

Joint Congress of Pediatric Surgery

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Legend: tan = pre-course, blue = poster session, grey = break, purple = featured/plenary session.

Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Pre-Congress Day

Time	Room	Session	Speakers / Notes
07:30-09:00	0.11	EUPSA Network Office Meeting	
08:00-13:00	0.49-50	Joint Laparoscopy Course (hands-on)	Pre-course. Faculty: Isabela Draghici, Claudia di Mento, Fabio Chiarenza, Sameh Shehata, Maximiliano Maricic, Paula Jaimés de la Hoz, Estefanía Cotta, Aixa Reusmann, Oliver Muensterer, Louise Montalva, Enrico Bronnimann, Vojtech Dotlacil, Martin Metzelder
08:00-13:00	0.96-97	ESPES Masterclass Robotics in children	Pre-course. Maria Escolino, Mario Mendoza
08:00-10:15	0.31	EUPSA Surgical Oncology Course	Pre-course. Faculty: Denis Cozzi (Rome), Jörg Fuchs (Tübingen), Stefano Giuliani (London), Paul Losty (Bangkok), Steve Warmann (Berlin), Petra Zahradníková (Bratislava)
08:00-09:30	0.90	IPEG Simulation Committee Meeting	
08:30-13:00	0.94-95	EUPSA Colorectal Surgical Masterclass	Pre-course
08:30-09:15	0.91	IPEG Young Surgeons meeting	
08:55-13:00	0.14	EUPSA and ERNICA Pre-Congress Course: What is new in Neonatal Surgery	Pre-course. Coordinators: Andrea Conforti, Stuart Hosie. Faculty: Andrea Conforti (Rome), Juan Carlos de Agustín (Madrid), Paolo de Coppi (London), Stuart Hosie (Munich), Andrea Jester (Birmingham), Ingo Jester (Rosenheim), Martin Lacher (Leipzig), Carmen Mesas Burgos (Stockholm), José Luis Peiró (New York), René Wijnen (Rotterdam)
09:00-13:00	0.12	Workshop: The future of surgical education: The first AI tutor	Pre-course. Dariusz Patkowski, Holger Till. World's first AI-tutor-led workshop in pediatric surgery, transforming traditional lectures (NISSEN fundoplication by H. Till; TEF repair by D. Patkowski) into interactive learning. Bring your own laptop and headphones.
09:00-10:30	0.11	EUPSA Education Office Meeting	
09:15-10:15	0.91	IPEG calendar of content	
10:00-11:00	0.90	IPEG Education Committee Meeting	
10:15-10:30	0.31	Coffee break	
10:15-11:00	0.91	IPEG Innovations Committee meeting	
10:30-13:00	0.31	EUPSA Surgical Oncology Course (cont.)	Pre-course. Same faculty as above
10:30-12:00	0.11	EUPSA Scientific Office meeting	
11:00-12:00	0.91	IPEG - MEC committee meeting	
11:00-12:00	0.90	EUPSA History Committee meeting	
12:00-18:00	0.11	EUPSA Executive Board meeting	
13:00-18:00	0.32	IPEG Mastery Learning Advance™ hands-on course	Pre-course. Thoracoscopic lobectomy and esophageal/TEF repair. Chair: Drew Rideout, MD. Co-Chairs: Karen Diefenbach MD, Seth Goldstein MD, Wilfried Krois MD. Faculty: Katherine Barsness, Karen Diefenbach, Joe Drews, Mohammed Emran, Seth Goldstein, Ben Ham,

