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EAP – VACCINATION working group, Poland, report 2014,
(21 members from 16 nations attended the meeting)

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The meeting started with my report on the WHO vaccination meeting, Antalya March 2014 where paediatric societies were invited to discuss with the WHO officers how we can increase the coverage rates in childhood and adolescent to ensure the WHO programs in Elimination and Eradication of Measles and Rubella worldwide owing to the persistent outbreaks which point out the weaknesses in immunization services.

Also Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategy, improving poliovirus surveillance and preparedness and outbreak response for polio (Polio was once considered eradicated but there have been relapses in the last time / remains endemic in three countries – Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan).

That **all children, adolescents, adults** have equal access to safe and high-quality immunization services - **immunization be delivered as a human right (WHO)**

Vaccines recommended for adolescents can be grouped into several categories :

- Vaccines for routine administration to adolescents
- Catch-up vaccines for adolescents not fully immunized
- Vaccines for adolescents at higher risk of disease or complications

Further WHO priorities: introduction of electronic immunization registries, active recall systems and the EIW European Immunization Week in the coming years.

Gabriela Kubatova was reporting about the “Vaccine Refusal, Mandatory Immunization, and the Risks of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases “a European Problem””: the discussion showed that it is a general problem in all countries; there is no real solution yet.

Men. B vaccination starts to be introduced in the national immunization programs.

So I have been for a long time chair of the vaccination working group I asked finally Hans Jürgen Dornbusch / Austria to follow me, what was voted by the delegates unanimously.

Gabi and Hans Jürgen will continue with the direct contact to ESWI as well as to WHO and EU commission –Health and Consumers; and they will continue with our traditional international vaccination meeting at the EAP December meeting; this year probably about meningococcal B vaccine.

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