

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. 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. EuPFI 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.



Mainz, August 2026

Programme

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

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Administration of Medicines via Enteral Feeding Tubes: Progress, Practice, and Persisting Challenges

A preconference workshop on the administration of paediatric medicines via enteral feeding tubes (EFT), bringing together healthcare professionals, pharmaceutical industry representatives, and regulatory agencies (FDA, EMA) to

1. Map how the field has evolved: published standards, new case examples, and lessons from real-world practice.
2. Showcase ongoing initiatives and research addressing the previously identified gaps, through invited presentations from people actively working on solutions.
3. Capture regulator perspective on what has changed in expectations or guidance.

Chair: Smita Salunke, EuPFI, University College London (UCL), School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom

Speakers and Panel members:

Melanie Turenne, iCAN (International Children's Advisory Network), United States of America
Charlotte Clay, Quotient Sciences Ltd., United Kingdom
Andrea Gill, Neonatal Paediatric Pharmacists Group, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, United Kingdom
Elimika Pfuma Fletcher, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States of America
Dominique Verstraete, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine, Belgium
Frank Karkossa, University of Greifswald, Greifswald, Germany
Sifan Hu, University College London (UCL), School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom

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 (UCL), School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom
Sandra Klein, University of Greifswald, Germany

Plenary 1:

Chair: N.N.

Insights on regulatory challenges and activities in paediatric formulation development

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

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: TBA

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

David Harris, MSD, United States of America

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

Chair: Sandra Klein, University of Greifswald, Germany

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, Monash University, Australia

Soap Box Session I:

From Formulation to Function: A Sublingual Film Delivering Rapid Disintegration, and Enhanced Bioavailability

Jatin Sood, ARx LLC, United States of America

Incorporation of Amoxicillin Drug Products into Semi-Solid Extrusion 3D-Printed Pediatric Dosage Forms

Jonas Hoffmann, Heinrich Heine University Duesseldorf, Germany

Integrating Machine Learning into a Quality by Design Framework for Oral Solutions Administered via Enteral Feeding Tubes

Anthony Ch'an, University College London (UCL), School of Pharmacy
KU Leuven, Belgium

Lunch, exhibition and poster presentation

Session 2: Strategies for flexible dosing of mini tablets for paediatric patients

Considerations and human factor study insights for dose measurement and dispensing

Chair: Jenny Walsh, Jenny Walsh Consulting Limited, United Kingdom

Panel members:

Emerald Hermans, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine, Belgium

Emily Sheppard, Proveca Ltd, United Kingdom

Stephan Horst, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

Jibril Abdus-Samad, Food and Drug Administration, United States

Julia Pinto, Food and Drug Administration, United States

Plenary 2:

Chair: Alison Foster, Proveca Ltd, 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, Microneedles, 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

The Evolving Landscape of Paediatric Nasal Drug Delivery

Louise Rawcliffe, Therakind Ltd, United Kingdom

Housekeeping

Networking / Social evening

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

Welcome and Introduction

Catherine Tuleu, University College London (UCL), School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom

Sandra Klein, University of Greifswald, Germany

Plenary 3:

Chair: Catherine Tuleu, University College London (UCL), 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, EuPFI, University College London (UCL), School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom

Paediatric Medicines in Crisis: Formulations, Access, and Challenges

Oday Aburokba, 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:

Towards a synthesised framework for paediatric medicines acceptability: Development of the MEDAC (Medicine Acceptability in Children) acceptability-design framework

Munsur Ahmed, University College London (UCL), School of Pharmacy, United Kingdom

Acceptability of Tablet and Mini-Tablet Dosage Forms for Treatment of Paediatric Populations of HIV-1 or HCV

Amanda Dang, Gilead Sciences, Inc., United States of America

Rapid, non-destructive detection of low levels of degradation in neonatal dopamine infusions by deep ultraviolet spectroscopy

Nancy Moore, University College Cork, Ireland

Effectiveness of food products to mask the unpleasant taste of a medicine: a taste trial involving young adult assessors and flucloxacillin oral liquid medicine

Lee Yong Lim, The University Of Western Australia, Australia

Announcement of PCCA and EuPFI Young Scientist award winners

Lunch, exhibition and poster presentation

Plenary 4:
Chair: N.N.

Access to Pediatric-Friendly Formulations at the Time of Pediatric Labeling and After Marketing
Frédéric Villain, Proveca Ltd, 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 Ltd., 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 listed below 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.

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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
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Registration fees

	Fee
Non-Member (non academic, non governmental)	1699 EUR
Member of EuPFI (non academic, non governmental)	1530 EUR
Non-Member (academic, governmental)	640 EUR
Member of EuPFI (academic, governmental)	580 EUR
Students (please enclose evidence)	280 EUR
Workshop price (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)	490 EUR
Non-Member + Member of EuPFI (academic, governmental)	270 EUR
Students (please enclose evidence)	125 EUR

Conference + Workshop combination fee

(10% DISCOUNT if you book conference and workshop together)

Non-Member (non academic, non governmental)	1970 EUR
Member of EuPFI (non academic, non governmental)	1820 EUR
Non-Member (academic, governmental)	820 EUR
Member of EuPFI (academic, governmental)	765 EUR
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