

MINUTES OF TERTIARY CARE WORKING GROUP LIMASSOL – MAY 11TH 2007

AGENDA

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3. Report of Tertiary Care Group Chair
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 - b. Visitation
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5. Election of Tertiary Care Group's Chair
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Members Present:

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| 1. Deflandre Louis | 13. Mercier Jean-Christophe |
| 2. Georgiou Christina | 14. Meszner Zsofia |
| 3. Gnehm Hanspeter | 15. Neubauer David |
| 4. Host Arne | 16. Nicolaou Stella |
| 5. Hoyer Peter | 17. Ramet José |
| 6. Jokinen Eero (representing AEPC) | 18. Rodrigo Carlos |
| 7. Kimpen Jan | 19. Saurenmann Traudel |
| 8. Kovács László | 20. Stefanidis Constantinos |
| 9. Lopes dos Santos José | 21. Stiris Tom |
| 10. Marlow Neil | 22. Vidmar Ivan |
| 11. Marthese Ellul | 23. Zach Maximilian, A (chair) |
| 12. Martinell Jeanette | |

1. Opening remarks –

Dr Max Zach welcomed everyone to the meeting in Limassol.

2. Discussion and approval of December Minutes in Brussels.

Notes of last meeting were accepted with one amendment on Allergology. This change regarding allergology in Spain has been incorporated at the December 2nd 2006 Minutes.

3. Report of Tertiary Care Group Chair

The chairman of the group Dr Max Zach reported that the EC of the EAP intends to cooperate more closely with the EMEA (European Medicines Agency). He asked all subsection representatives to deliver lists of centres of excellence, i.e. centres that have sufficient manpower, size, experience, and research tradition to cooperate competently in international drug trials. In addition he mentioned that national lists are also welcomed.

Prof. Peter Hoyer said that centres have to provide a certain infrastructure to be eligible.

Dr. Traudel Saurenmann informed the group that research network already has been established in Paediatric Rheumatology and might be a model for other specialties.

Dr. Neil Marlow reported that in the UK there is an effective medicine for children network.

Dr. Max Zach pointed out that formal renewed syllabus of the European Subsection Societies should be developed and links with the Subsection Societies should be included at the website of CESP-EAP.

4. Reports of subsections:

There were no representatives for the following subspecialties:

Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology/Oncology, Metabolic diseases

Rheumatology

The revised syllabus will be given to the tertiary group before the next meeting. Visitation programs have been developed ongoing on a national level. Here are no applicants for European accreditation although there are offered.

Neurology

The Committee of National Advisors (CNA) has had a meeting during EACD (European Academy of Disabilities) in Barcelona in October 2006. At the next EPNS meeting in Turkey (near Izmir), there will be the fifth Teaching Course on Neuromuscular Disorders (23-25 September, 2007). The board has in mind to hold its next 3-year cycle of courses at a single location. Teaching modules have been developed for trainees on the big meetings

Regarding the syllabus it has been proposed, that first all countries should send a short description on how the existing programme of Child Neurology is consisted and then they will try to adapt it according to the syllabus that has been prepared few years ago (2003/2004) by EPNS (European Paediatric Neurology Society). For the time being it is still difficult for EPNS to do the proper visitation/accreditation.

Cardiology

Paediatric cardiology is not integrated in CESP. However a closer collaboration was planned. Syllabus is revised and accepted by the Specialty Group. Recently efforts have been made to unify teaching and examination; however there are problems with languages. Transition of congenital heart disease patients. There is big progress in collaboration with adult cardiologists on transition of congenital heart disease patients.

Infectious Diseases

Two centres have been partially accredited. (in Basel and in Bern). A centre in Hungary has not yet accredited but appropriate suggestions have been given. A European Diploma on pediatric infectious diseases will be developed with web-based online teaching, individual training practice and examination. Networking between big and small centres was discussed.

Respiratory Medicine

Visitation programme has not yet started.

Syllabus is outdated, starting revision in autumn with the web based Delphi process and after this curriculum recommendation.

Nephrology

A list of training centres and a list of centres will be developed. A revision of the Syllabus is planned. There is a progress on the accreditation on national level. Pediatric Nephrology has been recognised as a subspecialty in Germany. In Germany centres will be defined and their role will be characterised according to on patient numbers. This will probably decrease the number of “centres” and increase number of patients seen at a single centre. Dr Max Zach noticed that we should accept national accreditation visitation programs as long as they are in keeping with European standard and he emphasized the need to scrutinize the national visitation programmes within subspecialties. Subspecialties should set up a “standards” as a minimum that has to be met by national programs.

Neonatology

Syllabus revised and accepted and will be put on the website. There is a slow progress on accreditation of “Perinatology centres” and neonatal centres. A neonatal database for benchmarking and comparing centres is under construction. The syllabus for training in neonatology has been approved.

Allergology

Centre accreditation is in progress the aim is to certify specialists first. Switzerland, Spain, Finland, Lithuania already have started.

5. Election of Tertiary Care Group’s Chair

Three candidates have submitted a declaration of intention and a brief CV to Prof Max Zach:

Dr Constantinos Stefanidis
Dr José Lopes dos Santos
Dr Neil Marlow

The three candidates in a short presentation to their tertiary care colleagues presented themselves and gave a motivation statement.

Concerning the procedure of election all delegates present at the moment of election had one vote. Dr Jokinen Eero, who is the Secretary General of the Association of the European Paediatric Cardiology (AEPC), was not eligible to vote, because he is representing a related society.

Dr Constantinos Stefanidis received 10 votes and was elected chairman of the tertiary care working group.

Dr José Lopes dos Santos received 7 votes

Dr Neil Marlow received 5 votes

6. Any Other Business

None.