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MINUTES OF THE CESP/EBP MEETING
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Austria	Max Zach	Lithuania	Vytautas Usonis
Austria	Wilhelm Sedlak	Luxembourg	Armand Biver
Belgium	José Ramet	Netherlands	Robert A. Holl
Belgium	Louis Deflandre	Netherlands	Willem Kamps
Belgium	Samy Cadranel	Netherlands	Stenvert Drop
Croatia	Ivan Malcic	Norway	Hans-Jacob Bangstad
Czechia	Tomas Soukup	Portugal	Anselmo Costa Quaresma
Czechia	René Hrdlicka	Portugal	Jose Lopes dos Santos
Cyprus	Adamo Hadjipanayis	Portugal	Ester Gama
Cyprus	Maria Solomou	Slovakia	Katarina Šimovičova
Denmark	Flemming Skovby	Slovakia	Laszló Kovacs
Finland	Pekka Lahdenne	Slovakia	Kvetoslava Prcúchová
Finland	Martti Siimes	Slovenia	David Neubauer
France	Jean Grunberg	Slovenia	Ivan Vidmar
France	Catherine Weil-Olivier	Spain	Diego Van Esso
Fyrom(Macedonia)	Ljupco Nikolovski	Spain	Vicente Molina
Fyrom(Macedonia)	Aleksandar Sajkovski	Spain	Isabel Polanco
Germany	Peter Hoyer	Sweden	Jeanette Martinell
Germany	Wolfgang Rascher	Sweden	Lars Palm
Germany	Elke Jäger-Roman	Switzerland	Hans Peter Gnehm
Greece	Zoe Papadopoulou-Couloumbis	Switzerland	Anne Karin Eigenmann
Greece	Andreas Constantopoulos	Switzerland	Barbara Goeggel - PWG
Greece	Maria Xanthou	Switzerland	Françoise Bovet-Boone
Hungary	Ferenc Kadar	Switzerland	Ingrid Oberhänsli-Weiss
Hungary	Zsofia Meszner	Turkey	Cullu Fügen
Hungary	Eva Olah	Turkey	Mehmet Vural
Israel	David Branski	United Kingdom	Peter Milla
Israel	Francis Mimouni	United Kingdom	Andrew Cant
Italy	Stefano del Torso	United Kingdom	Taunton Southwood
Italy	Milena Lo Giudice	United Kingdom	Patricia Hamilton
Italy	Alfred Tenore	United Kingdom	Peter Hindmarsh
Ireland	Alf Nicholson	United Kingdom	James Leonard
Latvia	Imants Lanka		
Latvia	Enoks Bikis		

Welcome by the CESP president

CESP President, Peter Hoyer warmly welcomed all delegates to Brussels. He introduced the European Board of Paediatrics chairperson, Peter Milla who advised that the European Academy of Paediatrics would be discussed and all delegates were encouraged to take an active role.

Approval of the Final Agenda

The final agenda was approved with one addition by Robert Holl ie. that the relationship with UNEPSA should be discussed under section 12.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting in Sigtuna.

The minutes in Sigtuna were approved with one minor alteration ie. that training in paediatrics in Spain is still of four years duration.

Introduction of Individual Delegates

Individual delegates briefly introduced themselves

Report of the Secretary General, Jose Ramet

Jose Ramet welcomed all the delegates to the meeting in Brussels. He stated that there have been two executive meetings since the meeting in Sigtuna with an exchange of ideas in relation to the European Academy of Paediatrics. As secretary general he has had contact with the president of the European Commission particularly in relation to the issue of medicines for children. There are on-going contacts with UEMS, the American Academy of Paediatrics and EMEA. Jose Ramet has promoted CESP activities with his attendance at a number of meetings including the Spanish Paediatric meeting, the International Paediatric Association meeting and the Hungarian society for primary care paediatricians. He stressed the importance of promoting CESP amongst national societies and syndicates. He also stated that the CESP website needs to be updated and work is in progress to update the website within a period of three months.

Treasurer Update

Martti Siimes gave a brief update stating that a flat fee will apply for new countries and thereafter a quota system will be in operation.

Election of Vice President

Catherine Weil-Olivier was elected vice president by acclamation. Catherine Weil – Olivier has been the secondary care representative on the executive committee and was honored to be elected vice-president.

European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP)

Peter Hoyer opened the discussion with a slide presentation highlighting the vision of the executive committee vs. the EAP .The EAP should represent EU paediatricians and should have a primary focus to promote the health of children across the EU. A major goal of the EAP should be ongoing European integration and harmonization. Statutes of the EAP were developed by Max Zach and the executive committee recognized that these statutes may potentially pose some

difficulties with regard to the EAP's relationship with UEMS. Peter Hoyer proposed a draft make up of the general assembly of the EAP and invited delegates to discuss this draft.

Elke Jäger (Germany) stressed the importance of ambulatory paediatrics and she felt it would have been helpful to see this draft paper prior to the meeting.

