

Formulating better medicines for children

Meeting the needs of children

18th conference of the European Paediatric Formulation Initiative

A conference organised by the International Association for Pharmaceutical Technology (APV)
in partnership with the European Paediatric Formulation Initiative (EuPFI)

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**Preconference workshop – Plenaries – Soap box sessions –
Case studies – Poster session – Exhibition**

EuPFI welcomes to the annual conference and is excited to see you again at another informative and interactive conference on formulating better medicines for children.

PCCA awards – Young scientist award– Best Posters awards



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Dear Colleagues,

EuPFI welcomes you to the 18th annual conference on formulating better medicines for children.

Join us for the 18th Annual Conference of the European Paediatric Formulation Initiative (EuPFI), #EUPFI2026 in Salzburg Austria, September 15th – 17th, 2026, where the forefront of paediatric drug development converges. This unique event brings together researchers, scientists, and students to share groundbreaking ideas and innovations at the crossroads of drug development and paediatric considerations.

A dedicated poster session will provide an opportunity for researchers to showcase their work, with select abstracts chosen for oral presentations. We encourage all participants to explore the EuPFI website for submission guidelines and further details.

Continuing on the tradition, this year again we are pleased to present two prestigious awards that recognize outstanding contributions from students and early-career researchers. The PCCA Awards will honour three exceptional poster presentations and one outstanding oral presentation. Sponsored by PCCA, these awards aim to encourage early-career researchers to share their findings and contribute to the advancement of paediatric formulation science. Additionally, the EuPFI Young Scientist Award will support the development of emerging scientists in the field. This award will provide free registration to attend and present research at the EuPFI 2026 Conference, offering a valuable opportunity for young researchers to engage with the scientific community. The selection will be based on scientific merit and financial need.

We look forward to welcoming you to Austria for this insightful and inspiring event. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the ongoing advancements in paediatric drug development.

European Paediatric Formulation Initiative (EuPFI) (<http://www.eupfi.co.uk>) is an academic-industry consortium founded in 2007, focused on the science supporting paediatric drug development. The primary goal of EuPFI is to promote and facilitate the preparation of better and safer medicines for children. Our organisation is globally recognized as the unique network in Europe that brings together key expertise in paediatric drug development from the large and small pharma companies, specialist CMO/SMEs, academic partners, consultants and clinicians to address common problems in this space.



Programme

Mainz, April 2026

Tuesday, 15 September 2026, 14:30 to 17:30 h

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

From Evidence to Practice: Medicines & Enteral Feeding Tubes in Paediatrics

Join a multi-stakeholder panel to unpack key barriers in EFT medicine use, then put knowledge into action through interactive case studies using a new decision-support database.

Networking drinks reception 18:00 to 19:30 h

Wednesday, 16 September 2026, 09:00 - 18:00 h

Welcome and Introduction

Catherine Tuleu, University College London, School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom
Sandra Klein, University of Greifswald, Germany

Plenary 1:

Chair: Fabrice Ruiz, Clinsearch, France

Insights on regulatory challenges and activities in paediatric formulation development

Jana Lass, Chair Paediatric Formulation Operational Expert Group (PFOEG)
Liese Barbier PharmD PhD, Regulatory Science and Innovation Task Force

Session 1: Case Studies from Industry: Lessons, Challenges, Solution

A fast-paced session showcasing real industry case studies: what worked, what didn't, and what it means for practice

Chair: Fabrice Ruiz, Clinsearch, France

Development and registration of paediatric Powder-for-Oral-Suspension formulation

David Harris, MSD, USA

Cabotegravir Formulation Selection for Pediatric HIV: A Case Study Across Neonates to Adolescents

Rhiannon Jina, GSK, United Kingdom

Q&A

Coffee break, exhibition and poster presentation

Developing the correlation between in vitro digestion of infant formula and human milk, drug solubilisation and bioavailability for pediatric formulations of poorly water soluble drugs

Ben Boyd

Soap Box Session I

Lunch, exhibition and poster presentation

Session 2: Flexible Dosing of Minitablets: Minitablet Devices, and User Needs

Join experts from across sectors to unpack the complexities of minitabulet dose delivery, from identifying key attributes to overcoming packaging and device challenges.

Chair: Jenny Walsh, United Kingdom

Plenary 2:

Chair: Alison Foster, Proveca, United Kingdom

Clinical/translational focus on 3DP for children – from clinical studies to real world use/applications and the regulatory implications

Marija Tubic Grozdanis, Universitätsmedizin der Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz Apotheke, Germany

Coffee break, exhibition and poster presentation

Session 3: Nasal, Needles, and New Possibilities: Paediatric Drug Delivery Reimagined

Explore cutting-edge non-oral routes in paediatric medicines, nasal sprays and microneedles through expert insights and real-world challenges in design, safety, usability, and acceptability.

