

EPOS NEWSLETTER

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A word from our President

Dear EPOS Members, Colleagues and Friends,

It's a pleasure to share with you this summer update – a snapshot of the exciting progress we've made so far this year, and a look ahead at what's to come.

From the energy of our Annual Meeting in Toulouse to the launch of **our new website** and the continued growth of our educational and research activities, 2025 has already been marked by strong momentum and collaboration across our community.



Looking ahead, plans for our **2026 Annual Meeting in Seville** are well underway, and I encourage you to stay involved in shaping what promises to be another memorable gathering. For the first time, it will be a joint meeting with our colleagues from the Asia Pacific Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (APPOS), and I hope it will be an opportunity to build the first bridge that will deepen our relationship in the future.

Thank you for your continued commitment to EPOS – and I hope you enjoy reading more about what we've accomplished together and what lies ahead.

Warm regards,

Dror Ovadia MD

EPOS President 2025-2026



EPOS Website: What's New and What's Next

Since its launch in early March, **the new EPOS website** has been running smoothly – with a sleek new design and an intuitive platform that makes it easier to stay connected with our activities and manage your membership.

The new membership management system is already in place, offering members improved access to their profiles, payment history, and exclusive content.

Coming soon:

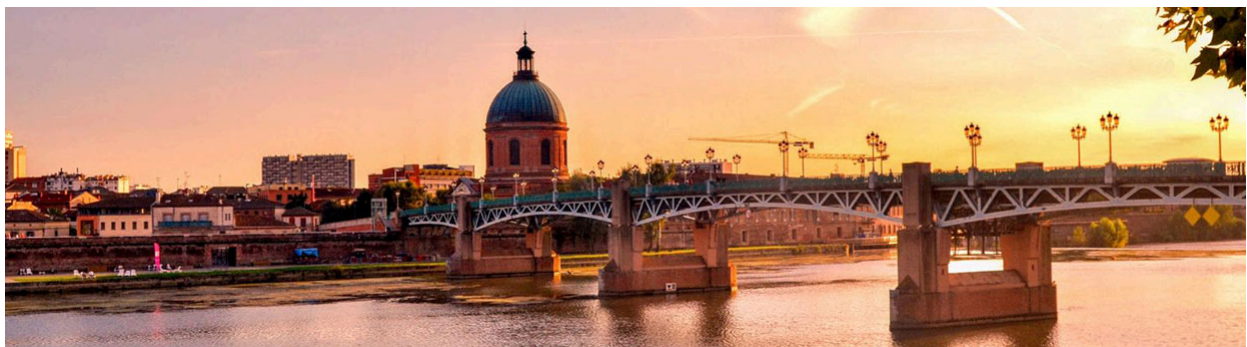
We're preparing to launch a dedicated internal messaging platform for EPOS members. This new tool will include:

- A Member Directory with public first name, last name, and country
- Optional visibility of email address and/or phone number
- A direct messaging feature to help members connect more easily

These tools are designed to enhance networking, collaboration, and community-building within EPOS.

More information will be shared soon – stay tuned!

[EXPLORE THE EPOS WEBSITE](#)



Toulouse in Numbers: An Incredible Meeting in the Pink City

From 2 to 4 April 2025, over 980 paediatric orthopaedic professionals gathered in Toulouse, France, for the **43rd EPOS Annual Meeting** – a vibrant celebration of research, learning, and international collaboration. Known as La Ville Rose, Toulouse proved to be the perfect setting for three unforgettable days of science, exchange and inspiration.

