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Preliminary Programme



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME SUMMARY

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- PBL 3:** Opioid use in paediatric anaesthesia
Lisa M. Einhorn
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Fanny Bonhomme & Thomas Lynch
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Divya Dixit & Manish Purohit
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Zeev Kain
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Vimmi Oshan & Nicola Groes Clausen
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Maren Kleine-Brueggeny
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- PBL 9:** Anaesthesia for paediatric renal transplantation – practical aspects
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Heidi Meyer
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- PBL 11:** From birth to operation – management of the child with congenital diaphragmatic hernia
Jacob Karlsson & Kim Heiwegen
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WORKSHOPS

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Peter Brooks & Liz Allison & Jon McCormack

WS 2: Regional anaesthesia

Annabel Pearson & Clinck Babette & Catalina Stendal

WS 3: Gastric ultrasound

Mathild de Queiroz & Anne Laffargue Vetter

WS 4: Life cycle assessments in paediatric anaesthesia – How to get started?

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WS 5: Videolaryngocopy (Storz)

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WS 6: Ethics in paediatric airway management – The patient's perspective

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WS 7: Bronchoscopy vs imaging for foreign bodies

Michael Brackhahn & Anne Laffargue Vetter

WS 8: How to write a scientific article

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WS 9: Mechanical ventilation – update on modern functionalities (EIT) – Draeger

TBA

WS 10: POCUS – Heart & Lung

Ehrenfried Schindler & Co

SPEAKERS

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Liz Allison
Brian Anderson
Sarah M. Anderson
Florent Baudin
Karin Becke
Gianluca Bertolizio
Peter Brooks
Babette Clinck
Andrew Davidson
Mathilde de Queiroz
Nicola Disma
Divya Dixit
Lisa M. Einhorn
Tom Engelhardt
Lars Hagander
Tom Hansen
Kim Heiwegen
Zeev Kain
John Kheir
Maren Kleine-Brueggeney
Thomas Lynch
Jon McCormack
Heidi Meyer
Neil Morton
Vimmi Oshan
Annabel Pearson
Manish Purohit
Jean Philippe Salaun
Ehrenfried Schindler
Martin Schönemann-Lund
Catalina Stendal
Paul Stricker
Nigel Turner
Francis Veyckemans
Marieke Voet
Laszlo Vutskits

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2025

MAIN HALL

09:15–10:15 SafeTots PreCourse

WORKSHOP ROOM 1

09:15–10:45 **WORKSHOP 1a: TIVA**
Peter Brooks & Liz Allison & Jon McCormack

MAIN HALL

10:45–11:00 **Official opening & Welcome**
Michael Brackhahn

11:00–12:30 **PANEL 1: The ENT patient**
Moderators: Fanny Bonhomme & Michael Brackhahn

15–20 min **Perioperative monitoring and observation – how and where?**
Gianluca Bertolizio

15–20 min **Airway management – choices and dilemmas**
Nicola Disma

15–20 min **Ventilatory strategies – tips, tricks and considerations**
Florent Baudin

15–20 min **And what about the pain?**
Lisa M. Einhorn

WORKSHOP ROOM 2

11:00–12:30 **WORKSHOP 2a: Regional anaesthesia**
Annabel Pearson & Babette Clinck & Catalina Stendal

12:30–13:30 **LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITION/ LUNCH SYMPOSIUM**

PBL ROOM

13:30–14:30 **PBL 1: Tips and tricks to avoid adverse events during extubation in the ENT-OR**

WORKSHOP ROOM 1

13:30–15:00 **WORKSHOP 1b: TIVA**
Peter Brooks & Liz Allison & Jon McCormack

POSTER AREA

13:30–14:30 **POSTER WALKS I**

MAIN HALL

14:30–16:00 **PANEL 2: Anniversary session – from FEAPA to ESPA (Former presidents' round)**
Moderators: Neil Morton & Jurgen de Graaff

15–20 min **Paediatric anaesthesia then and now**
Nigel Turner; Ehrenfried Schindler

15–20 min **Devices/Medications that changed clinical practice**
Brian Anderson

15–20 min **Future perspectives of paediatric anaesthesia in Europe**
Laszlo Vutskits

WORKSHOP ROOM 2

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Annabel Pearson & Babette Clinck & Catalina Stendal

PBL ROOM

15:00–16:00 **PBL 2: The very low birth weight patient – vascular access, airway management, regional anaesthesia**
Peter Frykholm

16:00–16:30 **COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION**

MAIN HALL

16:30–18:00 **PANEL 3: Editor's best pick**
Moderators: Laszlo Vutskits & Ehrenfried Schindler

15–20 min **Paediatric anaesthesia – Top publications of a decade**
Andrew Davidson

15–20 min **Editorial dilemmas for paediatric anaesthesia publications**
Brian Anderson

PBL ROOM

16:30–17:30 **PBL 3: Opioid Use in paediatric Anaesthesia**
Lisa M. Einhorn

WORKSHOP ROOM 1

16:30–18:00 **WORKSHOP 3a: Gastric ultrasound**
Mathilde de Queiroz & Anne Laffargue Vetter

