Early Bird (Jan 21st - 22nd 2026)	Regular (Jan 22nd - 23rd 2026)	Life Member (one-time fee)
Professional (Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000
Non-Professional (Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000
Professional (Non-Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000
Non-Professional (Non-Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000
International Students			
Member Category (Age 18 and Above)	Early Bird (Jan 21st - 22nd 2026)	Regular (Jan 22nd - 23rd 2026)	Life Member (one-time fee)
Professional	\$100	\$200	\$2,000
Non-Professional	\$100	\$200	\$2,000
Membership Categories (Professional and Non-Professional)			
Member Category (Age 18 and Above)	Early Bird (Jan 21st - 22nd 2026)	Regular (Jan 22nd - 23rd 2026)	Life Member (one-time fee)
Professional (Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000
Non-Professional (Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000
Professional (Non-Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000
Non-Professional (Non-Medical)	N\$50,000	N\$100,000	N\$1,200,000

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Paediatric Association of Sierra Leone (PASL)

1. First Annual General and Scientific Meeting (AGSM):

In May 2025, PASL held its first Annual General and Scientific Meeting under the theme “Breaking the Cycle: Ending Childhood Malnutrition in Sierra Leone.” The meeting brought together pediatricians, health professionals, policymakers, and partners, and was officially opened by the Vice President of Sierra Leone, highlighting PASL’s growing national relevance.

2. Advocacy , Public Health Leadership, and Policy contribution:

PASL actively contributed to national dialogue on key child health issues, particularly childhood malnutrition, newborn survival, and under-five mortality. These advocacy efforts aligned with national strategies such as the Child Survival Action Plan. PASL is also currently collaborating with the Child Health Program by providing technical support for the review and strengthening of national Paediatric and newborn treatment guidelines, ensuring alignment with current evidence- based practices.

3. Partnerships and Collaboration:

PASL strengthened partnerships with key stakeholders including The Office of the Vice President, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) and Royal College of pediatrics and Child health (RCPCH)

4. Awareness and Community Engagement:

The association conducted an outreach at the Moawharf community where children were assessed for malnutrition and provided with deworming treatment and routine vitamins PASL, in partnership with the Nutrition Directorate, also carried out a nationwide nutrition walk. Several radio and television programs were conducted on good nutrition, malnutrition, and its complications in children. PASL launched its first newsletter and its five-year strategic plan.



A. Members of PASL with the Hon vice President of Sierra Leone, UNICEF and other partners



B. The Hon VP and some children, who have recovered from malnutrition



C. PASL members with the nutrition directorate from the Ministry of Health during an outreach to a slum in Western Area



D. A cross section of healthcare workers in Falaba district in Sierra Leone during the nationwide walk, raising awareness about malnutrition



E. Community engagement

Union of Arab Pediatric Societies (UAPS)

The 22nd Conference of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies (UAPS) held in Amman, Jordan

The 22nd Conference of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies (UAPS), the 20th Conference of the Jordanian Pediatric Society, and the 43rd Conference of the Union of Middle East and Mediterranean Pediatric Societies (UMEMPS) were convened in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, from 8 to 11 October 2025, with the participation of approximately 850 pediatricians and healthcare professionals. The scientific meetings were held under the chairmanship of Dr. Basim Al-Zoubi, President of the UAPS, UMEMPS and JPS.

The scientific program featured around 170 research papers, keynote lectures, delivered by a distinguished group of international experts and researchers across a wide range of pediatric subspecialties. In parallel, specialized workshops were conducted focusing on nutrition, obesity, and autism, aligned with national health priorities and programs. The International Pediatric Association (IPA) was prominently represented through the participation of Dr. Enver Hasanoglu, Dr. Adamos Hadjipanayis, Leyla Namazova Baranova, Dr. Hassan Afilal, Dr. Erkin Rahimov, and Dr. Basim Al-Zoubi, in addition to the presidents and official representatives of pediatric societies from Arab countries and the Mediterranean region. The conferences were formally inaugurated during an official opening ceremony attended by governmental officials, parliamentary representatives, professional leaders, and the medical community.

