



# European Society of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology

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## ESPO Newsletter – Winter 2022-23

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter! The ESPO Board had its first face-to-face meeting in Milan at the CEORL-HNS 2023 Congress after three years of Zoom meetings, and it was great to see each other in person again. It provided an opportunity at long last for Ann Hermansson to officially hand over the ESPO President's Medal to Jean-Michel Triglia (see photos below). The Confederation Congress was well-attended and a great success, with an excellent paediatric programme planned by Ann Hermansson and An Boudewyns on behalf of ESPO.

Following Milan we now look forward to ESPO 2023 in Liverpool, and Ray Clarke gives an update below. In the meantime, ESPO is continuing its series of educational webinars. There were two on Otitis Media last year and the next will be on Nasal Obstruction in the Newborn in two parts on 3rd and 10th February: please see the Members' Area of the ESPO website for details (<https://espo.eu.com>).

A Board delegation conducted a Site Visit to Stuttgart over the last weekend in January 2023 as part of our planning for ESPO 2025, and we were impressed by the excellent facilities. However, we are already looking beyond Stuttgart to consider the venue for ESPO 2027: this will be decided by a vote in Council during the Liverpool Congress, and bids have been short-listed from Florence, Poznan, Prague and Sofia.

I look forward to seeing you in Liverpool!

With very best wishes for 2023,

Martin Bailey  
*ESPO Secretary-General*

January 2023



## Looking forward to ESPO 2023: Liverpool, 20 – 23 May 2023

Ray Clarke and Su De

*For the ESPO 2023 Programme Committee*

Liverpool is waiting for you! When the excitement of the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest – hosted by Liverpool but on behalf of our friends and colleagues in Ukraine – settles down, ESPO rolls into town. Anticipation is mounting ahead of our first face-to-face get-together since Stockholm in 2018. And what an exciting programme we have for you!

Keynote speakers Sir Stephen O’Rahilly and Sir Andrew Pollard are acknowledged expert physician-scientists with important lessons to impart to us all on how we clinicians can incorporate sound scientific principles into our everyday interactions with patients and families. Hannah Burns, Jarek Szydowski and Maryana Cherkas are practising paediatric ORL doctors who will share their experience of collaborative working across national, geographic and political boundaries to make for optimum patient care. **‘Better together’** is the conference theme, with forums for scientists, clinicians, children and their families to demonstrate how far Paediatric ORL has come and how much more it has to offer.

Over 400 speakers will address eight parallel streams, ranging from esoteric airway surgery through implantation otology to the very common problems such as OSA and OME, which still tax us all. Young ESPO has been very much to the fore in helping us plan the programme. We can promise there won’t be a dull moment over the three days of debates, quizzes, panel discussions and ‘how we do it’ sessions. A busy state-of-the art Simulation Centre; sessions on ‘Innovation in Ped ORL’; ‘speed dating’ forums where young ORLs can meet seasoned old hands and get career advice; and several forums on how we best look after ourselves in these challenging times will make for a truly special few days.

Make time to see our wonderful city, enjoy its musical and historical heritage and re-live the glories of the swinging sixties when the Beatles were in their heyday. Bring your sandals and your dancing shoes!

Keep an eye on the website [www.espo2023.org](http://www.espo2023.org), register and book your flights & hotels. We can’t wait to give you a warm Liverpool welcome.



**Young ESPO**

François Simon

*Chairman of Young ESPO*

On behalf of the Young ESPO group, I couldn't be more excited to be meeting you at the ESPO 2023 congress in Liverpool, and also during all the social events we so sorely missed in the Marseille virtual event.

Amongst other great projects, the Young ESPO group is organizing a video contest, where a prize will be awarded for the best video and the three best videos will be shown live during the congress as oral presentations. The main emphasis is on education, to create the best film to help train residents or fellow ENTs. You can submit the video to the following address: [espo.young@gmail.com](mailto:espo.young@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – please go online for more information: <https://www.espo2023.org/e-film>.

**Upcoming Major International Events**

**2023**

ESPO 2023, Liverpool, UK  
20 – 23 May 2023

[www.espo2023.com](http://www.espo2023.com)

**2024**

CEORL-HNS Congress, Dublin, Ireland  
15 – 19 June 2024

[www.ceorlhns2024.org](http://www.ceorlhns2024.org)

**2025**

ESPO 2025, Stuttgart, Germany  
3 – 6 May 2025

**2026**

CEORL-HNS Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden  
4 – 8 July 2026