

# EPOS NEWSLETTER

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**Dear EPOS Members, Colleagues, and Friends,**

As we reflect on the past year, we can proudly say it has been an exciting and fruitful time for EPOS. Following the success of the EPOSNA Meeting in Washington, we now eagerly anticipate the **upcoming EPOS Congress in Toulouse**, which will take place from 2–4 April 2025.

Our new EPOS office has firmly established itself, and with the expertise of our experienced directors, Sanni Hiltunen and Ceylan Tokgöz, we are poised to enhance communication, project development, and educational initiatives. This new structure ensures a more direct and efficient operation, allowing us to better serve our members.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of this year's courses or meetings!

Warm regards,

**Catharina Chiari**

Councillor EPOS Executive committee · Contact: [newsletter@epos.org](mailto:newsletter@epos.org)

## A word from our President

Dear Members,

As we welcome the new year, the EPOS Board and our Central Office extend our warmest wishes for a peaceful and joyful 2025!

Since the opening of our dedicated EPOS Office in September, we have been hard at work advancing several key initiatives:

- **New EPOS Website**

Launching in March, our revamped website will feature a modern design and numerous benefits, including simplified uploading and presentation of educational materials and an automated payment system for membership fees.



### • European Core Curriculum

A survey of over 30 national paediatric orthopaedic societies highlighted the need for a structured training programme, as only a few currently have one in place. Most societies expressed strong support for a defined European Training Programme. In response, an EPOS task force is developing the first version of a general paediatric orthopaedic curriculum. This framework will serve as an adaptable guide to meet the unique requirements of each national society.

### • Observership Opportunities

EPOS is delighted to provide its website as a platform to share and promote **observership opportunities** within the EPOS community, encouraging collaboration and the exchange of knowledge among members. This exciting initiative, already featured on our website, offers invaluable networking and learning experiences through short clinical and research visits to expert centres. These observerships serve as a perfect complement to our BAT courses, annual meetings, and the FEPOS Fellowship Programme, enriching the educational and professional development opportunities available to our members.

Looking ahead, the **43rd EPOS Annual Meeting** will take place in Toulouse, France, from 2–4 April 2025. From 670 submissions, 150 abstracts were selected for presentation.

**Registration** is now open — secure your spot! This year introduces a new Wednesday-to-Friday format, with its future to be decided during the General Assembly on Friday morning.

We look forward to seeing you in Toulouse!

Warm regards,

**Prof. Carol C. Hasler**

EPOS President (2024–2025)



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:  
New EPOS Website and Membership Platform!**

Exciting news for the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society! We're delighted to announce the launch of our **brand new website and membership platform** on **1 March 2025**. This modern platform has been designed to enhance your membership experience, making it more seamless, efficient, and secure.

A key feature of the new platform is the introduction of a **secure card-only payment system**, ensuring that all transactions are quick, reliable, and safe. This change underscores our commitment to providing state-of-the-art digital services tailored to your needs.

To ensure a smooth transition, we've planned a **transition period from 1 to 31 March 2025**, during which members can explore the platform, update their profiles, and manage their 2025 membership renewals. Importantly, if you haven't received or paid your 2025 membership fees yet, there's no need to worry. **All 2025 membership fees will exceptionally be handled via the new platform upon its launch**, ensuring no interruptions to your membership benefits.

We understand that adapting to a new system may feel challenging, but rest assured, the platform is **intuitive and user-friendly**. Additionally, our dedicated support team will be available throughout the transition period to assist with any questions or issues you may encounter.

The new website will serve as a comprehensive hub for all EPOS activities, from renewing memberships and registering for events to staying up-to-date with society news.

Mark your calendar for **1 March 2025**, and get ready to experience the future of EPOS.

**Together, we're building a stronger, more connected community!**

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The banner features the EPOS logo on the left, which includes a globe and a green figure. Below the logo is the text "European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society" and the website "www.epos2025.org" with the hashtag "#EPOS2025". The central part of the banner has a teal background with white text: "43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society" and "2 - 4 April 2025 Toulouse · France". On the right, the text "EPOS 2025" is displayed in large white letters over a photograph of a bridge and a domed building in Toulouse, France.

**Join us for the 43rd Annual EPOS Meeting**

Join us for the **43rd Annual EPOS Meeting**, taking place from **2-4 April 2025**, in the stunning city of Toulouse, France. This is your chance to be part of one of the most anticipated events in paediatric orthopaedics, where innovation, collaboration, and inspiration converge.

Hosted at the elegant Pierre Baudis Congress Centre, EPOS 2025 offers an **exceptional scientific programme** tailored to advance your knowledge and skills. Engage with world-renowned experts through **keynote lectures, study group sessions, and free paper presentations**. Explore cutting-edge developments in topics such as trauma, spine, hip, sports injuries, neuromuscular conditions, and much more.

EPOS 2025 is not just about science—it's an unparalleled opportunity to network with leading professionals in a vibrant and collegial environment. Enhance your experience by attending the dynamic social programme, which includes:

- A **Welcome Reception** at the historic **City Hall, Capitole Square**.
- A lively **Gala Dinner** at **Carmes Market**, where you can enjoy local culinary delights.

While you're here, immerse yourself in the beauty of Toulouse, affectionately known as "La Ville Rose" (The Pink City). Stroll through its charming streets, marvel at its rich history, and indulge in regional specialities like foie gras and cassoulet.

Don't miss the chance to expand your professional horizons and create lasting memories in one of France's most iconic cities.

### Secure your place at EPOS 2025 today!

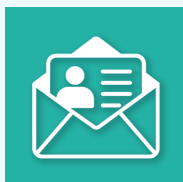
Visit our website to register and learn more about what awaits you in Toulouse.

REGISTER NOW FOR EPOS 2025!



## Become an EPOS Scientific Committee member!

EPOS is seeking dedicated individuals to serve as **members of its Scientific Committee**.



### Why Apply?

- Drive collaborative research and education initiatives.
- Influence key decisions on awards, grants, and fellowships.
- Shape the future of paediatric orthopaedics.

### Membership Details

- **Term:** 3 years (optional 1-year extension).
- **Requirements:** EPOS membership, experience in research/education, commitment to EPOS's mission.

APPLY NOW!

**Submit your CV and statement of interest to [secretariat@epos.org](mailto:secretariat@epos.org)**  
subject line "EPOS Sci-Com application+ your name"  
**by 28 February 2025.**

Join EPOS in advancing paediatric orthopaedic care worldwide!

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