



European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society

EPOS BAT Advanced Course

Porto, Portugal: 5-6 February 2026



Paediatric Bone & Joint Infection

Highlights

- Key Knowledge on Bone and Joint Infection
- Septic Arthritis
- Acute, Subacute and Chronic Osteomyelitis
- Surgical Site Infection
- Management of Sequelae
- Large Bone Defects
- What To Do With Implants

Methods of education

- Theoretical lectures
- Clinical case discussions
- Brains-on workshops

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Welcome

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to join us in the EPOS BAT Advanced Course – Pediatric Bone and Joint Infection in the beautiful city of Porto, February 5-6, 2026.

Bone and joint infections affect many children of different ages and may have devastating consequences. A sound understanding of the pathology, diagnosis, and treatment is key to decreasing the morbidity and achieving the best outcomes. We will dedicate 1.5 days to sharing their insights and expertise in a comprehensive program including theoretical lectures, case discussions, and workshops.

We are proud to join speakers from EBJIS, EPOS, and ESPID, with different backgrounds, including pediatrics, orthopaedics, radiology, pathology, and infectious diseases. This unique and collaborative faculty will allow us to offer diverse and updated perspectives, bringing pearls and pitfalls of interdisciplinary management that will certainly be useful for all healthcare professionals who take care of children with bone and joint infections.

We encourage you to actively participate in this course, which will enable the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (EPOS) to continue leading the way in paediatric orthopaedic education throughout Europe in a stimulating and engaging atmosphere.

See you in Portugal!

Warm regards,



Cristina Alves
EPOS Education
Committee Chair and
Course Co-chair
2025–2028



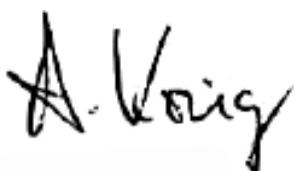
Bartek Kowalczyk
Course Co-chair



Andreas Krieg
Course Co-chair



Dror Ovadia
EPOS President
2025–2026



This course will be delivered in collaboration with the European Bone & Joint Infection Society.



Program

Thursday 5 February

Wednesday 4 February
at Holiday Inn Porto Gaia

16:00-18:00 Pre-registration (optional)

| Schedule | Topic | Faculty |
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| 08:00 | Registration | |
| 08:30 | Opening remarks | Cristina Alves Bart Kowalczyk |
| Badge Scanning (2.5 CME Credits) | | |

Session 1: THE BASICS

Moderator: Bart Kowalczyk

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| 08:40 | Epidemiology of Bone and Joint Infections in Children | Catarina Gouveia |
| 09:05 | Septic Arthritis: Key Points for Diagnosis and Management | Inês Balacó |
| 09:25 | Acute Osteomyelitis: Key Points for Diagnosis and Management | Marta Salom |
| 09:40 | Spondylodiscitis: Key Points for Diagnosis and Management | Federico Canavese |
| 10:00 | Discussion | |
| 10:20 | Coffee Break | |
| Badge Scanning (2 CME Credits) | | |

Session 2: DIAGNOSTICS IN SEPTIC ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOMYELITIS

Moderator: Marta Salom

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| 10:50 | Should We Have a Radiograph? | Henrique Donato |
| 11:05 | How Good is Ultrasound? | Cristina Alves |
| 11:20 | MRI: When and Why Is It Important | Henrique Donato |
| 11:35 | New Lab Techniques for Identifying Microorganisms | Anália Carmo |
| 11:50 | Discussion | |
| 12:10 | Brains-On Workshop Rotation 1 | |
| 13:00 | Lunch | |
| Badge Scanning (1.5 CME Credits) | | |

Session 3: CONTROVERSIES

Moderator: Dimitri Ceroni

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| 14:00 | Antibiotic, Route and Duration | Catarina Gouveia |
| 14:15 | Osteomyelitis: Is a Biopsy Needed? | Bart Kowalczyk |
| 14:30 | Septic Arthritis: Arthrocentesis, Arthroscopy or Arthrotomy? | Ignacio Sanpera |
| 14:45 | Differential Diagnosis: What Not to Miss | Inês Balacó |
| 15:00 | Discussion | |
| 15:20 | Brains-On Workshop Rotation 2 | |
| 16:00 | Coffee Break | |
| Badge Scanning (1.5 CME Credits) | | |

Program

Thursday 5 February

Schedule

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Session 4: SPECIAL PATIENTS, SPECIAL CASES

Moderator: Cristina Alves

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| 16:30 | Newborns | Marta Salom |
| 16:45 | Kingella Kingae | Dimitri Ceroni |
| 17:00 | PVL+ S Aureus | Deborah Eastwood |
| 17:15 | Discussion | |
| 17:35 | Brains-On Workshop Rotation 3 | |
| 18:15 | End of Day 1 | |

Program

Friday 6 February

| Schedule | Topic | Faculty |
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| Badge Scanning (2.5 CME Credits) | | |