EXHIBITION AREA

18:00–19:00 **Opening ceremony**

FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2025

PBL ROOM

08:15–09:15 **PBL 4: The multi-traumatized child**
Fanny Bonhomme & Thomas Lynch

MAIN HALL

09:00–10:30 **PANEL 4: Groundbreaking paediatric research – Panel discussion**
Moderators: Nicola Disma & Maren Kleine-Brueggeney

15–20 min **Past – Studies that have made an impact**
Zeev Kain

15–20 min **Present – Ongoing studies with serious implications**
John Kheir

15–20 min **Future – Searching for the missing links**
Jean Philippe Salaun

WORKSHOP ROOM 1

09:00–10:30 **WORKSHOP 3b: Gastric ultrasound**
Mathilde de Queiroz & Anne Laffargue Vetter

WORKSHOP ROOM 2

09:00–10:30 **WORKSHOP 4: Life cycle assessments in paediatric anaesthesia – How to get started?**
Martin Schønemann-Lund

PBL ROOM

09:30–10:30 **PBL 5: Osteogenesis imperfecta**
Divya Dixit & Manish Purohit

10:30–11:00 **COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION**

MAIN HALL

11:00–12:30 **PANEL 5: SafeTots Symposium**
Moderators: Tom Engelhardt & Jacob Karlsson

PBL ROOM

11:00–12:00 **PBL 6: Midazolam – clinical aspects and influence on paediatric anaesthesia practice**
Zeev Kain

WORKSHOP ROOM 1

11:00–12:30 **WAKKA**

WORKSHOP ROOM 2

11:00–12:30 **WORKSHOP 5: Videolaryngoscopy**
Nicola Disma & Nadia Najafi

12:30–13:30 **LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITION/ LUNCH SYMPOSIUM**

MAIN HALL

13:15–14:45 **PANEL 6: Guidelines in paediatric anaesthesia**
Moderators: Fanny Bonhomme & Jacob Karlsson

15–20 min **New Kid on the (Neuromuscular-)Block – the core**
Arash Afshari

15–20 min **New Kid on the (Neuromuscular-)Block – some extra**
Francis Veyckemans

15–20 min **How to implement guidelines into clinical practice?**
Andrew Davidson

WORKSHOP ROOM 2

13:15–14:30 **WORKSHOP 6a: Ethics in paediatric airway management – The patients perspective**
Sarah M. Anderson

PBL ROOM

13:30–14:30 **PBL 7: Oesophagus atresia – quick fix or lifelong condition**
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13:30–14:30 **POSTER WALKS II**

WORKSHOP ROOM 2

14:45–16:00 **WORKSHOP 6b: Ethics in paediatric airway management –
The patients perspective**
Sarah M. Anderson

MAIN HALL

15:00–16:15 **PANEL 7: Best abstract competition**
Moderators: Jurgen de Graaff & Nicola Groes Clausen

PBL ROOM

15:00–16:00 **PBL 8: Non-cardiac anaesthesia for the child with congenital heart
disease**
Maren Kleine-Brueggeney

WORKSHOP ROOM 1

15:00–16:00 **WORKSHOP 8: How to write a scientific article**
Andrew Davidson

16:00–16:30 **COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION**

MAIN HALL

16:30–18:00 **PANEL 8: Specialized paediatric anaesthesia**

Moderators: Ignacio Malagon & Anne Laffargue

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WORKSHOP ROOM 2

16:30–17:45 **WORKSHOP 10: POCUS – Heart & Lung**

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MAIN HALL

18:00–19:00 **General assembly**

20:00–23:00 **Conference dinner**

SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2025

MAIN HALL

09:00–10:30 **PANEL 9: Current controversies in paediatric anaesthesia**
Moderators: Peter Frykholm & Nadia Najafi

15–20 min **The never-ending story about neurotoxicity**
Tom Hansen

15–20 min **The silent pandemic of perioperative mortality**
Lars Hagander

15–20 min **Scientific fraud in paediatric anaesthesia**
Karin Becke

PBL ROOM

09:00–10:00 **PBL 10: Patient blood management – points to optimize before and during surgery**
Heidi Meyer

10:30–11:00 **COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION**

MAIN HALL

11:00–12:30 **PANEL 10: How does the expert do it?**
Moderators: Ivana Budic & Francis Veyckemans

15–20 min **Major craniosynostosis – challenges for the anaesthesiologist**
Paul Stricker

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15–20 min **Complexity of paediatric lung surgery**
Ignacio Malagon

PBL ROOM

11:00–12:00 **PBL 11: Patient blood management – points to optimize before and during surgery**
Jacob Karlsson & Kim Heiwegen

MAIN HALL

12:35 **Best abstract award**
Moderators: Nicola Groes Clausen (Denmark)

12:45 **Closing remarks**
Moderators: Michael Brackhahn (Germany)