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### MINUTES OF THE CESP/EBP MEETING

Ljubljana, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2005

Austria	Max Zach	Netherlands	Robert A. Holl
Austria	Wilhelm Sedlak	Netherlands	Pauline Verloove- Vanhorick
Belgium	José Ramet	Norway	Hans-Jacob Bangstad
Belgium	Louis Deflandre	Portugal	Anselmo Costa Quaresma
Belgium	Dirk Matthys	Portugal	Jose Lopes dos Santos
Croatia	Ivan Malcic	Portugal	Ester Gama
Czech Rep.	Karel Holub	Slovakia	Katarina Šimovičova
Cyprus	Adamo Hadjipanayis	Slovakia	Kvetoslava Prcúchová
Estonia	Anne Ormisson	Slovenia	David Neubauer
Finland	Pekka Lahdenne	Slovenia	Ivan Vidmar
Finland	Martti Siimes	Slovenia	Margareta Seher-Zupancic
France	Francis Rubel	Spain	Diego Van Esso
France	Catherine Weil-Olivier	Spain	Vicente Molina
Macedonia	Ljupco Nikolovski	Sweden	Jeanette Martinell
Germany	Peter Hoyer	Sweden	Lars Palm
Germany	Elke Jäger-Roman	Sweden	Kristina Berg Kelly
Greece	Constantinos Stefanidis	Switzerland	Hans Peter Gnehm
Hungary	Ferenc Kadar	Switzerland	Anne Karin Eigenmann
Hungary	Zsofia Meszner	Switzerland	Barbara Goeggel - PWG
Israel	Francis Mimouni	Switzerland	Françoise Bovet-Boone
Italy	Stefano del Torso	Switzerland	Traudel Saurenmann
Italy	Milena Lo Giudice	Turkey	Cullu Fügen Cokuğraş
Italy	Alfred Tenore	Turkey	Haluk Cokuğraş
Ireland	Alf Nicholson	United Kingdom	Peter Milla
Latvia	Imants Lanka	United Kingdom	Andrew Cant
Latvia	Enoks Bikis	United Kingdom	Patricia Hamilton
Luxembourg	Armand Biver		

## **I. Welcome by the CESP/EAP president**

The President Peter Hoyer welcomed all delegates to the meeting and thanked the local committee (Ivan Vidmar and David Neubauer) for an excellent organisational effort.

## **II. Approval of the final agenda**

The final agenda was approved by all.

## **III. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting in Brussels**

The minutes of the meeting in Brussels in December 2004 were approved unanimously.

## **IV. Introduction of individual delegates**

All delegates introduced themselves briefly.

## **V. Report from the President , Peter Hoyer**

Peter Hoyer stated that he had attended the EFGCP annual conference in January 2005 titled 'Developing a research framework for children's' medicines'. There were 18 different stake holders and over 180 attendees who took part. CESP/EAP assumed a high profile role in both introducing and summing up of the proceedings . CESP/EAP representatives attended a further EFGCP meeting and 'Medicines for Children' is a major focus for CESP/EAP . In relation to the European Academy of Paediatrics ,the final structure is not yet agreed. A new proposal has been sent to the UEMS secretariat in Brussels and we await a written reply. A provisional outline of the CESP/EAP website is being prepared and Peter Hoyer stressed the importance of a working website. Formal discussions have taken place with UEMS whether clinical genetics should become a subsection of CESP/EAP. The President , Peter Hoyer also stated that CESP /EAP is opposed to new discussions linking adult and child neurology and psychiatry. The President has written formally to UEMS opposing this proposal. Peter Hoyer's wishes for 2005 were to establish the website, to make further progress in relation to Medicines for Children and to set up the European Academy of Paediatrics.

## **VI. Report Of The Secretary General , Jose Ramet**

Jose Ramet highlighted that the priority areas for the executive committee were as above (i.e. the website , Medicines for Children and discussions regarding the European Academy of Paediatrics. In discussion , Robert Holl questioned whether letters sent to UEMS should have first been viewed by CESP/EAP members. Lars Palm ( Sweden )stated that the European Paediatric Neurology Society ( EPNS) were both astonished and angry regarding the proposal. He stated that the EPNS were opposed to this development and were grateful for CESP's support.

Andrew Cant (UK)highlighted the rights of children to be treated by specialists in paediatrics and he felt that this proposal to link adult and child neurology together contravened these rights

## **VII. Report Of The Treasurer , Martti Siimes**

Martti Siimes presented a detailed report in which he stated that only 3 of the new member countries ( Latvia, Hungary and Slovenia) had paid their subscriptions to date. When asked about the current reserve by Francis Rubel (France), he stated that the current reserve for CESP/EAP was 31,180.58 euros . Anselmo Quaresma Costa ( Portugal) and Hanspeter Gnehm ( Switzerland ) as auditors approved the treasurer's report and complimented Martti Siimes for his excellent work. Delegates unanimously accepted the report of the treasurer.