Jose Lopes Dos Santos (Portugal) called for greater integration based on his experience with allergology.

Maria Solomou (Cyprus) suggested that a popular journal with a high impact factor may be a useful starting point and, in reply, Peter Hoyer stated that the current European Journal of Paediatrics was very costly and was a low impact journal.

The issue of whether the EAP should be for all Europe or just the EU was raised by Wilhelm Sedlak (Austria) and this view was backed up by David Branski who highlighted equal numbers of EU and non-EU children in Europe.

Karin Eigenmann (Switzerland) asked what the role of CESP would be post-commencement of the EAP.

Hans Jacob Bangstad (Norway) felt that a handout of the proposed model and its implications needs to be discussed by national societies.

Anselmo Costa (Portugal) pointed to potential opposition to the proposal at UEMS level and asked whether the national delegate model should be kept or whether the EAP should be built on the basis of individual membership.

Samy Cadranel (Belgium) felt that the proposed model should be accepted in a transitional phase and he urged a change in the contents of the European Journal of Paediatrics.

Peter Hindmarsh (UK) agreed with the points raised by Anselmo Costa and added that he did not accept that the statutes should include advocacy for paediatricians and he also suggested that the EAP should be broadened to include non-doctors.

Ingrid Oberhänsli felt that we should not simply copy the AAP model but we should develop our own identity and she also suggested that the EAP could have influence outside of Europe.

Robert Holl (Netherlands) asked for a clear proposal that could then be brought back to national societies.

Peter Milla (UK) highlighted that other sections of UEMS (eg urology) had set up in a similar format and were successful.

Timing, Procedures and Responsibilities of the EAP:

Barbara Goeggel (PWG - representing junior doctors) felt that junior doctors should be represented as they are the future of paediatrics. She suggested that a PWG representative should sit on the executive committee.

Hans Peter Gnehm (Switzerland), while considering the participation of general practitioners, nurses and clinical nurse specialists, felt that the European Academy of Paediatrics should be reserved for paediatricians only.

Lars Palm (Sweden) felt that we needed to acknowledge the immense work that has been done by the sub-specialities and it may be difficult to persuade sub- specialists to also be members of the EAP and he wondered about the possibility of reduced fees for sub- specialists.

Andrew Cant(UK) was very much in favour of the European Academy of Paediatrics but questioned as to which activities of national societies or sub- specialities would be taken over by the EAP. He felt a route map of progress would be required.

This concept was agreed to by Maria Solomou (Cyprus) who felt that a set time table was required.

Imants Lanka(Latvia) brought up the issue of reduced membership fees for some countries as the salaries paid to paediatricians is much less than some Eastern European countries and this concept was strongly supported by Peter Hoyer.

Ingrid Oberhänsli-Weiss (European Association of Paediatric Cardiology) asked whether the position of paediatric cardiology within UEMS would change.

Elke Jäger-Roman felt that harmonization of standards in general paediatrics was important as 80% of children see general paediatricians.

Peter Hoyer proposed that we should first design a road map of progress and then officially approach UEMS to see how this proposed road map would fit in the future.

Pat Hamilton (UK) strongly supported the term 'Academy' as she felt that this was the most appropriate term to describe the activities of the EAP.

Jose Ramet felt that we should use the name EAP and work on the statutes, the relationship with UEMS and other issues thereafter.

Wilhelm Sedlak felt that a lot of work had been already done in relation to training and can be brought to fruition via the EAP.

A prolonged discussion took place in relation to whether we should adopt the name 'European Academy of Paediatrics' with Peter Hindmarsh suggesting that we should consult with UEMS first and pointing out that a name change on its own is acceptable once it does not imply a change in direction that has not yet been agreed.

A proposal was made by Robert Holl to take the name 'European Academy of Paediatrics' if there were no objections by UEMS. This proposal was found acceptable to all national delegates present.

Individual short reports from the ten new countries:

Peter Hoyer stated that issues in relation to paediatrics within the 10 new countries have been forwarded to him and will be sent to all national delegates by e-mail.

Short report of the Primary and Secondary Group

This was presented by Stefano Del Torso, who stated that Armand Biver was nominated as the secondary care representative on the executive committee. He was unanimously supported by the secondary care group, accepted by the primary care group and was elected by acclamation.

Stefano Del Torso described the ESAP project with particular reference to quality care indicators. A questionnaire regarding G.P. general practice training across Europe was summarized. Arising from this, a proposed syllabus for general practitioner training will be developed by Barbara Goeggel, Catherine Weil- Olivier and Alf Nicholson. In the primary and secondary care groups there was also a discussion in relation to outcome comparisons between general practitioners and paediatricians.

Armand Biver presented his European Child Health Record and a full formal presentation will take place in Slovenia.

There have been further developments of the syllabi for primary and secondary paediatrics.