Following deliberations, the participating bodies issued a number of strategic recommendations, including:

1. Strengthening national immunization programs through expansion of vaccine-preventable diseases and improvement of coverage rates.
2. Developing and implementing national policies and strategies to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity and its associated complications.
3. Enhancing awareness among pediatricians and physicians to improve early identification, referral, and management of autism spectrum disorders.
4. Promoting the integration of artificial intelligence in pediatric healthcare and organizing capacity-building workshops to optimize its clinical applications.
5. Expanding newborn screening programs to improve early detection and prevention of congenital and metabolic disorders.



During its session, the General Assembly of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies elected the Executive Office of the Arab Pediatric Union for the 2025–2027 term as follows:

President: Dr. Basim Al-Zoubi (Jordan)

Vice President: Dr. Intisar Hammadi (United Arab Emirates)

Secretary General: Dr. Majed Abu Jaish (Palestine)

Treasurer: Dr. Mohamed Al-Duoagi (Tunisia)

Assistant Secretary General (Administrative and Media Affairs): Dr. Mona Alameh (Lebanon)

Assistant Secretary General (Scientific Affairs): Dr. Othman Hamdan (Syria)

Assistant Secretary General (Professional Ethics): Dr. Fouad Bakoush (Libya)

The United Arab Emirates was elected to host the next UAPS Conference in 2027. In addition, the General Assembly of the Union of Pediatric Associations of the Middle East and the Mediterranean convened and approved the formation of its Executive Committee, as follows:

Secretary General: Dr. Basim Al-Zoubi (Jordan)

President-Elect: Dr. Dlair Abdulkhaleq (Kurdistan Region of Iraq)

Treasurer: Dr. Merih Cetinkaya (Turkey)

Members:

Dr. Patrick Tounan (France)

Dr. Salvatore Vandemia (Italy)

Dr. Hassan Afilal (Morocco)

Dr. Sherif Abdel Aal (Egypt)

The Assembly further elected Dr. Enver Hasanoglu (Turkey) as Honorary President of the Union, in recognition of his outstanding and long-standing contributions to pediatric collaboration and development.

It was also confirmed that the next conference of the Union of Pediatric Associations of the Middle East and the Mediterranean will be held in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan.



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Iraqi Pediatric Society

Throughout 2025, the Iraqi Pediatric Society remained actively engaged at both national and international levels. The Society participated in and endorsed the statement issued by the International Pediatric Association concerning the protection of medical staff and children affected by the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

At the national level, the General Assembly of the Iraqi Pediatric Society was convened on February 14, 2025, during which the annual financial report and the Society's activities for 2024 were reviewed and approved. In addition, organizational and professional matters related to the Society were discussed.

The Society organized and supported several scientific activities, including lectures and seminars focusing on pediatric asthma management, particularly the use of inhaled corticosteroids and recent advances in evidence-based asthma treatment. These activities were attended by pediatricians, pulmonologists, and internists from various regions of Iraq. Internationally, the Iraqi Pediatric Society participated in the 7th Annual Scientific Pediatric Conference held in Doha, Qatar, from February 18 to 22, 2025, reflecting our ongoing commitment to regional and global scientific collaboration.

One of the major milestones of 2025 was the successful organization of the 9th Annual Scientific Conference of the Iraqi Pediatric Society, held on April 10–11, 2025, in Basra. A specialized workshop on the care of premature infants and methods of surfactant administration was conducted on the sidelines of the conference. Additional workshops focusing on improving the care of premature infants based on the latest evidence-based strategies were also held in Erbil.

Looking ahead, the Iraqi Pediatric Society is preparing to participate in the 3rd Arab Board Conference in Pediatrics, scheduled for October 2025 in Kirkuk, as well as to organize the World Prematurity Day celebration in November 2025 in Baghdad.

The Iraqi Pediatric Society, established in 1967, remains committed to advancing pediatric care through education, training, research, and international cooperation. As an active member of the International Pediatric Association, we highly value our collaboration with IPA and look forward to strengthening this partnership in the years to come.

The Syrian Pediatric Society (SPS)

The Syrian Pediatric Society (SPS) is a professional scientific organization dedicated to advancing child health and pediatric care in Syria through continuous medical education, professional collaboration, and community engagement. Despite the challenging circumstances faced by Syria, the Society has remained actively committed to supporting pediatricians and improving the quality of care provided to children.

