



7th Europaediatrics - Florence, Italy, May 13-16, 2015

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The 7th Europaediatrics Congress (www.europaediatrics2015.org), which will take place in Florence, Italy, from May 13-16, 2015, is the highlight of the activities of the European Paediatric Association, the Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations (EPA-UNEPSA). Taking place every 2 years, this flagship event of EPA-UNEPSA is the meeting point of general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists, not only from Europe but from all over the world. The scientific program of Europaediatrics 2015 is being developed in close collaboration with several major European subspecialty societies (Table).

Invitation to Europaediatrics 2015

Planning for this important international scientific meeting is now well underway and we hope that you will join us at the 7th Europaediatrics Congress in May 2015 for what will be an innovative and interactive educational program. The meeting, which is being held in Florence, one of the most beautiful and cultural cities in Italy, will bring together almost 2000 pediatricians and other child health professionals from Europe and the rest of the world to share learning, expertise, and ideas.

The program for the congress is being developed by the Europaediatrics 2015 Scientific Committee. This 7th biennial meeting will have an innovative format, with a mixture of plenary presentations by international child health experts and guideline sessions led by the European specialist societies, which will give general pediatricians an opportunity to bring themselves up to date with the best evidence-based practice. The theme of sharing good practice will be continued in the more interactive personal practice sessions where leaders in their fields will present their approaches to the management of important pediatric conditions.

There also will be an opportunity to listen to debates, view posters, and participate in workshops and discussions on topics of relevance to the wider aspects of the health and well-being of children and young people worldwide, such as diversity, equity, and children's rights.

The conference will be accredited with the relevant European educational programs so delegates will be able to register for continuing medical education/continuing professional development points/credits. We particularly hope

that Europaediatrics 2015 will be an occasion for those in the early stages of their careers to meet new colleagues and forge lasting friendships across Europe, as well as for others colleagues to renew old friendships. When the scientific program is over for the day, the setting for the Congress in the Fortezza da Basso in the center of Florence offers opportunities for delegates to visit world-renowned museums and art galleries or just to stroll the streets and take in the views and the history in the city, which was the cradle of the Renaissance.

Further details of the program and the registration to the meeting are described on the Europaediatrics Congress website www.europaediatrics2015.org and on the EPA-UNEPSA website www.epa-unepsa.org.

The Journal of Pediatrics Contributes to Europaediatrics 2015

EPA-UNEPSA is pleased to announce that the leadership of *The Journal of Pediatrics* has planned to significantly contribute to Europaediatrics 2015, with a number of activities to be included in the scientific program. In a plenary lecture, Thomas R. Welch, MD, Associate Editor of *The Journal* and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, New York, will speak about the "Five papers that have most changed pediatrics in past 15 years." Furthermore, Welch will discuss "stupid paediatric tricks" during an interactive "personal practice" session. This is a review of 4 well-established therapies in pediatrics, which have recently been shown to be harmful.

The contribution of the leadership of *The Journal* to the scientific program of Europaediatrics 2015 is highly regarded by the European paediatric community and it will further strengthen the solid collaboration between *The Journal* and EPA-UNEPSA. ■

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Table. 7th EUROPAEDIATRICS, 2015: “Learning Across Borders”

MAIN TOPICS:	
PLENARY LECTURES/SYMPOSIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine strategy for Europe • Adolescentology • Insulin resistance • Diabetes • Antibiotic resistance • Early nutrition PROS/CONS DEBATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatments by new drugs in children • High sugar drinks and taxes • Obesity 	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-learning • How to write an abstract • Networking of pediatricians to do research in ambulatory setting • How to analyze and present scientific data PUBLIC HEALTH SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care services in Europe • Child's right to health • New millennium development Goals/update and new visions
GUIDELINES AND PERSONAL PRACTICE SESSIONS (IN COLLABORATION WITH MAJOR EUROPEAN SUBSPECIALTY SOCIETIES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinations and vaccination in children with chronic diseases (ESCMID - <i>European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases</i>) • Transfusion (red cells/platelets)/sickle cell disease (EHA - <i>European Haematology Association</i>) • Nutrition/gastroenteritis/coeliac disease—“Learning the e-learning” course (ESPGHAN - <i>European Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition</i>) • Asthma (ERS - <i>European Respiratory Society</i>) • Neurology issues in neonatology—neonatal seizures/underwater delivery (UENPS - <i>Union of European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies</i>) • Injuries in childhood—management of mild head injury (PECARN rules)/advanced life support update/management of young febrile infants (EUSEM - <i>European Society of Emergency Medicine</i>) • Standard care for children with cancer (SIOP - <i>International Society of Paediatric Oncology</i>) • Vasculitis (ESPN - <i>European Society for Paediatric Nephrology</i>) • Arthritis—treatment of juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PRES - <i>Paediatric Rheumatology European Society</i>) • Rickets/congenital hypothyroidism/delayed growth and puberty/GH treatment (ESPE - <i>European Society of Paediatric Endocrinology</i>) • Management of headaches/developmental delay (EPNS - <i>European Paediatric Neurology Society</i>) 	