Chair: Sandra Klein, University of Greifswald, Germany

Micro array patch technology

Frank Theobald, Lohmann Therapie-Systeme AG, Germany

From Hospital Initiative to Commercialisation: Development of a Paediatric Nasal Spray to Meet Unmet Clinical Need

Martin Juhl, Cessatech, Denmark
Emily Sheperd, Proveca, United Kingdom

Housekeeping

Networking / Social evening

Thursday, 17 September 2026, 08:30 - 15:30 h

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Plenary 3:

Chair: Catherine Tuleu, University College London, School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom

To Please & Comfort the Sick Child: Making Children's Medicines Better Before Modern Paediatrics

Hannah Newton, University of Reading, United Kingdom

Session 4: Global Voices, Local Impact: Advancing Medicines for Children

Hear first-hand experiences and international strategies to ensure children everywhere have access to safe and effective medicines.

Chair: Smita Salunke, UCL, EuPFI, United Kingdom

Paediatric Medicines in Crisis: Formulations, Access, and Challenges

Oday Aburokba, General Practitioner (GP) / Health Promoter, Ard El-Insan Association – UNICEF & MAP Projects, Gaza

Defining Minitablets – Insights from Japan

Takeaki Uchimoto, Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd, Japan

Q&A

Coffee break, exhibition and poster presentation

Soap Box Session II

Announcement of PCCA winners

Lunch, exhibition and poster presentation

Plenary 4:

Access to Pediatric-Friendly Formulations at the Time of Pediatric Labeling and After Marketing

Frédéric Villain, Proveca, United Kingdom

AI in Formulation: Designing the Future

A forward-looking talk on leveraging AI to streamline formulation design, predict outcomes, and tackle complex challenges in drug development

Andrew Parker, Quotient Sciences, United Kingdom

Conference Wrap-up/Discussion

Programme is subject to change

Exhibition

As in previous years, we offer you the opportunity to present your company, products and services to a truly focused target market. As an exhibitor you will be also invited to attend the sessions and the networking dinner in the evening.

Price for a tabletop space with table, chairs and power supply is 990 EUR plus one mandatory full conference registration.

Space is limited, and applications will be dealt with on a "first come, first served" basis.

A tabletop includes:

- one table
- two chairs
- electricity/power supplies

Sponsoring

For this event we offer different sponsoring packages for you. If you are interested in other sponsoring options not listed, please get in touch with us and we will find a way to integrate your sponsoring idea.

Sponsoring options are for example:

- Notepads and pens
- Coffee breaks
- Lanyards
- Networking dinner

For detailed information about exhibiting and the different sponsoring options, please contact Ash, kapoor@apv-mainz.de.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts can only be submitted online, starting from 10th January 2026

Deadline for abstract submission: 20th June 2026

Notification for abstract acceptance: 10th July 2026

Link: <https://eupfi2026.dryfta.com/71-abstracts-submission>

Date

Course no. 7070
from 15 September 2026 14:30
to 17 September 2026 15:30

Registration times for workshop participants:
15 September 2026 14:00
Registration times for conference participants:
16 September 2026 08:00
Set up and poster mounting times:
16 September 2026 08:00

Location

IMLAUER Hotel Pitter Salzburg
Rainerstraße 6
5020 Salzburg, Austria
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Hotel options

Please use the booking platforms for hotels near the venue

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Registration fees

	Early Bird until 20 July	Full fee from 21 July
Non-Member (non academic, non governmental)	1599 EUR	1699 EUR
Member of EuPFI (non academic, non governmental)	1430 EUR	1530 EUR
Non-Member (academic, governmental)	590 EUR	640 EUR
Member of EuPFI (academic, governmental)	530 EUR	580 EUR
Students (please enclose evidence)	240 EUR	280 EUR

Workshops prices (in person) additional to registration fee: (please note you have to be registered for the conference in order to attend)

Non-Member + Member of EuPFI (non academic, non governmental)	440 EUR	490 EUR
Non-Member + Member of EuPFI (academic, governmental)	245 EUR	270 EUR
Students (please enclose evidence)	100 EUR	125 EUR

Conference + Workshops combination fee (10% DISCOUNT if you book conference and workshop together)

Non-Member (non academic, non governmental)	1835 EUR	1970 EUR
Member of EuPFI (non academic, non governmental)	1680 EUR	1820 EUR
Non-Member (academic, governmental)	750 EUR	820 EUR
Member of EuPFI (academic, governmental)	700 EUR	765 EUR
Students (please enclose evidence)	305 EUR	365 EUR

Registration online at