Congress Highlights:

- 981 participants from 68 countries, representing all continents
- 28 scientific sessions, showcasing cutting-edge research across the full spectrum of paediatric orthopaedics
- 11 major sponsors and 11 exhibitors supporting innovation and knowledge-sharing
- 42 best papers selected across hip, spine, trauma, sports, neuromuscular, foot & ankle, and lower limb deformity – of which 6 received the “Best of the Best” award

SEE THE FULL LIST OF “BEST OF THE BEST” AWARDEES

The meeting also featured:



A powerful
**Women in Orthopaedics
Worldwide**
session



A moving Presidential Guest Lecture by
Prof. Thomas Wirth who reflected on his lifelong
contributions to paediatric orthopaedics
as he approaches retirement



A memorable **Meet the Mentor session**
with Prof. Fritz Hefti
EPOS pioneer and Editor-in-Chief of the
Journal of Children's Orthopaedics



A fascinating keynote
by **astrophysicist Sylvestre Maurice**
taking us from the OR
to outer space

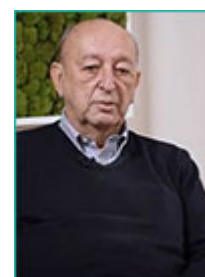
We were also proud to honour outstanding individuals:



Prof. Muharrem Yazici (Türkiye)
Pro Maximis Meritis Award



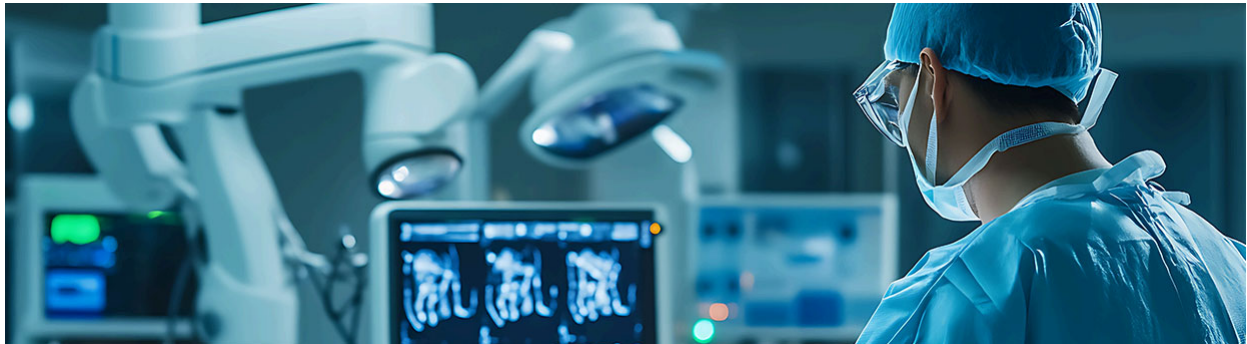
Dr. María Galán Olleros (Spain)
EPOS Young Researcher Award



Prof. Tomás Epeldegui (Spain)
EPOS Humanitarian Award

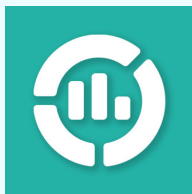
Together, these moments reflect the spirit of EPOS: rooted in excellence, driven by collaboration, and committed to advancing care for children everywhere.

RELIVE THE CONGRESS IN PHOTOS



Research Highlights: Community Contributions and Journal Growth

Take Part in the EPOS Upper Limb Study Group Survey



The EPOS Upper Limb Study Group invites you to contribute to a **pan-European research initiative on Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Paediatric Upper Limb Surgery**.

This survey aims to capture current practices and help shape future guidelines. Your input is essential!

OPEN UNTIL 30 OCTOBER 2025 – PARTICIPATE NOW

JCO Impact Factor Reaches New Heights



We are pleased to share that the **Journal of Children's Orthopaedics (JCO)** has achieved a **2024 Impact Factor of 1.6**, exceeding projections and reinforcing its position as a leading publication in our field.

Ranking in the 2024 Journal Citation Reports:

- 78/139 in *Orthopaedics* (Q3)
- 91/191 in *Paediatrics* (Q2)

This places JCO ahead of several comparable titles, including the *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* (IF 1.5).

We thank Prof. Fritz Hefti and Prof. Shlomo Wientroub, Editors-in-Chief, for their outstanding leadership, and our publishing partner SAGE for their continued support.

