



European Academy of Paediatrics – U.E.M.S. / Section of Paediatrics

Minutes of the Tertiary Care Working Group (TCWG), Brussels December 13th 2008

Members Present:

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| 1. Aebi-Ochsner (CH) | 19. Mimouni Francis (IL) |
| 2. Azevedo Ines (PT) | 20. Molloy Eleanor (IE) |
| 3. Branski David (ESPGHAN) | 21. Neubauer David (SI) |
| 4. Chybicka Alicya (PL) | 22. Palm Lars (SE) |
| 5. Cullu Fugen (TU) | 23. Polanco Isabel (SP) |
| 6. De Beaufort Carine (LU) | 24. Ramet Jose (BE) |
| 7. Gnehm Hanspeter (CH) | 25. Riedl Stefan (AT) |
| 8. Hamilton Patricia (UK) | 26. Santos Ferreira Ricardo (PT) |
| 9. Hoyer Peter (DE) | 27. Sauer Pieter (NL) |
| 10. Julge Kaja (ET) | 28. Saurenmann Traudel (PRES) |
| 11. Kamps Willem (NL) | 29. Skovby Flemming (DK) |
| 12. Lopes dos Santos Jose Manuel (PT) | 30. Stefanidis Constantinos (GR) Chair |
| 13. Lounama Raisa (FI) | 31. Stiris Tom (NO) |
| 14. Malcic Ivan (CR) | 32. Thio Lluch Martha (ES) |
| 15. Mantagos Stefanos (GR) | 33. Valiulis Arunas (LT) |
| 16. Marlow Neil (ESPR) | 34. Walter John (SSIEM) |
| 17. Mercier Jean-Christophe (FR) | 35. Xanthou Maria (ESPFI) |
| 18. Meszner Zsofia (HU) | 36. Zach Maximilian (AT) |

1. Welcome

All members welcomed both the by the President Max Zach and Chair Constantinos Stefanidis. Prof Max Zach announced that the position of chair of the TCWG would be due for re-election at the next meeting in Porto. Dr Stefanidis stands for re-election. Any candidate is invited to send an application either to the chair or directly to the secretary of EAP. All delegates were asked to consider individual membership of EAP at a cost of €50 and access to Archives of Disease of Childhood

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

3. Report of the Chair

The Chair Constantinos Stefanidis mentioned the progress since the last meeting such as the approval of the EAP Statutes. All the liaison officers were asked to email the report directly to the chair.

Fifteen syllabi have been created and 2 societies have renewed their syllabi (neonatology and rheumatology).

Prof Saurenmann will develop "Guidelines on how to create a syllabus" in a modular mode and how to renew them in a standardised format. She will report at the next meeting in Portugal.

4. Visitation

Spain and Portugal have completed visitation in 5 pediatric allergology ESPACI centres and all were on-time and not expensive. It was suggested that members advocate that national societies to avail of this visitation. Orientation on visitation also needs to be organised.

5. Euro Master course

Dr. Patricia Hamilton introduced the EuroMastercourse. She mentioned that Alfred Tenore is leading on this project. The Mastercourse is currently a UK textbook endorsed by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) It is written in a problem-orientated style and contains reference to video and audio clips included on a DVD that comes with the books. The related website offers self-testing questions and answers, links to important paediatric websites (guidelines, etc.) and periodic clinical updates.

However this is a UK-based textbook and therefore some of the information may be inappropriate for other EU countries. Each chapter will be modified by experts for EU. For example individual specific details of immunisation on EAP website rather than in book as would be unwieldy. The editors plan to retain the authors' name on each chapter with the addition of the EU author who modifies it for EU use. The launch of Euromastercourse is planned for the EAP meeting in Copenhagen in 2010 requiring chapter revision in the next 7-8 months. Prof Alfred Tenore will be Editor in chief of European version and Prof Malcolm Levene is the original editor. This book will ultimately to serve for a EU exam in Paediatrics as a core textbook.

There are currently 2 volumes which will be altered to 1 volume with DVD and password for website for Mastercourse. Dr. PA Hamilton was thanked for her work in securing this from RCPCH. Dr. Peter Hoyer commented and gave his approval of this project to allow uniformity across Europe. There was a call from the Chair for assistance in altering the individual chapters and interested individuals should email the chair.

6. European Visitation Programme

Prof Manuel Lopes Santos presented the paediatric allergology visitation programme experience. They had aimed to get a list of accredited EU centres based on visitation. The centre certification in allergology used the adapted subspecialty questionnaire and 5 centres in Barcelona, Valencia and Madrid have been certified. Urgent tasks for the group include the following: proceed with individual certification. Prof Santos was asked by the chair to write a report on the example.

Dr. Pat Hamilton suggested creation of a working group on education & assessment. Prof Marlow mentioned the problems of accrediting individual

specialists as this raises legal issues. He noted EAP is an advisory group with no authoritative power.

The Paediatric Neurology perspective was presented by Dr Lars Palm. There is a training advisory board in Paediatric Neurology, which is not an accreditation or visitation program. The members of this board, after being invited, go to a Paediatric Neurology centre and give advise on how to improve the training of child neurologists in that specific place. They deliver preliminary conclusions and report which is then discussed and a final report is made. Finally a follow up visit is repeated after a certain time. The members of the training advisory are paid by the national society.

7. The 3rd EAP Societies Congress in Copenhagen 2010

Prof Neil Marlow the President of ESPR, will chair the scientific program committee of the congress and he presented his vision. There have been 2 successful congresses and attendance has increased to 2,700 in Nice. The aim is to encourage participation by European specialist paediatric societies as this conference will be a showcase for EU Paediatrics and the title will be altered to the European congress of European Paediatric Specialties Societies. Early morning meetings were suggested with basic core paediatric curriculum including primary, secondary and tertiary care. Dr Stefanidis will be the EAP chair of the Congress and he asked the participants to send him by e-mail their suggestions. Dr Jose Ramet mentioned that special rates will be available for countries with low national incomes

It was also suggested that information about the congress should be forwarded to the PWG of EU Junior Doctors to encourage young investigators.

8. Election of Chair TCWG

Dr Stefanidis noted that the position of chair of the TCWG would be due for re-election at the next meeting. He suggested that any candidates should submit their CV through the Chair or the secretary of EAP. He expressed his interest in continuing in this position.

9. Other matters

Prof Tom Stiris raised concerns about the new statutes as this would mean that a delegate representing a paediatric specialist society could be outvoted by a national representative and suggested specific bylaws for the tertiary group. It was suggested that a working group will be created to write a proposal for these bylaws to be discussed at the next meeting

Minutes were taken by Dr Eleanor Molloy and Dr Traudel Saurenmann