## **VIII. Election Of The Treasurer**

Martti Siimes is stepping down in December 2005 and nominations are requested at least four weeks prior to the next meeting in Brussels. The new treasurer would also act as the chair of a financial committee.

## **IX. Election Of The Secretary General**

Jose Ramet applied for re election and Peter Hoyer complimented Jose Ramet's excellent work over the past three years. Jose Ramet highlighted his vision for CESP/EAP over the next 3 years . Jose was re-elected by acclamation for a further 3 year term.

## **X. Chairperson of the Ethics Group**

David Neubauer is the new chairperson of this very hard-working group and he thanked Denis Gill for all his hard work over the years . The Ethics Group will continue to work in collaboration with the EFGCP

## **XI. European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP)**

Peter Hoyer stated that the EAP needs to maintain its status as a sub-section of UEMS and he felt that paediatricians across Europe will be willing to be a part of the further development of the EAP. The first step to establishing the EAP is a written acceptance by UEMS of the CESP proposal . Also required is national support across Europe and in this regard all national presidents are being invited to the December meeting in Brussels where the EAP will be discussed in detail. In discussion , Wilhelm Sedlak felt that we should also include the syndicates and this was agreed by Peter Hoyer. Max Zach (Austria) felt we should emphasise the concept of a European and not just EU Academy of Paediatrics. Lars Palm (Sweden) felt that non-EU countries should be represented in the proposed EAP. Peter Hoyer felt that the EAP should stay within the UEMS structure. Francis Rubel (France) stressed the need for a balance in representation between primary , secondary and tertiary paediatrics. Barbara Goeggel (PWG) stressed that junior doctors should be represented and she encouraged junior doctors to become members of the proposed EAP. Max Zach (Austria) stated that the EAP will be both a political and academic organisation and there will be a clearly established place for paediatric sub- specialities. Diego Van Esso (Spain) asked that documents pertaining to the EAP and other issues be circulated well in advance of the December meeting.

## **XII. Terms of office of Representatives of Primary Secondary and Tertiary Care Groups**

Stefano Del Torso ( Italy) proposed a formal election process for primary, secondary and tertiary delegates at the December meeting and this will require a change in the constitution of CESP/EAP. Peter Hoyer, the President, felt that the constitutional revision should proceed in a democratic and proper fashion. Stefano Del Torso stated that the primary secondary, tertiary groups will propose nominees and the plenary CESP/EAP session will accept these nominations. Diego Van Esso( Spain) felt that a two year term across the board might promote greater dynamism. Andrew Cant ( U.K.) highlighted the excellent work of the primary, secondary and tertiary chairpersons over the past number of years and felt that for greater continuity a three year term would be desirable. A written proposal will be drawn up in November and the topic will be discussed further at the December meeting and a formal vote with the election of new chairperson for primary, secondary, tertiary care will take place at the December meeting. This was agreed by all delegates present. The President, Peter Hoyer, stated that a new chairperson for the European Board of Paediatrics will be required in December 2005 and this will be a 2 year term of office

## **XIII. CESP/EAP website**

This was addressed by Jose Ramet who demonstrated that the starting page will have a CESP logo and EAP name. The cost of the website will be 5,500 euros . In discussion ,delegates felt that each country should have their webpage on the website . A functioning website will be in operation by the end of May 2005 and a website administrator will probably be required with perhaps the current CESP/EAP secretary fulfilling this role.

## **XIV. Reports of Working Groups**

### **(a) Ethics:**

This report was presented by David Neubauer who highlighted that there are five members of this working group. Ronald Kurz will attend the EFGCP meetings for the next 12 months and thereafter will be replaced by the new chairperson of the Ethics Committee, David Neubauer. Papers presented included ‘ ethical issues of medical care in children ‘, ‘health status of refugee children and ‘ immunisation as a right of children within Europe ‘

David Neubauer proposed the topic of persistent vegetative state in children be considered by the working group . He also noted a decreased membership of the ethics group and he felt that there should be a neonatologist as part of the group. The issue of working groups meeting at the same time was raised and Jose Ramet felt that this was unavoidable and that members had to commit to a particular working group.

### **(b) Vaccination:**

Wilhelm Sedlak highlighted documents showing harmonisation of childhood and adolescent vaccination across Europe . The issue of BCG vaccination was raised by Catherine Weil Olivier and will be followed up by Andrew Cant. There will be a further meeting in December 2005 . Peter Hoyer stated that the valuable work of the vaccination group needs to be published and posted on the website. Adolescent vaccinations will be discussed at the December meeting.

