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Dear ESPES Members,

We will soon say goodbye to 2025! We experienced many beautiful things, important achievements, which make us proud and give us even greater confidence in the future of our society. We remember the successes of the Annual Congress in Athens, the Masterclass organized by ESPES in collaboration with IRCAD Strasbourg, the high fashion Courses organized by Prof. Ciro Esposito and his team in Naples, the international hands-on course organized in Bucharest, the first edition of the PROMASTER (Pediatric Robotic Surgery Master), the online Webinars organized by Prof. Sameh Shehata.

As every year, it gives me great pleasure to thank all members for choosing ESPES! It is an honor and a pride for us! I would also like to thank my colleagues from the Executive Board of ESPES for all the work and dedication they have shown this year and welcome to the President Elect Fabio Chiarenza, as well as the new EB members Salvatore Cascio, Angel Gallego and Kirtikumar Rathod!

We will soon step into the New Year! We invite you to continue to join us! For you and together with you, ESPES will organize multiple scientific events of great value, as before! But the highlight will be the largest pediatric surgery congress ever organized, which will take place on May 20-23, 2026 in Vienna, the fruitful result of the collaboration between the 3 major societies: ESPES, IPEG and EUPSA! We invite you to participate in this exquisite, unbelievable, and unforgettable event!

On the occasion of the fast-approaching winter holidays, I would like to send you and your families all my best wishes for health, love, peace and prosperity! Merry Christmas and cheers to a brilliant New Year ahead!

  
**Isabela Draghici**  
ESPES President