Through regular scientific meetings, workshops, and national conferences, the Society works to enhance physicians' knowledge and skills across various pediatric subspecialties. The Society also encourages and supports participation in regional scientific events.

Key activities in 2025 included:

- Organization of a Scientific Day on childhood bone diseases, held at the University Children's Hospital on August 28, 2025.
- Under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education, and in cooperation between the SPS, the Syrian Hemophilia Society, and the World Federation of Hemophilia, a symposium was held on the national strategy for The Care of Hemophilia Patients in Syria. The event took place at the Semiramis Hotel in Damascus on September 25, 2025.
- Participation of the Society's President and Secretary-General in RSV vaccination workshops held in Amman.
- Participation in the 19th Annual Conference of the Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Association, held in Damascus.
- Support for the Third Annual Conference of the Public Health Association, held under the auspices of the Minister of Health.
- Participation in the Conference of the Union of Arab and Mediterranean Societies, during which five Syrian doctors delivered lectures.



The 32nd Annual Conference of the Syrian Pediatric Society was held in Damascus from November 12–14, 2025, under the theme "Towards Better Care for Our Children." For the first time, the conference included a dedicated workshop on the applications of artificial intelligence in pediatrics, highlighting the Society's commitment to innovation, modernization, and the integration of emerging technologies into pediatric healthcare practice.

Participation in the First National Conference on Disability, which resulted in the formation of the Committee for Prevention and Early Detection of Disability. The conference emphasized strengthening prenatal care programs as a preventive priority through regular follow-up, early detection of risk factors, and appropriate management.

The committee recommended the following:

Improving the quality of safe childbirth by adhering to national protocols, enhancing coordination between obstetric and neonatal services, and minimizing excessive, premature, or delayed interventions, while supporting and strengthening neonatal and premature infant care units.

Strengthening and expanding child development programs and early detection and screening within primary healthcare to include developmental, hearing, vision, endocrine, and metabolic disorders, while engaging families and local communities and directly linking screening results to early intervention services.



Emirates Pediatric & Neonatal Society (EPNS)

Annual Impact, Leadership, and Scientific Excellence Report – 2025

The Emirates Pediatric & Neonatal Society (EPNS), following its successful reactivation, has experienced a landmark year in 2025, characterized by strategic growth, international scientific visibility, and influential leadership within pediatrics and neonatal medicine. Throughout the year, EPNS solidified its position as a flagship professional society within the UAE, the GCC, and the global pediatric community.

Leadership and Governance

EPNS operated under a dynamic and visionary executive structure:

- Dr. Entesar Al Hammadi, President
- Dr. Eslam Elbaroudy, Vice President
- Dr. Monika Kasula, Medical Secretary
- Dr. Rola AlZir, Chair of Scientific Events

This leadership team drove an ambitious agenda that emphasized scientific excellence, multidisciplinary collaboration, and international engagement, with further expansion anticipated through the onboarding of new executive members.

Strategic Achievements and Institutional Growth

In 2025, EPNS delivered a series of transformative achievements that elevated its regional and international standing:

Successful organization of the 2nd Emirates Pediatric & Neonatal Society Conference, a signature national scientific event.

Continuous representation of EPNS leadership as keynote speakers, panelists, moderators, and session chairs across international, regional, national, and virtual scientific forums.

Expansion of EPNS academic platforms through:

Launch of the Pediatric Neurology Club (May 2025)

Establishment of the Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Chapter (December 2025)

Active collaboration with GCC partners to establish the cornerstone of the GCC Pediatric Summit (October 2025), marking a historic step in regional pediatric unity.

Initiation of a Child Protection Program, reinforcing EPNS's commitment to advocacy, safeguarding, and holistic child wellbeing.

Achievement of a Guinness World Record, symbolizing EPNS's innovative spirit and public health engagement.

Scientific Excellence and Global Engagement

EPNS maintained a strong international academic presence throughout the year:

February 2025 – Moscow, Russia, EPNS members delivered impactful scientific and collaborative presentations at the Congress of Pediatrics of Russia, under the theme "Actual Problems of Pediatrics," showcasing international cooperation and scholarly exchange.