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			Eric Hansen, Leslie Knod, Wilfried Krois, Chuck Leys, Marc Michalsky, Nathan Novotny, Eduardo Perez, Drew Rideout, Steve Rothenberg, Atul Sabharwal, Brad Segura, Federico Seifarth, Stefan Sholz, Marc Wulkan, Sherif Shehata
13:00-18:00	0.96-97	ESPES Masterclass Urology	Pre-course. Salvo Cascio, Ciro Esposito. Long-term results of minimally invasive treatment of urinary pathologies in pediatric patients
13:00-14:00	Foyer Hall E	Lunch break	
13:00-14:00	0.91	IPEG Business Strategy meeting	
13:00-18:30	0.51	ESPES / SIVI National meeting	
14:00-16:15	0.14	EUPSA and ERNICA Pre-Congress Course (cont.)	What is new in Neonatal Surgery — Interactive Case Discussions. Coordinators: Andrea Conforti, Stuart Hosie
14:00-18:00	0.31	EUPSA Surgical Oncology Course (cont.)	Pre-course
14:00-17:15	0.94-95	EUPSA Colorectal Surgical Masterclass (cont.)	Pre-course. Coordinator: Ivo de Blaauw (Nijmegen). Faculty: Ernesto Leva (Milan), Judith Lindert (Rostock), Marko Mesic (Zagreb), Paola Midrio (Treviso), Lucie Pos (Prague), Pernilla Stenstrom (Lund)
14:30-18:30	0.91	IPEG Publication Committee meeting	
16:30-17:30	0.90	IPEG Research Committee meeting	
18:00-19:00	0.11	UEMS Executive Committee meeting	
19:00-20:30		Get together	

Thursday, 21 May 2026

Congress Day 1

Time	Room	Session	Speakers / Notes
08:00-09:00	Hall E	Joint Opening Ceremony	Katherine Barsness, Isabela Draghici, Martin Metzelder, Udo Rolle — Joint Session
08:00-09:00	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: Joint Opening Ceremony	
09:00-10:30	Hall E	Joint Scientific Session: Highlights of Pediatric Surgery Research	Paolo de Coppi (EUPSA), Katherine Barsness (IPEG), Isabela Draghici (ESPES)
09:00-10:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: Highlights of Pediatric Surgery Research	
10:30-11:00	Exhibition area	Coffee break	
10:30-11:00	Foyer Hall E	ESPES & IPEG Poster Sessions 1-10	1 Thoracic 1 (Suzuki/Muntean) · 2 Colorectal (Syed/Celtik) · 3 GI 1 (Lariguet/Gfroerer) · 4 Robotic/ICG 1 (Goldstein/Fascetti Leon) · 5 Urology 1 (Aichner/Chrzan) · 6 Education 1 (Raval/Zahradnikova) · 7 Hepatobiliary 1 (Kosaka/Davenport) · 8 Innovations 1 (Baumann/Gusev) · 9 Cool tips & tricks 1 (Ho/Gomes) · 10 Miscellaneous 1 (Ryan/Scurtu)
11:00-11:30	Hall E	ESPES & IPEG: GI 1	Tetsuya Ishimaru (IPEG), Martin Metzelder (ESPES)
11:00-12:00	F1	EUPSA Scientific Session: Basic Science	Stavros Loukogeorgakis, Augusto Zani — Oral 7 min
11:00-12:00	F2	EUPSA Scientific Session: Lower Gastrointestinal	Alessio Pini Prato, Katja Schmidhofer (TEPS), Pernilla Stenström — Oral 7 min
11:30-12:00	Hall E	ESPES & IPEG: HPB 1	Go Miyano (IPEG), Kirtikumar Rathod (ESPES)
12:00-12:30	Hall E	IPEG Honorary Lecture (Storz Lecture)	Katherine Barsness — presented by prof. Holger Till (Austria)
12:00-12:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: IPEG Honorary Lecture	
12:30-14:00	Exhibition area	Lunch break	
12:30-14:00	F1	Vesicoureteral Reflux Symposium by Teleflex	Prem Puri, Udo Rolle. Talks: "The Evolution of Endoscopic Treatment of VUR: A 40-Year Review" – Salvatore Cascio (Dublin); "Treatment Effectiveness of Endoscopic Injection vs Reimplantation for VUR: A Meta-analysis" – Florian Friedmacher (Frankfurt); "Reflux-related Morbidity in Relatives of Index Patients with VUR" – Prem Puri (Dublin)
12:30-13:15	F2	Stryker Symposium: Fluorescence-guided surgery in pediatrics	
12:30-13:30	0.31	EUPSA Connect Session "Speed Mentoring"	
12:45-13:30	0.94-95	CMR Surgical Symposium: Enhancing Paediatric Surgical Outcomes Through the Versius Robotic System	
13:00-14:00		EUPSA Poster Sessions 1-10	1 Innovations (Sfeir/Soyer) · 2 Upper GI (Engstrand Lilja/Miscia) · 3 Trauma (Stanek/Vallejo) · 4 Lower GI (Lacher/Pos) · 5 Urology (Fratrić/Springer) · 6 Plastic Surgery (Lukosite-Urboniene/Romanini) · 7 Case Reports (Benkő/Kucerova) · 8 Thoracic (Bonnard/Pederiva) · 9 Oncology (Günşar/Martinez) · 10 Hepatobiliary (Ergun/Uecker) — Poster 5 min
14:00-14:30	Hall E	EUPSA European Journal of Pediatric Surgery Lecture	Annika Mutanen (chair) — presented by prof. Andrea Bischoff (USA)
14:00-14:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: EJPS Lecture	

