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Behind us, a great history to build a brilliant future.

On behalf of the European Society of Pediatric Neurology and the scientific committee of the local organization, we are pleased to welcome you to Milan for the 50th meeting of the ESPN.

The 50th meeting of our organization represents a unique milestone that shows the deep and strong roots of the SENP, and today we continue in the footsteps of eminent researchers who have shaped the history of European pediatric neurology. It is a great honor but also a task that we hope to fulfill during this meeting, which will be held for the first time in Milan, at the premises of the university that is celebrating its centenary these days.

The two themes chosen this year are:

- **Hereditary diseases of the cerebral white matter**
- **Infectious and para-infectious diseases of the CNS and PNS**

Hereditary diseases of the white matter are a subject that has seen enormous development in recent years, thanks to the discovery of genetics and neuroradiological typing, with increasingly precise framing. The most recent therapeutic proposals and the possibility of collaborative studies to be carried out within the organization will also be presented.

The second theme is of great clinical importance due to the frequency of occurrence of these diseases, the unanswered questions, the ongoing improvement of intervention protocols, but also because in the era we live, after the Covid pandemic, new types of disorders have emerged that we are learning to know and understand better.



These themes will be addressed by prestigious speakers from different countries, and as always, we count on the active contribution of many young researchers who are the driving force of every SENP congress.

Due to the 50th anniversary, this edition will be a moment of reflection not only on the topics mentioned above, but also on how the knowledge, interpretation, and therapy of pathologies have evolved over these 50 years and what contributions the members of the SENP have been able to make to this journey.

As part of the 50th-anniversary celebrations, a book on the history of our organization will be presented, which will allow younger individuals to learn about the foundations on which SENP was founded and the people who have contributed to its greatness.

We look forward to seeing you in Milan, a vibrant, welcoming, and stimulating city that will add a warm and familial atmosphere to the great scientific depth of the meeting, as is customary in SENP congresses.

Enjoy our congress in Milan!