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EAP – EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRICS

The EU Medical Specialists Paediatric section

Official political voice of children and paediatricians in Europe

“Highly concerned by issues such as migration affecting children’s rights and health throughout Europe, the EAP wants to develop its political voice to strongly advocate and lobby for children’s and families’ rights and defend the professional role of the Paediatrician in the Community and at the hospital”. Tom Stiris, President.

EAP-UEMS SP : THE OFFICIAL POLITICAL VOICE OF CHILDREN AND PAEDIATRICIANS THROUGHOUT EUROPE

The European Academy of Paediatrics is the UEMS – European Union Medical Specialists Paediatric Section - and as such, represents the official political voice for both children and paediatricians throughout Europe.

EAP members come from 32 European Economic Area countries represented by delegates from their national paediatric societies and professional organisations. In addition Associated European members and observers, representing National Associations of Medical Specialists and European Specialist/Scientific societies are part of the EAP. The EAP operates at the European level to defend and promote the interests of Medical Specialists.

The EBP - European Board of Paediatrics, which operates within EAP, ensures the highest level of training, practice and research in paediatrics.

FOUR STRANDS OF ACTION :

1. **Promote health for all children and young people in Europe, advocate and lobby for children and families rights in Europe**, alleviate suffering from diseases in infancy, childhood and adolescence up to the completion of growth and development both within and outside of Europe.
2. **Improve paediatric care in the EU both in the community and at the hospital by harmonizing, coordinating and setting standards for paediatric education and training, paediatric care and paediatric research throughout Europe.**

The EAP focuses on education and training with assessment, continual medical education and professional development for all specialties in Paediatrics in hospital and the community.

3. **Represent the interests of paediatricians in the EU** by engaging in appropriate actions to defend the professional status and the moral and material interests of paediatricians in Europe and safeguard at international level the title “paediatrician” and to support the free professional movement of paediatricians through Europe.

4. **Advocate a training programme for all doctors providing first-line care**

The European Academy of Paediatrics strongly advocates a structured and accountable paediatric training programme for all doctors providing first-line care to children in the community and at the hospital and, when possible, recommends that paediatricians should be providers of paediatric primary care.

The European Board of Paediatrics is also engaged in designing a feasible Accreditation of Training Centers of Excellence developing on-going negotiations with other organizations also in view of a possible development of a European Diploma.

PERMANENT COUNCILS AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUPS :

Three permanent councils are dedicated to Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Care to provide a professional, scientific and educational forum to members with a similar interest in specific areas within the broad field of paediatrics.

Six groups work on :

- **Ethics** established in 1997 with over 30 papers published on ethical issues,
- **Rare diseases** - already involved in the EU Commission Expert Group on Rare Disease,
- **Vaccination** strongly supporting harmonization among programmes in the EU countries,
- **Accident prevention & advocacy for children, Adolescent medicine and Medicines for children** producing evidence-based documents and up to date information on relevant aspects of paediatrics,
- **Research in Ambulatory Settings Network-EAPRASnet** With over 2000 members and several papers published, EAPRASnet sixth survey has just been sent among the entire registered paediatrician’s network to gain and share experience dealing with the health problems of the migrant children. It has been prepared by EAPRASnet in collaboration with EAP Advocacy Group and other international organizations members ; a next press release will be dedicated to this issue.

The “Lancet” EAP Statement on Primary Care:

On April 18th 2015, “The Lancet” has published a fundamental and historic statement on Paediatric Primary Care in the Community signed by the whole Executive Committee of the EAP ; the first in Europe to assert forcefully in an official document the professional role of the Paediatrician in Primary Care Paediatrics in the Community either as a first contact caretaker or as a supervisor of health promotion and medical care activities for children.

Chapter 6 in Paediatrics : Official UEMS document on “Requirements for the Specialty of Paediatrics”

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