

CHILDREN'S DOCTORS AGAINST WAR: CALL FOR ACTION NOW

Brussels, March 9, 2022

Two weeks have passed since the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine. Despite 141 countries voting in the UN General Assembly for the Russian army to stop fighting and withdraw from another sovereign country, Ukraine, the fighting is increasingly bloody and brutal. The war has led to 2.2 million people fleeing from their homes and becoming refugees. There are 53 children confirmed killed including 18 months old infant in Mariupol. Most of child fatalities result from attacks from the air or with rockets. We stand together with Ukrainian children, families and the heroic medical and nursing staff calling for the action now:

- we ask the governments of our countries to do more to ensure the safety of children in Ukraine, to stop the war and first of all to stop rockets and bombs attacks on civil infrastructure of Ukraine;
- we ask Russian paediatricians and especially leaders of paediatric organizations in Russia to express clear and loud position against the war in Ukraine and to do everything in their power to stop the war;
- we confirm once again solidarity and professional support for children's doctors and nurses in Ukraine.

Our voices are stronger than rockets and bombs! Slava Ukraine!

Prof. Arunas Valiulis, Vilnius, Lithuania

Prof. Vaidotas Urbonas, Vilnius, Lithuania, on behalf of Lithuanian Paediatric Society

Prof. Ilze Groppe, Riga, Latvia, on behalf of Latvian Paediatric Society

Dr. Chris Pruunsild, Tartu, Estonia, on behalf of Estonian Paediatric Association

Prof. Jarosław Peregud-Pogorzelski, Szczecin, Poland, on behalf of the Polish Society of Paediatrics

Dr. Lars Gelande, Borås, Sweden, on behalf of Swedish Paediatric Society

Prof. Ketil Størdal, Oslo, Norway, on behalf of Norwegian Paediatric Society

Prof. Risto Lapatto, Helsinki, Finland, on behalf of Paediatric Section of Finnish Medical Association

Prof. Andrew Bush, London, UK

Prof. Artur Mazur, Rzeszów, Poland

Dr. Łukasz Dębiński, Warsaw, Poland

Prof. Bruce K Rubin, Richmond, USA

Prof. Adamos Hadjipanayis, Nicosia, Cyprus

Dr. Stefano del Torso, Padua, Italy, on behalf of ChildCare WorldWide

Prof. Ann De Guchteneere, Gent, Belgium

Dr. Karoly Illy, Zwolle, the Netherlands

Prof. Zachi Grossman, Tel Aviv, Israel

Prof. Eitan Kerem, Jerusalem, Israel

Dr. Ivan Bambir, Zagreb, Croatia

Prof. Liviana Da Dalt, Padova, Italy

Assoc. Prof. Javier Korta Murua, Donostia, Spain

Prof. Thomas F Scanlin, Philadelphia, USA

Assist. Prof. Daiva Parakininkas, Milwaukee, USA

Prof. Beth Harkness, Washington, USA

Assoc. Prof. Paul Boesch, Rochester, USA

Prof. Miles Weinberger, San Diego, USA

Prof. Johan Carl, Cleveland, USA

Prof. Peter Greally, Dublin, Ireland