

Milan, 7 June 2026

Subject: Application for ESPN Council Member 2026 - Dr. William Morello

Dear President,

Dear Members of the ESPN Council,

I am writing to formally express my interest and submit my candidacy for one of the vacant positions on the Council of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN). As a dedicated member of both ESPN and IPNA, my goal is to contribute with my clinical and academic experience to the growth of our Society, support high-impact research, and promote international collaboration.

Over the past ten years, my clinical and research activities have been based at the Pediatric Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplant Unit in Milan, a major referral center serving a pediatric population of over 1.5 million children. Throughout this decade, my focus has centered primarily on Congenital Anomalies of the Kidney and Urinary Tract (CAKUT), urinary tract infections (UTIs), and idiopathic, genetic, and secondary nephrotic syndrome, with a specific interest in post-transplant disease recurrence.

Driven by the desire to provide practice-changing evidence, I had the privilege of coordinating the international PREDICT trial on the management of infants with vesicoureteral reflux, published in The New England Journal of Medicine in 2023. This study, performed across 38 centers in different European countries, helped me develop strong coordination skills. My ability to work internationally is further demonstrated by our recent joint study on therapeutic drug monitoring of mycophenolate mofetil in relapsing nephrotic syndrome, which allowed me to build solid scientific connections.

My scientific track record reflects this dedication to clinical science (H-index 21 on Scopus; full list accessible at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Morello+W&sort=date>).

I am currently preparing for an exciting new chapter in my career. As I now transition to a new clinical and academic position in Bologna, I look forward to creating new collaborative opportunities, connecting the experiences built during my decade in Milan with future joint initiatives.

My involvement with ESPN is also reflected in my current role on the board of the ESPN Working Group on Glomerular Diseases. Working alongside colleagues in this group has reinforced my conviction that our Society's greatest strength lies in working together.

If elected to the Council, I am fully committed to supporting prospective interventional and observational research, and promoting the education and mentorship of younger colleagues entering our field.

I would be honoured to bring my clinical experience, coordination background, and dedication to the ESPN Council, working together to support the future of paediatric nephrology in Europe.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Morello