A notable update to this year's metrics: citations to or from retracted content are now excluded from the calculation. This change, though limited in impact (affecting just 0.4% of total citations), helps ensure greater integrity in bibliometric data.

Upcoming EPOS Educational Activities

BAT Educational Programme

The second half of 2025 is packed with exciting opportunities for learning and exchange through the EPOS Basic and Advanced Training (BAT) Courses.



BAT Advanced Course – Paediatric Foot Disorders

Sold Out

2-3 October 2025 – Speising Orthopaedic Hospital, Vienna, Austria

This highly anticipated course covers a wide range of topics including congenital malformations, clubfoot, flatfoot, neurological foot disorders, juvenile hallux valgus, and sports-related injuries. From Ponseti principles to arthroscopy for ankle fractures, this course offers comprehensive insight into both common and complex foot conditions.



9th EPOS BAT Instructional Course Trilogy – Part 1

Early registration valid until 2 November 2025

26-28 November 2025 – Speising Orthopaedic Hospital, Vienna, Austria

This foundational course provides in-depth sessions on development and growth, bone metabolism, syndromes and skeletal dysplasias, hip and foot disorders, limb length discrepancy, and lower limb deformities. It's ideal for trainees and young specialists looking to build a strong base in paediatric orthopaedics.

SOON

BAT Advanced Course – Paediatric Bone & Joint Infection

Save the date

5-6 February 2026 – Porto, Portugal

Stay tuned for more information on this upcoming advanced course dedicated to the diagnosis and management of paediatric musculoskeletal infections.

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2026 EPOS-SLAOTI Travelling Fellowship

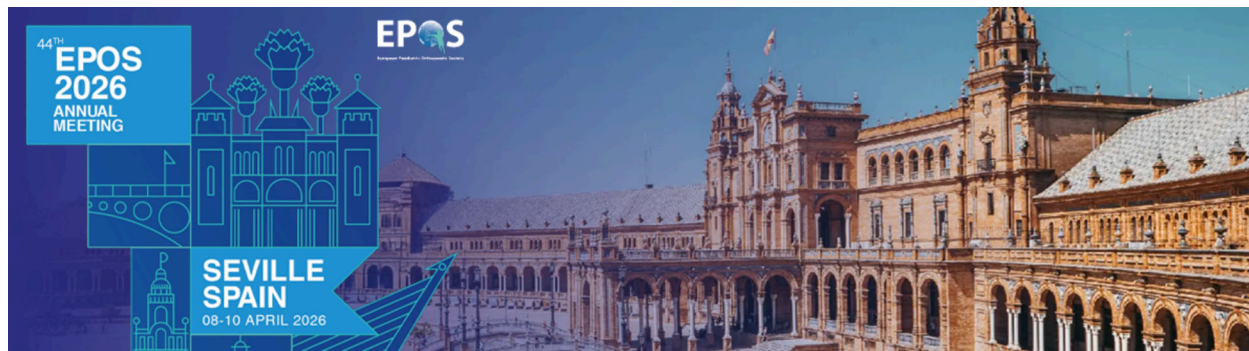


Applications Open

Paediatric orthopaedic surgeons are invited to **apply for the EPOS-SLAOTI Travelling Fellowship**, offering the chance to visit leading centres in South America and build lasting international connections.

Deadline : 30 September 2025.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Save the Date: EPOS 2026 in Seville Abstract Submission Now Open!

EPOS invites you to join us for the **44th Annual Meeting**, taking place from 8 to 10 April 2026 in the vibrant and historic city of Seville, Spain. This year's gathering promises a rich blend of scientific learning and cultural immersion, as we come together for three days of knowledge-sharing, networking, and inspiration!

For the first time, EPOS will be co-hosting this meeting with the **Asia Pacific Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (APPOS)** - a milestone reflecting our commitment to global collaboration.



Abstract submission is now open!

We warmly encourage researchers, clinicians, and members at all career stages to **submit their work** and play an integral role in shaping the scientific programme.

Don't miss out - engage with your peers, share your latest findings, and connect in the heart of Andalusia.

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

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