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**Dear ESPES Members,**

As the winter holidays approach, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for health, love, peace, and prosperity!

This past year has been filled with remarkable achievements and memorable moments that make us proud and reinforce our confidence in the bright future of our society. Among the highlights, we fondly recall the Masterclass organized by ESPES in collaboration with IRCAD Strasbourg, the prestigious courses led by Prof. *Ciro Esposito* and his team in Naples, the celebration of 30 years of pediatric minimally invasive surgery at Disneyland Paris, and the Annual Congress in Strasbourg, which took place in a truly high-class atmosphere and attracted a large and engaged audience.

We also greatly appreciate the insightful webinars coordinated by Prof. *Sameh Shehata*. These accomplishments were only possible thanks to the dedication and hard work of the organizers, and most importantly, the participation and support of you — our valued members.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for choosing ESPES and placing your trust in our society. Your presence gives meaning to all our efforts.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to my colleagues of the ESPES Executive Board, with special thanks to Past President *Juan de Agustin* for his tireless commitment to elevating the quality and reputation of our society.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on the successes of the past. Mark your calendars: from October 15–17, 2025, our Annual Congress will be held in Athens, Greece, at the Zappeion Conference & Exhibition Center. We warmly invite you to join us for an enriching scientific program and opportunities to connect with colleagues.

The upcoming year will also feature a series of courses and masterclasses, including events in Naples (June and September) and IRCAD Strasbourg (April), as well as new courses in Bucharest (June) and other locations across Europe. I encourage all of you to be part of these exciting adventures and initiatives.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous Christmas and a wonderful holiday season!

**Warm regards,**

  
*Isabela Draghici*

ESPE President