March 2025 - Participation in a high-level consensus meeting with the Abbott Advisory Board to prepare the publication:

"Advancing Early Identification of At-Risk Children: A Consensus-Based Refinement and Validation Roadmap for the Pediatric Malnutrition Screening Algorithm."

April 2025 – China, EPNS faculty presented the UAE's experience in renal transplantation at the Annual Organ Transplant Conference, highlighting clinical innovation and regional expertise.

May 2025 – Mexico City, Active participation in the IPA Congress 2025, including panel presentations and strategic meetings related to bidding for the 2027 IPA Congress.

August 2025 – Singapore, EPNS representation at the International IHI Forum, where speakers contributed alongside global healthcare leaders, including the CEO of Imperial College London, on innovation and quality improvement.

September 2025 – Dubai, Participation in the national advisory board meeting “Shaping the Future of Influenza Prevention,” in collaboration with AstraZeneca at Jumeirah Emirates Towers.

Flagship Scientific Event: EPNS Conference 2025

The EPNS Annual Conference 2025, held at the InterContinental Festival City Hotel, Dubai, was the society’s most prestigious achievement of the year.

- Attendance exceeded 1,500 healthcare professionals
- Featured over 50 local, regional, and international speakers
- Delivered 33+ hands-on workshops
- Covered comprehensive pediatric and neonatal themes including infectious diseases, vaccination, nutrition, growth, mental health, child protection, subspecialty updates, and cutting-edge neonatal innovations
- Supported by major medical bodies across the UAE
- Held in the esteemed presence of Her Highness Sheikha Aisha Humaid Al Mualla
- Achieved widespread resonance across social media platforms and professional journals

Regional and GCC Leadership

October 2025 – Cairo, Egypt

EPNS faculty served as speakers at the Arab Academy of Pediatrics (ArAPS) conference, addressing key and emerging pediatric topics.

October 2025 – Amman, Jordan

EPNS members delivered keynote presentations at one of the largest pediatric gatherings in the region, encompassing multiple regional and ministerial congresses.

During the same period, Dr. Entesar Al Hammadi was officially elected EPNS President following a board meeting for the 2027 Pediatric Health Congress.

EPNS was recognized as the first and only medical society under the GCC Council, and played a leading role in launching the 1st GCC Pediatric Association Conference in Kuwait City, with EPNS members serving as keynote speakers, moderators, and panelists.

Awards and Distinctions

Al Safer Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony (March 2025): EPNS honored as an Active Society within the Emirates Medical Association.

Guinness World Record Award (September 2025): Achieved for the largest paper-mask formation following the FluMist medical event.

Annual Health Awards – Dubai Health (October 2025):

Dr. Entesar Al Hammadi – Nephrologist of the Year

Dr. Monika Kasula – Pediatrician of the Year

Closing Statement

The year 2025 stands as a defining chapter in EPNS history—marked by visionary leadership, scientific distinction, and regional influence. Through strategic expansion, international collaboration, and celebrated excellence, EPNS continues to shape the future of pediatric and neonatal healthcare across the UAE, the GCC, and beyond



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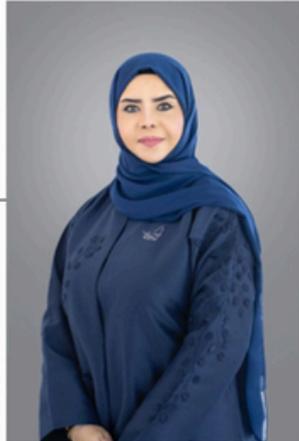
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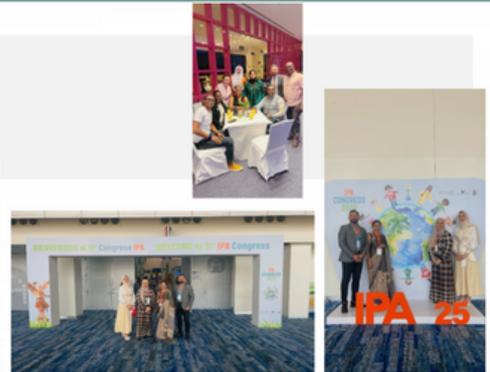
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IPA Congress 2025 May 2025 Mexico city- Mexico



