

Preface

We are honoured to present this special edition of the journal, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) for our 50th Annual Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. This landmark year is a testament to the enduring commitment and collective effort of our global community dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with diabetes.

ISPAD stands as the only international society that focuses on all types of diabetes in children worldwide, reflecting the diverse and multifaceted nature of this chronic condition. Our journey began in 1974 when the society was founded as the International Study Group for Diabetes (ISGD) in childhood and adolescence. From its inception, ISGD aimed to bring together researchers, clinicians, and healthcare professionals to share knowledge, foster collaboration, and advance the understanding and management of diabetes in the young.

A significant milestone in our history was the ISGD Declaration of Kos in 1993, which marked our transformation from a small study group into a full-fledged academic international society. The Declaration of Kos is a foundational document that underscored our commitment to scientific rigor, collaboration, and the dissemination of knowledge. It reads:

“We, the members of the International Study Group for Diabetes (ISGD), hereby declare our unwavering dedication to advancing the science and practice of diabetes care in children and adolescents. We commit to fostering an inclusive, collaborative environment where researchers and clinicians can share their findings and innovations freely. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for young individuals living with diabetes through continuous education, research, and clinical excellence. In this spirit, we transform from a study group into an academic society, expanding our reach and impact globally.”

This transformation has enabled us to broaden our scope, embrace new challenges, and engage a wider community of professionals and stakeholders globally. Over the years, ISPAD has grown exponentially in membership and the breadth of its activities. Our annual conferences have become pivotal events, offering a platform for the latest scientific research, clinical practices, and innovations in diabetes care.

The 50th Annual Conference in Lisbon, Portugal is a celebration of our rich history and a showcase of the remarkable progress we have made. On this special occasion, ISPAD takes a significant step forward and renews its commitment to the fundamental principles set out in the Declaration of KOS through the Declaration of Lisbon. This renewal highlights ISPAD's dedication to evolving and adapting its guidelines and principles to better serve the global diabetes community, with a special focus on the pediatric, adolescent and youth populations.

This year, we are thrilled to announce a record-breaking 633 abstract submissions, reflecting the dynamic and growing interest in pediatric and adolescent diabetes research. These abstracts cover a wide range of topics, from cutting-edge scientific discoveries to practical approaches in diabetes management, highlighting the diverse expertise and dedication within our community.

As you explore the abstracts in this journal, you will find groundbreaking research and innovative solutions that address the complex challenges of diabetes care. These contributions are a testament to the tireless efforts of our researchers, clinicians, and healthcare professionals who strive to improve outcomes for young people with diabetes.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the reviewers who meticulously evaluated each submission. Their expertise and dedication have been instrumental in ensuring the high quality and relevance of the research presented at our conference. It is through their hard work that we can continue to uphold the standards of excellence that ISPAD is known for.

As we reflect on the past 50 years, we are inspired by the progress we have made and motivated to continue our mission. The journey of ISPAD is a story of collaboration, innovation, and unwavering dedication to improving the lives of young individuals with diabetes. We look forward to the future with optimism, knowing that together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for being a part of this remarkable journey and for your continued support of ISPAD. Here's to another 50 years of progress, collaboration, and success.

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