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"Science Has No Borders" — building bridges among pediatric communities worldwide.

5TH CONGRESS OF THE PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF SERBIA

EPA-UNEPSA at the 5th Congress of the Pediatric Association of Serbia

Atopic dermatitis pilot study results presented alongside a renewed scientific partnership with Serbian pediatrics.

Venue: Vrnjačka Banja, Serbia · 24–26 September 2026 **Address by:** Prof. Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani, President EPA-UNEPSA

Host: Prof. Georgios Konstantinidis, EPA-UNEPSA Board

EPA-UNEPSA took part in the 5th Congress of the Pediatric Association of Serbia, led by Board member Prof. Georgios Konstantinidis. President Pettoello-Mantovani delivered the inaugural address, underscoring the longstanding scientific partnership and friendship between Serbian and European pediatric communities.

The Congress also featured the results of the EPA-UNEPSA pilot study on competence in pediatric atopic dermatitis management in primary care — part of a wider Balkan initiative — published in *Global Pediatrics* (2026). The findings lay the groundwork for expanding the project across Europe and developing targeted educational initiatives for pediatric primary care.



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IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Professor Enver Hasanoğlu

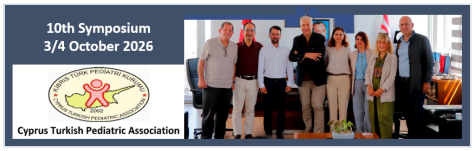
EPA-UNEPSA paid tribute to Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu — former IPA President and a leading figure in child health — at the 70th Turkish National Pediatric Congress in Antalya (5 November 2026). President Pettoello-Mantovani and Treasurer Prof. Zekeriya Mehmet Vural honored his legacy and his guiding belief that "Science Has No Borders."

ALSO AT THE CONGRESS

EPA-UNEPSA presented its study on the growing phenomenon of vaccine hesitancy across Europe, published with the International Pediatric Association (IPA) in *The Journal of Pediatrics*. "From Misinformation to Action in Europe: A Multifaceted Approach to Combating Vaccine Hesitancy" examines the social, cultural, psychological, and healthcare factors behind declining vaccination confidence, and calls for evidence-based communication and stronger international cooperation to restore vaccine confidence and protect children's health. (*J Pediatr*, Vol. 291, Apr 2026 · jpeds.com/.../S0022-3476(25)00436-6)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

IPA and EPA-UNEPSA at the 10th Northern Cyprus Pediatric Symposium



IPA President Prof. Joseph Haddad and EPA-UNEPSA President Prof. Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani joined as international observers at the Symposium (3–4 October 2026), hosted by Dr. Cemal Mert, Turkish Pediatric Association of Cyprus. Both leaders reaffirmed that "Science Has No Borders," calling on pediatricians to build bridges — not barriers — in the best interests of children.

Core message: scientific dialogue and cooperation among pediatric communities, regardless of geographical, institutional, or political boundaries.

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Two new commentaries published in The Journal of Pediatrics (Elsevier).

J Pediatr · Vol. 294, Jul 2026 · Pettoello-Mantovani M, et al.
The Role of "One Health" in Pediatric Well-Being.
jpeds.com/.../S0022-3476(26)00088-0

J Pediatr · Vol. 295, Aug 2026 · Pettoello-Mantovani, et al.
Biological Effects of Widely Consumed Psychoactive Substances in Adolescents.
jpeds.com/.../S0022-3476(26)00177-0

2026 SCIENTIFIC CALENDAR — AT A GLANCE

Jul	"One Health" commentary published — J. Pediatrics
Aug	Psychoactive substances commentary — J. Pediatrics
24–26 Sep	Congress of Pediatric Assoc. of Serbia — Vrnjačka Banja
3–4 Oct	N. Cyprus Pediatric Symposium
5 Nov	Tribute to Prof. Hasanoğlu — Antalya

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Founded in 1976 at the St Sophia Children's Hospital in Rotterdam, EPA/UNEPSA is a non-profit pan-European body uniting some 50 national societies — more than three-quarters of all European countries — to promote child health and comprehensive paediatric care through scientific cooperation, education and research.