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The Guinness awards to the EPNS members With advisory board of Astrazeneca September 2025 Jumeira Emirates Towers- Dubai



IHI Forum shared with CEO of Imperial college London , August 2025 ,Singapore





Event : EPNS Conference
Number of registrants: more than 1500
- More than 50 speakers from local, regional, and international backgrounds
- From UK, and Russia
- Engaging Over 33 hands on workshops
- keynote talks and rich content in:

- Infectious diseases
- Vaccination, nutrition & growth
- Mental health & child protection
- Paediatrics updates in subspecialties



Event : EPNS Conference (our Remark)
September 2025
Intercontinental Festival city Hotel



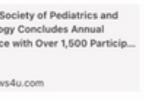
ArAPs (Arab Academy of Pediatrics)
Oct 2025
Hilton Grand Nile - Egypt



Event : EPNS Conference
September 2025
Media coverage:

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تمت في دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة في مدينة دبي، تحت إشراف الجمعية الإماراتية لطب الأطفال وحديثي الولادة، فعاليات المؤتمر السنوي لجمعية الإمارات لطب الأطفال وحديثي الولادة، والذي حضره أكثر من 1500 مشاركاً من مختلف دول المنطقة العربية والعالم. المؤتمر تناول أحدث المستجدات العلمية في طب الأطفال وحديثي الولادة، بالإضافة إلى مناقشة التحديات التي تواجهها هذه التخصصات في ظل التطور التكنولوجي السريع. المؤتمر حضره نخبة من الأطباء والباحثين في المجال، حيث قدموا محاضرات قيمة تناولت أحدث الأساليب والتوجهات العالمية في طب الأطفال وحديثي الولادة. المؤتمر حضره نخبة من الأطباء والباحثين في المجال، حيث قدموا محاضرات قيمة تناولت أحدث الأساليب والتوجهات العالمية في طب الأطفال وحديثي الولادة.



Election of Dr Entesar as the president, and the bid was won to host the Pediatrics congress in 2027 in the United Arab Emirates in Dubai after the board meeting attended by dr Eslam, for :
The 43rd Congress of the union of middle eastern and mediterranean Pediatrics Societies
The 23rd congress of the union of Arab Pediatrics Societies
The 20th international conference of Jordan Pediatrics Society
The 9th ministry of health congress of Pediatrics

October 2025
Amman- Jordan



Annual Health Awards
Oct. 2025
At Dubai Health

- Dr Entesar: the Nephrologist of the year
- Dr Monika: the Pediatrician of the year



EPNS the first and the only medical society under the GCC council
Kuwait 1st GCC Pediatrics Association conference
Oct. 2025
Kuwait city- Kuwait



End of the year meeting
Dec 2025,
Gevora hotel –Dubai



The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Global Health Education Course 'Global Health Now: Current Issues and Emerging Trends'

The 2025 AAP Global Health Education Course was a strong success, bringing together 86 participants from diverse training levels and global settings. The course featured 12 expert speakers from academia, health systems, and NGOs, covering timely topics such as antimicrobial resistance, immunizations, mental health, telemedicine in LMICs, and humanitarian pediatrics. Participants rated the course highly (average satisfaction 4.4/5), noting the quality, relevance, and organization of the content.

New Publication: Improving Rates of Delayed Cord Clamping in Ethiopian Hospitals: A Virtual Quality Collaborative

Results from the Ethiopian Neonatal Quality Improvement Project are now published in Pediatrics. This project was a collaboration between the Ethiopian Pediatrics Society and the AAP.

The project aimed to strengthen essential newborn care through online, peer-led QI education and mentorship. Using the ECHO model, QI coaches from 8 delivery centers in Addis Ababa joined monthly virtual sessions, set site-specific aims, and worked with facility teams to improve implementation of delayed cord clamping (DCC).

Key results include:

- Baseline DCC rates ranged from 7%–72%
- Seven of eight sites achieved >50% DCC within six months
- Final DCC rate across >3,500 observed deliveries exceeded 90%
- Improvements were sustained while monitoring safety indicators like time to first breath and skin-to-skin contact

New iKMC Educational Films Available!

