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ESE and ESPE WIN coveted Associations Excellence Award for 'Best Partnership or Collaboration'

On Friday 13 November 2026, representatives from ESE and the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE) attended the 2026 Association Excellence Awards in London, UK along with over 300 representatives from a wide range of UK and European Associations.

The Association Excellence Awards have been running since 2015 and are recognised as the most respected awards that highlight best practice and excellence amongst industry bodies, professional membership organisations and trade unions in the UK and Europe.

ESE and ESPE were in the running for the for 'Best Partnership or Collaboration' Award which "Recognises outstanding partnerships between organisations that deliver measurable impact, innovation, shared value and meaningful outcomes for members or industry."
Against some very strong competition, ESE and ESPE won the category – the Gold Award!

The judges said:

- *A great partnership that continues to deliver benefits. They delivered a truly global event and on scale with wonderful feedback.*
- *A landmark collaboration uniting paediatric and adult endocrinology, delivering global reach, exceptional congress growth and lasting impact across research, policy and patient care.*
- *This submission demonstrates a genuine, strategic partnership between two leading endocrine societies that successfully united previously separate adult and paediatric communities around a shared vision of improving patient care across the life course. It provides strong evidence of impact through major collaborative achievements, including a landmark joint congress, influential policy and advocacy work, a Europe-wide research roadmap, and new clinical guidance. The submission is supported by impressive metrics, positive stakeholder feedback, clear member and patient benefits, and a strong legacy plan, showing that the collaboration has delivered meaningful, measurable and sustainable change for the profession.*

ESE President Wiebke Arlt said: "I am delighted that the impact of the collaboration between ESE and ESPE continues to be recognised. From the initial discussions in 2021, together we have laid the foundations for meaningful collaboration to connect endocrinology across the life course in the years to come ensuring that patients are supported from childhood to adulthood by integrated excellence in research and care".

ESPE President Mehul Dattani added: “I’m delighted that the partnership between ESPE and ESE has been recognised with this award. Many of our patients will be cared for by both paediatric and adult endocrinologists during their lives, so it is vital that our two communities share knowledge, research and expertise. The partnership will lead to improved transition care for patients, which to date has been one of the biggest challenges in Endocrinology. Our first ever Joint Congress showed what is possible when we connect endocrinology across the life course. There is much more to come as we continue to work together for the benefit of patients of all ages.”

ESE CEO Helen Gresgon commented: “With the very successful joint conference in 2025, the legacy event on Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals which immediately followed it, and the EndoCompass Research Roadmap for Better Hormone Health launched soon after, 2025 was a truly momentous year for both Societies. This year (2026) we have published a Joint Guidance paper on Transition of Endocrine Care along with a webinar. Next year we have a joint Science Symposium planned and we are already looking ahead to another Joint Congress in 2029.”

ESPE CEO Kay Miller noted: “This award recognises something we’re very proud of; two societies choosing to work together for the benefit of the endocrine community as a whole. ESPE and ESE share a common purpose, and our partnership has shown how much more we can achieve together. Through our joint focus on endocrine healthcare transition, we’re helping paediatric and adult healthcare professionals give young people continuous, joined-up care at a critical point in their lives. The partnership between ESPE and ESE is stronger than ever, and we look forward to building on it to serve endocrinologists and their patients at every stage of life.”

The finalists for this Award were:
Winner (Gold): European Society of Endocrinology and European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology – “Connecting Endocrinology Across the Life Course”

Silver: Irish Deaf Society – Further Education and Training

Bronze: The Pensions Management Institute, Standard Life, LifeSight, Aviva, Scottish Widows & The Trustee Accelerator Programme

All Finalists:

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- Institute of Employability Professionals – IEP and SDN mesma
- Irish Deaf Society – Further Education and Training
- Society and College of Radiographers & Wonderly
- The Design Council – World Design Congress 2026
- The Pensions Management Institute, Standard Life, LifeSight, Aviva, Scottish Widows & The Trustee Accelerator Programme

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About the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE)

The European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) provides a platform to develop and share leading research and best knowledge in endocrine science and medicine. By uniting and representing every part of the endocrine community, we are best placed to improve the lives of patients. With over 6,000 individual members and through the 51 National Societies involved with the ESE Council of Affiliated Societies (ECAS), ESE represents a community of over 20,000 European endocrinologists. We inform policy makers on health decisions at the highest level through advocacy efforts across Europe.

To find out more, please visit www.ese-hormones.org. Follow us on X @ESEndocrinology, Facebook @EuropeanSocietyofEndocrinology and LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/european-society-of-endocrinology.

About the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE)

The European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE) is an international society registered in Europe that promotes the highest levels of clinical care for infants, children and adolescents with endocrine problems throughout the world, including in less advantaged areas. At the EU level, it works with the EU and partner organisations to create a healthier environment for children and adults.

To find out more about ESPE, please visit eurospe.org.

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