Tertiary Care Group and the Add on Module in Immunology

This was presented by Max Zach who focused on tertiary care programmes for centre visitation. He stated that metabolic medicine and rheumatology had commenced visitation programmes. In

relation to costs, it was up to each individual sub- speciality to examine the costs but the visitation progress was felt to be certainly costly in terms of finance and manpower.

The work of Andrew Cant was commended in relation to the add-on module in immunology. The add on module in immunology had been sent to the secretariat prior to the December meeting and had been assessed by the tertiary care group. There were very minimal changes and these will be examined by the tertiary care group. The add on module in immunology was accepted by a majority vote with just one abstention.

Short reports of the CESP working groups

Peter Hoyer stated that he wished to re- establish the adolescent group with Elke Jäger in the chair. This was agreeable to all.

Robert Holl suggested further collaboration with UNEPSA with respect to adolescent questionnaires. Wilhelm Sedlak was very pleased that the adolescent group had been re established. Elke Jäger outlined the importance of adolescent care and she wished to promote adolescent care in university medical school curricula.

Ethics Working Group

This was presented by Anselmo Costa in Denis Gill's absence. Issues to be discussed included growth hormone use in normal children (in liaison with the endocrinology group), screening by mass spectroscopy (in liaison with the metabolic group) and rights of children and parents in relation to immunisation in developed countries. Other issues to be discussed included privacy for children and informed consent.

The chairman, Denis Gill, will continue to chair this group until May 2005.

Vicente Molina (ESAP) spoke briefly of ethical issues in relation to ambulatory paediatrics.

CME

This was presented by Alfred Tenore who set out a tentative agenda for the meeting in Slovenia. The agenda will include updates from each member country via a questionnaire circulated at the December meeting, a delineation of the goals of CME , an investigation of methods to harmonise CME throughout the European Union and to assess methods of quality of CME or CPD

Accident Prevention

Alf Nicholson (Ireland) sincerely thanked Staffan Mjönes for his commitment and energy to the cause of accident prevention at EU level. Staffan Mjönes did attend a meeting with ECOSA in Stockholm in September 2004 and a summary of recommendations from this meeting was presented.

Salient points from this meeting were:

- 1) CESP and the European Child Safety Alliance should strengthen ties in a combined effort to reduce injuries in children
- 2) A recent edition of 'Priorities for Child Safety' is available at www.childsafetyeurope.org
- 3) Social deprivation is associated with increased rates of serious injury and injury rates are much higher in the new EU states.
- 4) To build a culture of safety requires a multi-disciplinary effort

Immunisation Working Group

Wilhelm Sedlak highlighted current immunisation schedules and Zsofia Mesner (Hungary) highlighted vaccination schedules in 'new' EU countries and that there is a very high rate of update of vaccines in these countries (all over 90% except for Malta which has a rate over 85%). Tuberculosis, pertussis and Hepatitis B are evident in these countries. Vaccinations are

compulsory in Hungary. Catherine Weil-Olivier reported on the vaccination meeting and stated that the vast majority of respondents were very satisfied with the content of the meeting and the speakers.

European Paediatric Board

Peter Milla gave a short report to inform new members of developments in relation to the European Paediatric Board. The main areas of interest are:

- 1) Examinations - Successful MCQ examinations have been piloted in a number of EU countries. Pat Hamilton(UK) described the clinical examination which was launched recently and consists of 10 stations. This examination could be done at any stage during training.
- 2) Training Programs -There are 10 sub specialist programmes with now an add on module in immunology.
- 3) Visitation programs - The framework has been completed and it includes pre visitation data, accreditation and a team visit by a sub specialist, society or European Board of Paediatrics. The visitation programmes apply only to those countries where visitations are not currently occurring.
- 4) A master class in paediatrics may be emerging.

Relationship with other organizations:

- a. **PWG** - Barbara Goeggel briefly outlined PWG functions for new delegates and stressed that implementation of EWTD will require PWG input. She suggested that national delegates should send her email address to their trainees and encourage trainees to become involved in PWG.
- b. **AAP** – The AAP collaborates with CESP and it was felt that more interaction was desirable
- c. **IPA** – Jose Ramet briefly described the meeting in Mexico. The next congress is in Greece and Andreas Constantopoulos will present details at the May Meeting
- d. **UNEPSA** – Robert Holl stated that there was little interaction between UNEPSA and CESP and he felt we should consider methods of promoting greater unity to advance paediatrics across Europe
- e. **Europaediatrics 2006** in Barcelona – Robert Holl stated that this meeting will take place in Barcelona between 8th to 10th October 2006 and it will have a tertiary focus with secondary input. He wondered whether Europaediatrics should be an annual meeting.
- f. **CESP meetings** : 28th – 30th April 2005 Slovenia ; Köln 2006 and Cyprus 2007

Peter Hoyer thanked all delegates for their attendance and urged all to communicate fully with their national societies

José Ramet
Secretary-general CESP

Peter Hoyer
President CESP

This report is based on notes taken by Alf Nicholson