

“Pediatrics Building Bridges across Europe” – the Eighth EUROPAEDIATRICS Congress in Bucharest, Romania, June 7-10, 2017

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The European Paediatric Association and Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations, the umbrella organization of the 49 national pediatric member societies from across Europe, invites pediatricians and other professionals involved in child health to attend the Eighth EUROPAEDIATRICS Congress, jointly cohosted by the Romanian Paediatric Society (<http://www.europaediatrics2017.org>). The congress will be held June 7-10, 2017, in Romania's capital and its largest community, the historic and dynamic city of Bucharest. The congress language is English.

Pediatrics Building Bridges across Europe

The program of EUROPAEDIATRICS 2017 follows the motto “Pediatrics building bridges across Europe.”¹ After more than a quarter of a century has passed since the iron curtain between the East and the West of Europe has come down, EUROPAEDIATRICS 2017 will explore similarities and differences in current challenges and approaches to child health across Europe. EUROPAEDIATRICS 2017 has a particular potential to understand and address differences in pediatric policy and practice between different nations.²

Scientific Program

The scientific program will also address the contributions of pediatric medicine and pediatricians working toward unifying standards across Europe and improving health, development, and opportunities for children regardless of their origin and nationality.

The EUROPAEDIATRICS congress is held every other year and serves as the central meeting point for general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists from both ambulatory and hospital care from across Europe and the world. The scientific program is developed in close collaboration with several pediatric subspecialty societies. These include the European Paediatric Neurology Society, European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, the Paediatric Assembly, European Respiratory Society, the Paediatric Section, European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (UK), the Faculty of Paediatrics of The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and others, as well as the European

Young Paediatricians Association. The European Young Paediatricians Association aims to support the efforts of the new generations of young European pediatricians up to 40 years of age and provide them with the necessary tools to achieve their personal professional endeavors. We build upon the critical analyses of pediatric conferences in Europe and the needs of our pediatric colleagues.^{1,2} The speakers will review recent developments in diagnostic and therapeutic approaches and their practical application. Information is shared in plenary sessions with keynote lectures provided by internationally renowned leading experts, in parallel with symposia, debate sessions, and smaller workshops. Latest guidelines relevant for pediatric practice will be presented. Current developments in research on child healthcare and child healthcare services also will be discussed.

Interactive, Hands-on Workshops, and Oral and Poster Presentations

Interactive and hands-on workshops will enable the sharing of good practice, where leaders in their fields report their experience and approaches to manage important pediatric disorders. Oral and poster presentations of submitted abstracts will provide an opportunity to learn about latest results on issues related to the health and well-being of children and young people, and to discuss these issues with the investigators.

Postgraduate Training Workshops

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017, interactive postgraduate training workshops in smaller groups will be held to enhance practical skills. Delegates can obtain continuing medical education credits.

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Location of EUROPAEDIATRICS 2017

The congress will be held at the International Conference Center in the Romanian Palace of the Parliament, formerly called the House of the People, which is the second largest building worldwide after the Pentagon. The grand neoclassical building in the center of Bucharest provides for an unforgettable experience and excellent conditions for the congress.³

The bustling and rapidly changing metropolis of Bucharest is known for the beautiful banks of the Dambovitza River, its tree-lined broad boulevards, grand classical buildings from the late 19th century, and its tradition for a vibrant social life, which has earned the city its nickname, "Little Paris." There are endless attractions for visitors, including museums, Orthodox churches from the 17th and 18th centuries, charming art nouveau villas, beautiful parks, trendy cafes and restaurants, and numerous cultural activities and events. Come and join us for an unforgettable experience at the EUROPAEDIATRICS 2017

congress at Bucharest! Updates on the program are available at <http://www.europaediatrics2017.org>. ■

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