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14:30-15:00	Hall E	ESPES & IPEG: Chest wall/Pectus panel (TBC)*	Moderators: Michele Torre (ESPES), Dirk Vaan Braack (IPEG). Panelists: Manuel Lopez (ESPES), Marcelo Martinez Ferro (IPEG)
14:30-14:45	F1	EUPSA update: "What is New in Pediatric Urology?"	Marco Castagnetti (ESPU), Sonia Pérez-Bertólez, Ugo Maria Pierucci (TEPS)
14:30-15:45	F2	EUPSA Evidence and Guidelines Session: Congenital Lung Malformations*	Coordinator: Agostino Pierro (Canada). 1. Antenatal diagnosis — imaging (Zani, Pistone); antenatal intervention (Morini, Mesas Burgos, Oreglio, Pederiva, Jimenez Gomez). 2. Postnatal imaging — thoracic CT/MRI (Anez Bustillos, Koenig, Moreno); genetics (Friedmacher, Eaton). 3. Surgical treatment — indications (Baertschiger, Lauriti, Gorter, Borghei, Miscia); optimal age (Zani-Ruttenstock, Doktor, Canonica, Duci); lobectomy/segmentectomy (Chen Yong); open vs VATS (Zhu, Yan). 4. Follow-up after non-operative approach (Wester, Mesas Burgos, Söderström, Mutanen)
14:45-16:00	F1	EUPSA Scientific Session: Urology	Marco Castagnetti (ESPU), Sonia Pérez-Bertólez, Ugo Maria Pierucci (TEPS) — Oral 7 min
15:00-16:00	Hall E	ESPES & IPEG: Chest Wall / Thorax	Ergun Ergun (IPEG), Jorge Correia-Pinto (ESPES)
15:45-16:00	F2	EUPSA Small Grant Award Presentation	Tutku Soyer
16:00-16:30	Hall E	ESPES Honorary Lecture: Presidential Address	Isabela Draghici, Mario Mendoza
16:00-16:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: ESPES Presidential Address	
16:30-17:00	Exhibition area	Coffee break	
16:30-17:00	Foyer Hall E	ESPES & IPEG Poster Sessions 11-20	11 Thoracic 2 (Colin-Garnica/Scalabre) · 12 GI 2 (Kurashima/Poupalou) · 13 Cool tips & tricks 2 (Gerardo/Cerulo) · 14 Robotic/ICG 2 (Kotlovsky/Meehan) · 15 Urology 2 (Dekonenko/Ortiz) · 16 Inguinal herniae (Hernandez/Risteski) · 17 Hepatobiliary 2 (Novotny/Saxena) · 18 GI 3 (Encisco/Marantos) · 19 Chest wall (Gigena/Bleve) · 20 Miscellaneous 2 (Griggs/Coppola)
17:00-17:30	Hall E	ESPES & IPEG: Inguinal Hernia	Vincenzo Di Benedetto, Sherif Shehata
17:00-18:00	F1	EUPSA Scientific Session: Global Surgery	Anna Gunnarsdóttir, Gonca Topuzlu Tekant
17:00-17:45	F2	EUPSA Scientific Session: Case Reports	Carmen Mesas Burgos, Caspar Wiener — Oral Case Report 5 min
17:30-18:00	Hall E	ESPES & IPEG: ICG/Robotics 1	Maria Escolino, Samir Pandya
17:45-18:30	F2	EUPSA Scientific Session: History	Giovanna Riccipetitoni, Zacharias Zachariou
18:00-18:35	Hall E	ESPES & IPEG: Cool Tips and Tricks	Eddie Perez, Luca Pio
18:00-18:30	F1	EUPSA TEPS meeting	Marta Gazzaneo (EUPSA TEPS)

