

The EAP Adolescent Medicine working group meeting in Rzeszów May 30, 2014, 8:15-9:45

Meeting chaired by Raisa Lounamaa

Participants: ?

Also taking part in the meeting: three guest lecturers invited for the preceding Adolescent Medicine seminar: Doctors Anne Meynard (Switzerland), Jonathan Klein (APA/US) and William Siegel (US).

Notes (minutes) from working group meeting taken by Angel Carrasco Sanz:

- everyone introduces him/herself and his/her interest in adolescence medicine.
- the pediatrician from NYC (Dr Siegel) speaks of his experience 30 years taking care of adolescents
- discussion about who takes care of adolescents in different countries
- lack of training positions in Universities.
- experience in USA:
 - training must be in ambulatory care.
 - chronic disease in adolescents is 25%
 - Dr Jonathan Klein speaks of private conversation in Primary care setting as a basis.
 - Iraq and Ukraine experience.
 - Shimon Barak explains the bar-mitzvah importance in Jewish people.
 - education in schools.

The participant were then challenged with a brain storming exercise to set goals for the working group and the following ideas were presented .

Goals and challenges for the Adolescent Medicine WG:

- to try to fill the black holes through training
- Convince the national societies of the importance of adolescent health
- advocacy for adolescence by the National societies at a political level
- focus on education (pre and postgraduate), the AdWG should prepare guidelines
- preparation of a document for EAP with a definition (?)
- multidisciplinary joint committee (MJC)
- Adolescent counselling
- right to private conversation.
- someone proposes dissolution of the WG (Dr Károly Illy, the Netherlands).

The chair asked and welcomed the participants to consider contributing actively in planning how we might best continue the work to meet these goals and challenges. It would be important to gather and get active input from EAP delegates with an interest in the field (of Adolescent Medicine / Health) and also try to involve some (other) paediatricians with special expertise in the field (possibly work together with organisations and groups like IAAH or EuTeach).

It was decided that the discussion will continue at the next meeting. Meanwhile the participants were given the challenge to convince National Societies of the importance of adolescent health and to report back on the responses at the meeting in Brussels in December.

Link to information on UEMS MJC ("EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE FUNCTIONING OF UEMS SECTIONS, DIVISIONS, MULTIDISCIPLINARY JOINT COMMITTEES