

**2019 ESPE Winter School
Shabran, Azerbaijan
22nd -28th February 2019**

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Dear Colleagues,

The ESPE 2019 Winter School will take place in Qalaalti Hotel & Spa, a beautiful venue in the Greater Caucasus mountains a 120km drive from Baku, Azerbaijan.

ESPE Winter School aims to support paediatricians who have entirely or partially completed their basic paediatric training and who are now either established in, or intending to develop a deep and continuing interest in paediatric endocrinology and diabetes. Since its inception in 1996, Winter School has been very kindly sponsored by Ferring Pharmaceuticals.

The course will be held over 5 days (6 nights) and will include interactive lectures by experienced ESPE members, with the aim of covering all main topics in paediatric endocrinology. These lectures will be supplemented by small group sessions to discuss teachers' cases; and case presentations by the students. The course also includes an introduction into clinical research with presentation by students of research proposals and projects in small groups, and presentation of selected work to the plenum. All students are expected to stay for the entire course.

The 24th Winter School will start on the evening of Friday 22nd February 2019. Faculty members will be met during the day at Baku airport, traveling by coaches to the hotel. The course finishes on the morning of Thursday 28th February 2019. **The meeting will be conducted entirely in English and a good command of this language is essential.**

Qalaalti Hotel & Spa is about 1.5 hour's journey by bus or taxi from Baku. Further details can be found by accessing the website: <http://www.qalaalti.com/en/>.

Accommodation and meals will be provided free of charge, and travel grants will cover train, bus or economy class plane ticket from the participant's home to Baku airport. Travel fees will be remunerated in Euros during the meeting.

Application forms will be found on the ESPE website (<http://www.eurospe.org>). Applications should be sent to the Winter School coordinator, Prof. John Gregory, Cardiff, UK wchjwg@cardiff.ac.uk **not later than Friday October 26th, 2018**. Applications should include the application form, a CV and a letter of recommendation from the department director. Applications must be submitted exclusively by e-mail. They will be assessed by the ESPE Winter School Steering Committee, and the 'students' will be notified of their acceptance by **late November 2018**.

This year preference will be given to applicants from Azerbaijan, Turkey, the Caucasus, Iran and the Russian Federation though applicants from throughout Eastern Europe are welcome to apply.

The Winter School Steering Committee:

- John Gregory, Cardiff, UK (coordinator)
- Gunduz Ahmadov, Baku, Azerbaijan (host coordinator)
- Veronique Beauloye, Louvain, Belgium
- Serap Turan, Istanbul, Turkey
- Justin Davies, Southampton, UK.

We look forward to receiving your application!

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