Friday, 22 May 2026

Congress Day 2

Time	Room	Session	Speakers / Notes
08:00-09:00	E1	ESPES & IPEG: Urology	Adam Halinski, Sabine Zundel
08:00-09:00	E2	ESPES & IPEG: Education	Carolina Millan (IPEG), Salvo Cascio (ESPES)
08:00-10:00	F1	EUPSA Scientific Session: Young Investigator	Richard Keijzer, Udo Rolle — Oral 12 min YI
09:00-10:00	E1	ESPES & IPEG: Women in pediatric surgery*	Moderators: Hannah Luz (IPEG), Maria Grazia Scuderi (ESPES). Panelists: Katherine Barsness (IPEG), Maho Kurashima (IPEG), Maud Lindeboom (ESPES), Giovanna Ricciettoni (ESPES)
09:00-10:00	E2	ESPES & IPEG: Innovations	Anthony Tsai (IPEG), Sonia Perez Bertolez (ESPES)
10:00-10:30	E1	EUPSA Honorary Lecture: M. Höllwarth Lecture	Gonca Topuzlu Tekant (chair) — presented by prof. Rene Wijnen (Netherlands)
10:00-10:30	F1 / F2	Broadcast from E1: Höllwarth Lecture	
10:30-11:00	Exhibition area	Coffee break	
10:30-11:00	Foyer Hall E	ESPES & IPEG Poster Sessions 21-30	21 Thoracic 3 (Gang/Borselle) · 22 GI 4 (Ergun/Philippe) · 23 Cool tips & tricks 3 (Knod/Rzanny-Owczarzak) · 24 Robotic/ICG 3 (McKee/Arnaud) · 25 Urology 3 (Elhalaby/Gerocarni Nappo) · 26 Esophageal atresia-TEF (Pierucci/Lindeboom) · 27 Hepatobiliary 3 (Prodan/Reusens) · 28 Education 2 (Jhala/Raffaele) · 29 Innovations 2 (Elfiky/Gallego Fernandez) · 30 Miscellaneous 3 (Marengo Gutierrez/Nasher)
11:00-12:00	E1	ESPES & IPEG: Lobectomy/Segmentectomy Panel*	Moderators: Mustafa Azizoglu (ESPES), Charlene Dekonenko (IPEG). Panelists: Steve Rothenberg (IPEG — slides by Nate Rubalcava, discussion by Dr. Mark Wulkan), Kenneth Wong (IPEG), Zafer Dokumcu (ESPES), Andrea Conforti (ESPES)
11:00-12:00	E2	EUPSA Scientific Session: Innovations	Martin Lacher, Shilpa Sharma — Oral 7 min
11:00-12:00	F1	EUPSA Scientific Session: Hepatobiliary	Carmen Capito, Omid Madadi-Sanjani, Alejandro Madurga Bernardez (TEPS)
11:00-11:15	F2	EUPSA Update: "What is New in Pediatric Oncologic Surgery?"	Sarah Braungart, Luca Pio
11:15-12:00	F2	EUPSA Scientific Session: Oncology	Sarah Braungart, Luca Pio — Oral 7 min
12:00-12:30	E1	ESPES Honorary Lecture (Storz Lecture)	Maria Escolino (chair) — "Pediatric Fistuloscopy (PEPSIT, VAAFT, PEHT)" presented by Ciro Esposito
12:00-12:30	F1 / F2	Broadcast from E1: ESPES Honorary Lecture	
12:30-13:15	E1	Karl Storz/Asensus Symposium: Together we shape the future	
12:30-14:00	F1	UEMS General Council meeting	
12:30-14:00	Exhibition area	Lunch break	
12:30-13:30	0.31	EUPSA Connect Session "Speed Mentoring"	Elke Zani-Ruttenstock
13:00-13:45	E2	Corza Medical Lunch Symposium: Mastering Haemostasis and Sealing in Pediatric Surgery	
13:00-14:00	Foyer Hall E	EUPSA Poster Sessions 11-20	11 Upper GI (Conforti/Zahradnikova) · 12 Trauma (Powis/Schalamon) · 13 Lower GI (Bremholm Ellebæk/Krois) · 14 Urology (Brönnimann/Pogorelic) · 15 Plastic Surgery (Lukosite-