The AAP, in collaboration with Picturing Health and with funding from the Gates Foundation, has developed 14 educational films on the practical implementation of Immediate Kangaroo Mother Care (iKMC)—especially for preterm and low birthweight babies. These resources are free to view or download on the AAP Global website.

Each film is available in English, Spanish, and French, and covers key topics such as: evidence supporting iKMC, correct positioning techniques, and benefits for infection prevention and temperature control.

2025 Hilton Foundation East and Southern Africa Early Childhood Development Partners Convening

In October 2025, Hilton convened grantees from East and Southern Africa to reflect on and re-energize “the movement to ensure every child can thrive.” Bringing together government leaders from Kenya, Mozambique, and Tanzania with global partners and practitioners, the convening went beyond celebrating isolated successes to thinking through a more unified, systemic and actionable agenda.

AAP was honored to be able to attend alongside our long-term partners from the Kenya Paediatric Association, Mozambican Pediatric Association, and the Paediatric Association of Tanzania for candid discussions on important gains and systemic bottlenecks.

Launch of New Neonatal Resuscitation Program



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Launch of New Neonatal Resuscitation Program

On October 22, 2025, the AAP and American Heart Association released the 9th Edition of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program alongside the joint guidelines in neonatal life support from both organizations. This was also coordinated with the release of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) Consensus on Science and Treatment Recommendations. The updated edition reflects the latest evidence and best practices to support high-quality neonatal care. New resources include a free, optional Science In-Service course, updated NRP Skills Videos covering key resuscitation techniques, and two new supplemental lessons focused on congenital heart disease and resuscitation in the NICU.

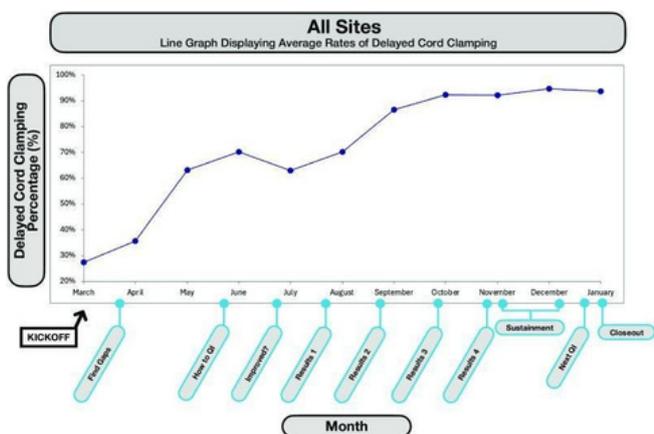


Figure 3 from the delayed cord clamping study demonstrating improved rate of delayed cord clamping over time

Stills from iKMC Educational Resource Videos available on the AAP Global website





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International Neonatology Association:

The International Neonatology Association (INA) continues to advance neonatal care globally through education, collaboration, advocacy, and the sharing of best clinical practices. A key initiative supporting this mission is the International Neonatology Association Conference (INAC), which has become one of the most important global platforms for neonatal professionals.

Upcoming Key Event: INAC 2026

The 11th edition of INAC, INAC 2026, will take place in 19-22 November 2026 in Amsterdam and will bring together neonatologists, paediatricians, neonatal nurses, researchers, and allied healthcare professionals from around the world. INAC 2026 will continue the tradition of delivering high-quality, evidence-based education while fostering global collaboration in neonatal medicine.

The scientific programme for INAC 2026 is being carefully developed to address current challenges and emerging priorities in neonatology.

The congress will feature keynote lectures, workshops, and opportunities for early-career professionals to present research and clinical experiences in abstracts to present. INAC 2026 is expected to attract a strong international faculty and broad global participation.

Further information about INAC 2026 is available at:

<https://worldneonatology.com/2026>

INAC also places strong emphasis on collaboration with regional and international neonatal societies to align efforts, share best practices, and amplify impact.

Advocacy and Global Engagement

INAC advocates for improved neonatal care standards worldwide, with particular attention to vulnerable populations and resource-limited settings. Through partnerships, education, and scientific dialogue, the association works toward reducing neonatal morbidity and mortality and improving long-term outcomes for newborns globally.

