

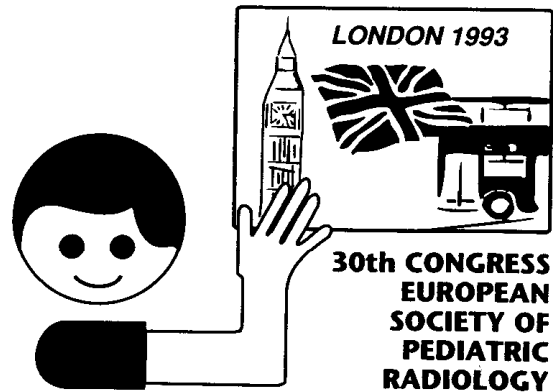
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This emblem was first used by Dr. K. KNAPP at the Madrid meeting of the ESPR in 1975. It was subsequently adopted as the official logo of the society and a variation according to the location of the conference has been used since then.

Este logotipo fue utilizado por primera vez en el congreso de la ESPR en Madrid presidido por el Dr. K.Knapp en 1975. Posteriormente fue adoptado como el logo oficial de la Sociedad y desde entonces, se esta utilizando, introduciendo, alguna variación de acuerdo con el lugar de celebración.

Pediatric Radiology in Spain

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In 1962 Professor Suarez, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University Hospital in Seville, established the first pediatric radiology unit in Spain. As head of the department he nominated Klaus Knapp, who had trained in pediatric radiology in Germany with Prevot and Lassrich. Up to that time all radiological examinations in children had been performed by general radiologists. While in Seville, Knapp trained several fellows, including Lanuza, Cortada, and Sánchez Pajares among others.

The Spanish government built two large pediatric hospitals, one in Madrid in 1964 (Hospital La Paz) and the other in Barcelona in 1965 (Hospital Valle de Hebrón). Klaus Knapp and Alvaro Lanuza became the staff pediatric radiologists in the Madrid Hospital, while Antonio Domenech and Santiago Creixell ran the Barcelona facility. In 1970, another pediatric hospital was built in Valencia and Alvaro Lanuza and Victor Pérez-Candela were placed in charge of the pediatric radiology department.

In 1971, Javier Lucaya and Rafael Ramos joined the staff of the Department of Radiology at the Children's Hospital "Valle de Hebrón" in Barcelona. Both had been trained in the USA, Lucaya under Silverman in Cincinnati and Ramos under Kirkpatrick in Philadelphia.

Postgraduate teaching programs in pediatric radiology were developed in all the aforementioned medical centers, where most of the pediatric radiologists currently working in Spain received their training.

In April 1975, Knapp organized the 12th Meeting of the ESPR in Madrid. This meeting permitted some Spanish pediatric radiologists to become acquainted with the European Society and with colleagues from other countries.

In 1983, the Spanish Society of Pediatric Radiology was founded and Victor Pérez-Candela became its first president; he occupied the post until 1988, when it was decided that the presidency should change hands every 2 years. The next president was Antonio Martinez of the Children's Hospital "12 de Octubre" in Madrid, followed in 1990 by Purificación López

from the Children's Hospital "Carlos Haya" in Málaga, and in 1992 by Ignacio Pastor of the Children's Hospital "La Paz" in Madrid.

In 1986, the 23rd Meeting of the ESPR was organized in Barcelona by Javier Lucaya. The meeting itself and the preceding postgraduate course enabled a large number of Spanish pediatricians and radiologists to become informed about the state of the art of pediatric radiology.

In 1989, Antonio Martinez organized the first meeting of the Spanish Society of Pediatric Radiology in Madrid. The second meeting, organized by Purificación López, was held in Málaga in 1991. Both were very successful and attracted a large number of participants.

In Spain at present there are 25 children's hospitals and 120 pediatric radiologists who are fighting to have our specialty officially recognized by the Ministry of Health, even though unofficially we are acknowledged to be "radiologists with special dedication to pediatrics."