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			Urboniene/Ricci-petitoni) · 16-17 Case Reports (Anders/Senica; Dingemann/Sterlin) · 18 Thoracic (Morini/Zahn) · 19 Innovations (Soyer/Studen Pauletić) · 20 Basic Science (Doktor/Fujiwara) — Poster 5 min
14:00-15:00	E1	ESPES & IPEG: ICG panel*	Moderators: Juan de Agustin (ESPES), Bhargava Mullapudi (IPEG). Panelists: Seth Goldstein (IPEG), Natasha Corbitt (IPEG), Ciro Esposito (ESPES), Philipp Szavay (ESPES)
14:00-15:00	E2	ESPES & IPEG: Colorectal	Rebecca Rentea (IPEG), Philippe Montupet (ESPES)
14:00-15:30	F1	EUPSA General Assembly	
15:00-15:30	E1	ESPES & IPEG: ICG/Robotics 2	Karen Diefenbach, Mario Mendoza
15:00-15:30	E2	ESPES & IPEG: GI 2	Maurizio Pacilli (IPEG), Jozef Babala (ESPES)
15:30-16:00	Exhibition area	Coffee break	
15:30-16:00	Foyer Hall E	Next Generation of Pediatric Surgeons Meeting	ESPES (MYPS) — Claudia Di Mento, EUPSA (TEPS) — Marta Gazzaneo, IPEG (Young Surgeons) — Hannah Luz — Joint Session
16:00-16:30	E1	IPEG Honorary Lecture: Presidential Address	Katherine Barsness — Introduction: Ciro Esposito (IPEG President-Elect)
16:00-16:30	F1 / F2	Broadcast from E1: IPEG Presidential Address	
16:30-17:00	E1	ESPES & IPEG: EA-TEF	Hanna Alemayehu (IPEG), Arnaud Bonnard (ESPES)
16:30-17:00	E2	ESPES & IPEG: HPB 2	Bhargava Mullapudi (IPEG), Naved Alizai (ESPES)
16:30-18:20	F1	EUPSA Scientific Session: Upper Gastrointestinal	Oliver Muensterer, Chiara Oreglio (TEPS), Laura Valfre — Oral 7 min
16:30-17:15	F2	Women in EUPSA session	Chairs: Carmen Mesas Burgos (WoEUPSA), Elke Zani-Ruttenstock (EUPSA Connect), Marta Gazzaneo (TEPS). Dr Diana Farmer Honorary Membership 2026: "The Joy of Discovery — A story of passion and persistence". Menardi Ring Award 2026 with Dr Giovanna Ricci-petitoni
17:00-18:00	E1	ESPES & IPEG: My Worst Nightmare	Mark Wulkan (IPEG), Holger Till (ESPES)
17:00-18:00	E2	EUPSA Scientific Session: Thoracic	Zafer Dokumcu, Matthijs Oomen — Oral 7 min
17:15-18:30	F2	EUPSA Consensus Statement Session: "Insufflation pressures in neonatal and pediatric endoscopic surgery"*	Amulya Saxena. Working group: Romilly Hayward, Dariusz Patkowski, Jorge Correia-Pinto, Sherry Zhou, Steve Rothenberg, Juan de Agustin, Agnieszka Wiernik, Miguel Guelfand, Tomas Blanc
18:00-19:00	E1	IPEG General Assembly	
18:00-19:00	E2	ESPES General Assembly	
20:30-23:59	Palais Berg, Schwarzenbergplatz 3, Vienna	Joint Presidential Reception	