Looking Ahead

INAC 2026 represents a significant opportunity for global engagement, learning, and collaboration within the neonatal community. INAC looks forward to welcoming colleagues from across the world to contribute, learn, and work together toward improving neonatal health outcomes.



World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID)

In 2025, the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) marked an important milestone: 30 years of advancing the prevention, diagnosis, and management of infectious diseases in children worldwide. Since its founding, WSPID has grown into a truly global, multidisciplinary society, bringing together clinicians, researchers, nurses, pharmacists, and allied health professionals united by a shared commitment to improving child health across diverse settings.

To celebrate this anniversary, WSPID launched a special 30th Anniversary video series, capturing reflections from past presidents and leaders who have shaped the Society over three decades. These short videos offer a unique and personal window into WSPID's history—highlighting pivotal moments, scientific advances, and the evolving global landscape of pediatric infectious diseases. From early challenges in establishing international collaboration to today's interconnected research and education networks, the videos underscore one consistent theme: collaboration has always been at the heart of WSPID's mission. Listen to the series HERE: <https://wspid.org/history/>

While honoring its past, WSPID is firmly focused on the future. Over the past year, the Society has been actively advancing its Strategic Plan, which provides a clear roadmap for the next phase of growth and impact. The plan prioritizes strengthening global engagement, supporting early-career professionals, expanding equitable access to education, and enhancing WSPID's role as a trusted global voice in pediatric infectious diseases. Importantly, it also emphasizes sustainability and governance, ensuring that WSPID remains resilient, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the global PedsID community and the children they serve. View the strategic plan HERE: <https://wspid.org/strategic-plan/>

Education remains a cornerstone of this strategy. Our global education platform hosts many impactful webinars, online courses and MUCH MORE. Login or sign up HERE: <https://education.wspid.org/>

The WSPID podcast series brings together expert voices from around the world to explore timely, practical, and thought-provoking topics in pediatric infectious diseases. Designed for busy clinicians, researchers, and trainees, these podcasts offer concise yet in-depth conversations that bridge science, clinical practice, and global health realities. Listen to them HERE:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTb9ja71DXfMt-z33UeelN7AUIFrMQ34H&si=fMIC8lqty6m1ZBaa> or on the online portal.

Complementing the podcasts, WSPID's Journal Club provides a structured forum for critical appraisal of recent literature. By highlighting key publications and fostering discussion, the Journal Club supports evidence-based practice and helps members navigate the rapidly expanding body of pediatric infectious diseases research. This initiative not only keeps clinicians up to date but also builds confidence in interpreting data and translating evidence into clinical decision-making. Login HERE: <https://education.wspid.org/> Our next congress will be in November 2027 in Mexico City, Mexico. More information will be available shortly in 2027. Keep up to date by visiting HERE: <https://wspid.org/>

Federation of International Societies for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (FISPGHAN)

Global Collaboration, Education, and Advocacy

The Federation of International Societies for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (FISPGHAN) continues its commitment to advancing global child health by amplifying the work of its member societies and aligning around shared priorities in education, collaboration, and advocacy.

Highlights from FISPGHAN Member Societies in 2025 included key scientific initiatives by the Asia-Pacific Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (APSPGHAN) designed to strengthen regional education and global collaboration. These included the 3rd Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease (PIBD) Masterclass in Hong Kong and a Gastroenterology Masterclass in Indonesia. APSPGHAN also partnered with the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) to deliver joint international webinars on pediatric motility and pancreatic disorders. In addition, a Young APSPGHAN Committee was formed, while several APSPGHAN publications—including a PIBD review and an Asia-Pacific pediatric endoscopy survey—highlighted commitment to advancing clinical standards and collaborative research.

2025 similarly marked a year of growth and engagement for NASPGHAN, with more than 3,000 participants attending the Society's largest Annual Meeting to date in Chicago. Educational highlights included a Single-Topic Symposium on Celiac Disease, a Postgraduate Course with over 1,000 attendees, and extensive hands-on endoscopy programming. NASPGHAN continued its focus on workforce development and advocacy. The year also marked a leadership transition "from strength to strength," celebrating the remarkable tenure of Margaret Stallings and welcoming Celena NuQuay to the role of Executive Director.

