

“Working and learning together” — advancing child health across borders and languages.

HOT TOPICS BY EUROPAEDIATRICS JOINT MEETING — ISTANBUL

1st International Çam & Sakura Pediatric Days & 3rd EPA/UNEPSA Hot Topics Europaediatrics Joint Meeting

“Until All Children Smile” — held jointly with the 1st International Çam & Sakura Pediatric Nursing Days

Dates: 25–27 June 2026 **Venue:** Başıakşehir Çam & Sakura City Hospital, Istanbul, Türkiye

Hosts: EPA/UNEPSA & Çam & Sakura Pediatric Hospital **Web:** www.camsakurapediatri.org

Now concluded, one of the key scientific events of EPA/UNEPSA welcomed **more than 1,000 participants** — paediatricians and paediatric nurses from across Europe and beyond — for three days of science spanning contemporary child health, from immunisation and rare diseases to nutrition, mental health, emergency care and the emerging role of artificial intelligence. The meeting’s scientific abstracts have been published in **BMJ Paediatrics Open**.



Scenes from Istanbul: EPA/UNEPSA leadership and international faculty, the opening session, and delegate registration.

IN MEMORIAM



Remembering Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu · 1946–2026

During the EPA-UNEPSA Hot Topics Meeting in Istanbul, colleagues paid tribute to his valuable legacy — past President of IPA, Secretary General of the Turkish National Pediatric Society and a pioneer of paediatric nephrology, whose lifelong service shaped child health in Türkiye and worldwide.

EXPERT WORKING GROUPS & RECENT SCIENCE



Annual EPA-UNEPSA Expert Working Groups Conference Series 2026



The annual EPA-UNEPSA Working Group Conference was held on 18–19 June 2026 at the Villa Contarini-Ghirardi Foundation in Padua, Italy. The meeting launched two international Working Groups on “Management of Atopic Dermatitis in Pediatrics” and “Bioactive Nutrients in Neonatology: Vitamin K1, DHA/EPA, and Probiotics.”

The series opened online on 18 June with a Joint Opening Session “Welcome to the Experts”, introducing the aims and objectives of the working groups’ educational project.

Participants in the Core Teams reviewed current evidence, recommendations, and clinical guidelines to initiate the development of practical, evidence-informed expert opinions aimed at strengthening continuing medical education and supporting general pediatric practice. The Conference Series promotes the translation of pediatric subspecialty knowledge into everyday clinical care, in line with EPA-UNEPSA’s mission.

Rather than producing new guidelines, the Working Groups will use literature review, expert discussion, and a Delphi consensus process to develop practical expert statements that assist general pediatricians in managing common pediatric conditions.

Core message: mother’s milk is optimal — targeted supplementation is appropriate only where the evidence clearly supports benefit.

About EPA / UNEPSA — European Paediatric Association / Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations

Founded in 1976 at the St Sophia Children’s Hospital in Rotterdam, EPA/UNEPSA is a non-profit pan-European body uniting some 50 national societies — more than three-quarters of all European countries — to promote child health and comprehensive paediatric care through scientific cooperation, education and research.

The JOURNAL of PEDIATRICS

Two EPA-UNEPSA articles published in *The Journal of Pediatrics* rank among the **six most-cited articles** of the Journal for the years 2024–2026.

J. PEDIATR · 2024 · FERRARA ET AL.

Child Opportunity Index: A Multidimensional Indicator to Measure Neighborhood Conditions Influencing Children’s Health

J Pediatr. 2024 Jan;264:113649.

doi.org/10.1016/j.jpeds.2023.113649

J. PEDIATR · 2023 · PASTORE ET AL.

Alarming Increase of Eating Disorders in Children and Adolescents

J Pediatr. 2023 Dec;263:113733.

doi.org/10.1016/j.jpeds.2023.113733

2026 SCIENTIFIC CALENDAR — AT A GLANCE

18–19 Jun	Expert Working Groups — Padua, Italy
25–27 Jun	Europaediatrics Joint Meeting — Istanbul
Ongoing	EPA-UNEPSA section, J. Pediatrics