Saturday, 23 May 2026

Congress Day 3

Time	Room	Session	Speakers / Notes
08:30-10:00	Hall E	Joint Scientific Session: Esophageal Atresia*	Interactive Panel Discussion. Moderators: Ramon Gorter (EUPSA), Salvatore Fabio Chiarenza (ESPES), Irving Zamora (IPEG). Expert panelists: Rony Sfeir (EUPSA), Dariusz Patkowski (ESPES), Matthew Clifton (IPEG)
08:30-10:00	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: Esophageal Atresia	
10:00-10:30	Hall E	ESPES Honorary Lecture	Ciro Esposito (chair) — "The History of Pediatric Laparoscopy in Europe 1990-2025: Key Players and Techniques" presented by Philippe Montupet & Francois Becmeur
10:00-10:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: ESPES Honorary Lecture	
10:30-11:00	Exhibition area	Coffee break	
10:30-11:00	Foyer Hall E	EUPSA Poster Sessions 21-30	21 Innovations (Fernández Atuán/Holland-Cunz) · 22 Lower GI (Gunnarsdóttir/Midrio) · 23 Thoracic (Abola/Metzelder) · 24 Basic Science (Doi/Friedmacher) · 25 Oncology (Guiliani/Pire) · 26 Lower GI (Lindert/Löf Granström) · 27 Urology (Tonnhöfer/Ulman) · 28-30 Case Reports (Sindjic Antunovic/Stundner-Ladenhauf; Barceló/Senica Verbic; Kampouri/Miyake) — Poster 5 min
11:00-12:00	Hall E	Joint Scientific Session: Hirschsprung's Disease*	Interactive Panel Discussion. Moderators: Anne Dariel (EUPSA), Anna Gunnarsdottir (ESPES), Drew Rideout (IPEG). Expert panelists: Mikko Pakarinen (EUPSA), Louise Montalva (ESPES), Maricarmen Olivos (IPEG)
11:00-12:00	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: Hirschsprung's Disease	
12:00-12:30	Hall E	IPEG Honorary Lecture: Journal of Pediatric Surgery Lecture	Katherine Barsness (chair) — presented by Julie Voeller
12:00-12:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: JPS Lecture	
12:30-13:30	Exhibition area	Lunch break	
12:30-13:30	Foyer Hall E	EUPSA Poster Sessions 31-40	31 Upper GI (Bjornland/Montedonico) · 32 Basic Science (Doi/Friedmacher) · 33 Oncology (Guiliani/Pire) · 34 Lower GI (Gunnarsdóttir/Midrio) · 35 Urology (Malcius/Ulman) · 36 Hepatobiliary (Kowalski/Sharma) · 37 Case Reports (Aubert/Kakar) · 38 Thoracic (Abola/Metzelder) · 39 Lower GI (Lindert/Löf Granström) · 40 Case Reports (Azizoglu/Senica Verbic) — Poster 5 min
13:30-14:00	Hall E	EUPSA Honorary Lecture: Duhamel Lecture	Paolo de Coppi (chair) — presented by prof. Mark Davenport (UK)
13:30-14:00	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: Duhamel Lecture	
14:00-14:30	Hall E	EUPSA Rehbein Medal and Honorary Membership	Udo Rolle. Honorary Member: Prof. Diana Farmer (introduced with Katrine Lofberg, Copenhagen). Rehbein Medal: Prof. Benno Ure (introduced with Lucas Wennemann, Hannover/St. Louis)
14:00-14:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: Rehbein Medal	
14:30-15:30	Hall E	Joint Scientific Session: AI in Surgery*	Interactive Panel Discussion. Moderators: Donatella Di Fabrizio (EUPSA), Miriam Duci (ESPES), Adrian Fung (IPEG). Expert panelists: Frederic Hameury (EUPSA), Sameh Shehata (ESPES), Holger Till (IPEG)
14:30-15:30	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: AI in Surgery	
15:30-16:50	Hall E	Awards & Closing	

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15:30-16:50	F1	Broadcast from Hall E: Awards & Closing	