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## **Announcement**

## Annual Meeting of the European Society for Pediatric Research 1991

The European Society for Pediatric Research (ESPR) will hold its next meeting in Zürich, Switzerland, September 1–4, 1991. The European Society of Pediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology and the European Society of Magnetic Resonance in Neuropediatrics will join the ESPR. Satellite postgraduate courses and a symposium will be organized by these two societies on September 1 and September 5.

The main topics of the ESPR meeting are: therapeutic interventions in immune-mediated diseases, connective tissue, energy metabolism, and circulation of the neonatal brain.

Deadline for submitting abstracts is April 15, 1991.

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