

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The European Society for Paediatric Urologists (ESPU) will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the International Congress Center of Lyon on April 24–27, 2019.



From a small gathering of friends in Rotterdam in 1989 to the largest world society of Paediatric Urology in 2019, a lot of work and energy have been spent by many experts from all around the world. This 30th anniversary will be a nice opportunity to thank the numerous contributors of this success story. This meeting will cover all fields of Paediatric Urology and we are expecting a strong attendance of experts from all the world including some famous stars of our specialty like Paul Mitrofanoff and Robert Whitaker who will receive the Honorary Membership medal on that occasion.

Lyon is a great Roman city to stay and visit. It is the world capital of gastronomy and is wonderfully located between the Beaujolais and Burgundy in the North, and the Rhône Valley in the South. It was the capital of Gaule (27 BC) and is a UNESCO world heritage city. Walking through the middle age part is a delight with wonderful food, books and art markets, museums and shops. Lyon has a strong medical history with leading Hospitals and Universities. It is where the International Agency for Research on Cancer is. Lyon is close to the mountains and the sea. Its access is very easy by plane, train or car.

It is a pleasure and an honour for me to welcome you all as the local organizer of this meeting. It has a very special meaning for me as I was one of the co-founders of this Society 30 years ago, along with Roelof Scholmeijer, Rien Nijman, Jos de Vries and Patrick Duffy. The local organization is lead by Claude-Bernard University Congress Center and the overall organization is supervised by the ESPU team. Enjoy Lyon and its area and enjoy the scientific content of the 30th ESPU meeting.

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Pierre Mouriquand
Chair of Congress