Vibrant international education and scientific exchange was also woven into the 2025 Annual Congress of the European Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), which welcomed nearly 5,800 participants from an astounding 111 countries. The Congress was held in Helsinki and featured postgraduate education across gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition; dedicated programming for Allied Health Professionals and Young ESPGHAN members; new hands-on courses; as well as oral, e-poster, and rapid-fire abstracts.

In alignment with the 2025 IPA Congress in Mexico, the Latin American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (LASPGHAN) strengthened regional and international collaboration through its joint participation with the Mexican Pediatric Association. LASPGHAN also celebrated a milestone 50th anniversary at its XXV Congress, bringing together sister societies from across Latin America to Mexico City to highlight advances in pediatric digestive disorders, while reinforcing regional collaboration and education.

Finally, FISPUGHAN shared advocacy in 2025 focused on the prevention of chronic viral hepatitis in children. Along with its member societies, FISPUGHAN reaffirmed the critical importance of universal hepatitis B birth-dose vaccination within 24 hours of life, especially when coupled with effective maternal screening. Because early-life infection carries a 90% risk of chronic disease, the birth dose remains one of the most effective, evidence-based, and equitable interventions worldwide. FISPUGHAN continues to work with global partners to support policies that protect children from preventable, lifelong liver disease. (Full statement: [https://www.fispughan.org/index.php/hepatitis-b.](https://www.fispughan.org/index.php/hepatitis-b))

Looking ahead to 2026, FISPUGHAN remains committed to improving digestive and nutritional health for children worldwide in partnership with the International Pediatric Association.

International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)

The International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) continues to advance its mission to improve outcomes for children and adolescents with cancer worldwide through global advocacy, evidence-based standards, and strengthened professional collaboration.

A major advocacy milestone was achieved in 2025 with the adoption of the Final Political Declaration of the UN High-Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health. Crucially, the Declaration retained the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) target to achieve at least 60% childhood cancer survival globally by 2030. This outcome reflects sustained collective advocacy by SIOP members and partners to ensure childhood cancer remains firmly on the global health agenda. Attention now turns to implementation, supporting governments to translate commitments into tangible improvements in care.

Knowledge exchange and collaboration remained central to SIOP's work. The 2025 SIOP Annual Congress brought together more than 3,600 participants from 127 countries, showcasing record scientific engagement and advances across clinical care, research, and supportive services. During London Global Cancer Week, SIOP convened high-impact sessions addressing global disparities, research capacity strengthening, rehabilitation, and practical solutions aligned with the WHO CureAll framework, including a joint SIOP-IPA session focused on leaving no child behind.

In 2025, SIOP also launched the Global Standards Framework for Childhood Cancer Care, a landmark, multidisciplinary resource developed in collaboration with experts across all SIOP Continental Branches and partner organisations. Aligned with the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, the framework provides practical guidance to strengthen the safety, quality, and equity of paediatric oncology services worldwide.

SIOP continues to invest in professional communities through regional initiatives such as SIOP Asia Meet-Ups and through the work of networks including the SIOP Nursing Network, which marked a key milestone with the publication *Celebrating the History of Nursing in SIOP*.

As SIOP moves into 2026, we warmly invite paediatric societies and professionals to join or renew SIOP membership and to support our work through donations, helping to sustain advocacy, standards implementation, education, and research capacity-building for children with cancer globally.



Dear Colleagues at the Pediatric Association of Nigeria,

We are writing to express our deepest sympathy and condolences on behalf of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) on the sudden demise of Dr. Angela Anene Okolo a renowned Professor of Paediatrics, and a dedicated member of PAN. We were deeply saddened to hear of her passing, and our thoughts are with her family and your society during this difficult time.

Dr. Angela Anene Okolo dedication, leadership, and contributions to child health and pediatrics in Nigeria and beyond will be remembered with great respect. Her commitment to the advancement of pediatric care has left an enduring impact on the medical community and on the lives of countless children and families.

Please convey our heartfelt sympathies to her family, colleagues, and all members of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria during this time of sorrow. We join you in honoring her legacy and celebrating a life devoted to the service of others. On behalf of the IPA Executive and Standing Committee. Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph Haddad
President, IPA

Dr. Naveen Thacker
Executive Director, IPA