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The 2026 ISPAD Science School was successfully held in Kuşadası, Türkiye, from May 4–8, 2026, under the auspices of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, Ege University Faculty of Medicine. The meeting was chaired by Damla Gökşen and co-chaired by Deniz Özalp Kızılay. The School successfully brought together young physicians and researchers from around the world for an inspiring and highly interactive educational experience focused on pediatric diabetes research and innovation. Conducted in a collaborative and welcoming atmosphere, the program aimed not only to strengthen scientific knowledge and research skills, but also to foster international friendships, mentorship, and future scientific collaborations among early-career professionals dedicated to improving diabetes care for children and adolescents.



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The selected participants were guided by 12 distinguished speakers and mentors throughout the course. The scientific program consisted of 22 keynote lectures. Since the main focus of the Science School was on scientific research, particular emphasis was placed on how to develop research projects and prepare successful project applications. During the small-group project discussions, not only the assigned mentors but also other faculty members actively contributed with valuable feedback and guidance. Based on the votes of all faculty members, Alessandro Fierro from Italy received the Science School 2026 Award for his project entitled “Glycometabolic Control, T3-56 Cells, and Beta-cell Function in Children and Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes.” In addition, 10 clinical cases selected by the mentors were presented and discussed in detail, focusing on diagnosis and disease progression.