(c) Accident Prevention :

This was presented by Alf Nicholson who chaired a meeting attended by Ester Gama (Portugal) , Ivan Malcic (Croatia) and Diego Van Esso (Spain). He highlighted that the group discussed the role of a paediatrician in accident prevention ( largely advocacy) and also the role of CESP/EAP in accident prevention ( influencing EU legislators and presenting strategy documents) . The work plan for the next 6 months includes working closely with ECOSA , choosing a priority area , ensure all national societies have a group working on accident prevention and coordinating a meeting in Brussels in December 2006 .

(d) Medicines for Children

This was presented by Jose Ramet. He highlighted a recent commission proposal for medicines for children. The objectives of this proposal were to increase high quality research in medicines for children, to increase the availability of authorised medicinal products for children and to improve the information available.

The key elements of this proposal where to create a paediatric committee for new products and existing products. The paediatric committee would be an advisory group established within EMEA. Their task was to examine and evaluate the paediatric investigation plan ( PIP). The paediatric investigation plan is a development plan to ensure that research is done and to ensure that there is available data on the use of medicinal products in the paediatric population. The PIP will consider study methodology and expected therapeutic benefits to children and then give a positive or negative opinion. The cost to industry is estimated at 4 millions euros per product. There will be no significant increase in price of individual medicines. Another concept discussed by Jose Ramet was the concept of paediatric use of marketing authorisations (PUMA) for authorised ,off patent products specifically for paediatric use. Other elements hoped to improve organised pharmacological vigilance , develop a paediatric clinical trials network and offer free scientific advice for the industry by EMEA. Jose Ramet stated that the next step involved a formal legislative process which has commenced and should be enforced at the end of 2006. A lobby meeting is planned in Brussels within the European Parliament and individual delegates are asked to lobby their European parliamentary representatives re the importance of 'Medicines for Children'. Pat Hamilton (UK) wondered whether neonates were included and in reply Jose Ramet said that they were. Robert Holl (Netherlands) requested that all delegates be sent the relevant documents by e-mail as this will enhance their lobbying power. Francis Rubel (France) said the he would use the network in France to lobby politicians.

The delegates accepted unanimously that national representative should lobby members of the European parliament and a long discussion ensued as to how best to delivery the message to the politicians.

(e) CME

In an eloquent presentation by the chairperson , Alfred Tenore , the results of a questionnaire given out at the December 2004 meeting were highlighted .There was not complete agreement amongst delegates from the same country re CME practice , 75% have an established CME programme and the majority requested 50 credits per year. Agenda for the next meeting will include items such as the undergraduate paediatric curriculum , the cost of CME , USA guidelines re CME , the reporting and publishing of CME activities in member countries. Alfred Tenore was urged by Peter Hoyer and Max Zach to publish a short paper.

#### (f) Adolescent Medicine

The report was presented by Elke Jaeger who stated that a meeting of 7 delegates took place. They recommended that the common trunk be changed to reflect the specific needs of adolescents and that there should be an adolescent section in the training syllabus for general practitioners. Wilhelm Sedlak highlighted a personal adolescent health passport which is now in operation for over 14 year olds in Austria.

#### **XV. PREP Programme**

Jose Ramet gave an annual report in which he stated that the main subscribers in the EU are in Belgium, Switzerland, Netherlands and Germany. The PREP Programme contributes 15% of the total CESP/EAP income and it is felt that the CESP/EAP website should enable greater visibility of the PREP Programme including subscription details.

#### **XVI. Europaediatrics 2006**

This was presented by Robert Holl who stated that the meeting will take place in Barcelona from the 8th to 12th October 2006 and will focus on secondary and tertiary care paediatricians. ESPR , ESPNIC and other sub-speciality groups have agreed to participate in the scientific programme and Tom Stiris is the chairperson of the scientific committee. There are 4 main themes at the conference (genetics , new technologies , the brain and immunology and infectious diseases) and the experienced Kenes group are the conference organisers.

#### **XVII. Relationship with other associations**

AAP – Ongoing cordial relationship with the AAP and further promotion of the PREP programme

PWG – Barbara Goeggel stated that the PWG need help to disseminate information to junior doctors across Europe

IPA – no further development. There will be a further congress in Greece in 2007

UNEPSA – A UNEPSA council meeting wished to establish closer links with CESP/EAP to help organize further conferences . This spirit of openness and relaxed atmosphere was welcomed by all delegates

#### **XVIII. CESP/EAP meetings**

December 2005 Brussels 9 th and 10 th December

May 11th to 13th 2006 Köln - the delights of Köln were illustrated by a number of slides delivered by Peter Hoyer

#### **XIX. AOB**

The President thanked the local organisers for a superb flawless effort and thanked all delegated for their fruitful input.