Session 5: MANAGING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS

Moderator: Federico Canavese

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| 08:30 | Subacute Osteomyelitis | Dimitri Ceroni |
| 08:45 | Chronic Osteomyelitis | Inês Balacó |
| 09:00 | Sequelae of Osteomyelitis and Septic Arthritis | Cristina Alves |
| 09:15 | Discussion | |

Session 6: SURGICAL SITE INFECTION

Moderator: Inês Balacó

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| 09:35 | How to Prevent It | Ignacio Sanpera |
| 09:50 | Antibiotic Prophylaxis: Getting It Right | Deborah Eastwood |
| 10:05 | Sutures and Dressing: Does It Make a Difference? | Cristina Alves |
| 10:20 | Beyond SSI: Modern Criteria for Diagnosis | Willem-Jan Metsemakers |
| 10:40 | Discussion | |
| 11:00 | Coffee Break | |
| Badge Scanning (1 CME Credit) | | |

Session 7: PEARLS AND PITFALLS ON DIFFICULT SCENARIOS

Moderator: Cristina Alves

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| 11:30 | Infected Non-Unions | Willem-Jan Metsemakers |
| 11:45 | Infected Limb Prosthesis | Ricardo Sousa |
| 12:00 | Infected Spine with Implants | Federico Canavese |
| 12:15 | Large Bone Defects | Bart Kowalczyk |
| 12:30 | Discussion | |
| 12:50 | Closing of the Course | Bart Kowalczyk |

Information

Course fees

EPOS VAT number 980.673.429, exempt transaction under article 9 (14) of the Portuguese VAT Code.

Early registration*

(Valid until Sunday 4th of January 2026.)

Participants

EUR 450.00

EPOS & FEPOS members**

EUR 350.00

Residents**

EUR 300.00

Late registration fees

(Valid as of Monday 5th January 2026.)

No onsite registration!)

Participants

EUR 550.00

EPOS & FEPOS members**

EUR 450.00

Residents**

EUR 400.00

Registration fees include

- Participation in all course educational activities
- Lunches & coffee breaks

Expenses related to flights, accommodation, airport transfers, dinners etc. are at the participants' own expense.

Cancellation policy

- 4 weeks or less prior to the starting date:
50% of the registration fees will be charged.
- More than 4 weeks prior to the starting date:
Administrative fee of 50 EUR will be charged.

* The early registration fee is only valid when the payment is made before the early registration deadline

** Proof needs to be uploaded depending on the registration category chosen

Course language

English – no translation

Opening hours

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| Wednesday 4 February: | 16:00-18:00 (pre-registration, optional) |
| Thursday 5 February: | 07:30-18:00 |
| Friday 6 February: | 08:00-13:00 |

Contact

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Venue

Holiday Inn Porto Gaia
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Accommodation

If you'd like to stay at the venue hotel, Holiday Inn are offering a [preferential room rate for course attendees](#).

CME Credits



The course has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 11 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Information

Course Faculty

- Cristina Alves – Coimbra, Portugal
- Inês Balacó – Coimbra, Portugal
- Federico Canavese – Genova, Italy
- Anália Carmo – Coimbra, Portugal
- Dimitri Ceroni – Geneva, Switzerland
- Henrique Donato – Coimbra, Portugal
- Deborah Eastwood – London, United Kingdom
- Catarina Gouveia – Lisbon, Portugal
- Willem-Jan Metsemakers – Leuven, Belgium
- Bart Kowalczyk – Krakow, Poland
- Marta Salom – Valencia, Spain
- Ignacio Sanpera – Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- Ricardo Sousa – Porto, Portugal

Upcoming Events

Future EPOS Educational Events:

9th EPOS BAT INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE TRILOGY

Part II

Speising Orthopedic Hospital, Vienna, Austria | Dates: 11-13 March 2026

44th EPOS Annual Meeting

Sevilla, Spain | 08-10 April 2026

EPOS BAT ADVANCED COURSE

Paediatric Upper Limb

Helsinki, Finland | 25-26 June 2026

EPOS BAT ADVANCED COURSE

Genetic & Metabolic Bone Diseases

Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli, Bologna, Italy | 17-18 September 2026

9th EPOS BAT INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE TRILOGY

Part III

Speising Orthopedic Hospital, Vienna, Austria | 25-27 November 2026

Workshops

| Workshop | Faculty |
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| A Acute Osteomyelitis and Septic Arthritis | Cristina Alves Catarina Gouveia Dimitri Ceroni Marta Salom |
| B Sequelae of Chronic Bone and Joint Infections | Henrique Donato Inês Balacó Bart Kowalczyk Willem-Jan Metsemakers |
| C Surgical Site and Post-Operative Infection | Anália Carmo Deborah Eastwood Federico Canavese Ricardo Sousa Ignacio Sanpera |

Workshops schedule and content subject to last-minute changes.

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