

## **CESP Brussels December 2003 Primary and secondary group common meeting**

Twenty five participants from 15 countries: Austria, Denmark, Luxembourg, Sweden, Italy, France, Ireland, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Latvia, Hungary, Slovenia, Cyprus, Norway attended the meeting .

NO CESP Delegates from : UK, Finland, Netherlands

It is the third common meeting.

There has been a very lively discussion on the **future trends of activity of the group** and since the respective role and linkages between generalists and subspecialists is an issue that will continue to generate discussion in the future, in the group 's opinion it is essential that CESP Executive Committee should issue a statement on pediatric care following the United Convention on the Rights of Children :

1. Every child ( 0 to 18 years ) has the right to protection and care for her / his well being ( art . 3 )
2. It is necessary to ensure the provision of necessary medical assistance and health care to all children with emphasis on the development of primary health care (art.24 )

In this perspective, a better knowledge of the ratios of numbers of sub (or super) specialists / general pediatricians per country and also per pathology (encountered in each country corresponding to each specialty) should help defining at a European and / or National level

- the pivotal need for the development of primary health care
- the role and linkages between generalists and subspecialists , which are different from one country to another

During the last meeting Staffan Mjones presented a brief paper on the **definition of a more active pediatric attitude** in the primary and secondary care environment, which are important sites of observation, as well as a basis for Health's Promotion action, in addition to being classical places for diagnosis and treatment of individual patients.

**Three major issues** have been discussed :

- The organization of pediatric care, focusing on ambulatory care : the problems of a reduction of pediatricians' numbers all through Europe concern both ambulatory out of hospital and intra-hospital based care
- The children's global health needs in term of promotion (rather than prevention) of Health
- The teaching of trainees and CME of paediatricians

**Three working "subgroups"** have been planned for

1. A better **knowledge of organization of care** in the different countries, also taking in account the quality of care, the costs and parents' satisfaction. A literature search will be done by Alf Nicholson and Adamos Hadijpanays as well as a survey on the type of care in the different countries ( Coordinator Elke Jaeger ) .
2. A **consensus document on health promotion** and the specific (even unique) profile of "general pediatricians " including the so-called primary and secondary doctors ; the objective is to create a syllabus on specific items for "general paediatrics" as exists already for the 11 subspecialties ( Coordinator Staffan Mjones )
3. A **model of a European Booklet for the Child Health care ( 0 – 19 y )** ( Coordinator Armand Biver )

The long term objective of these working subgroups is to present the data at the next May 2004 Primary – Secondary Care meeting in order to produce later on a document on these topics.

As the quality of Health of the European children is a major concern for all Member States, we performed during the session a **quick survey on the type of post graduate training for future general practitioners** in the different countries.

- Mandatory with different duration from 2 to 6 months in 14 countries ( Germany, Spain, Slovenia, Austria, Italy, Greece, Latvia, Hungary, Portugal, Denmark, Estonia, Portugal, Sweden, Cyprus )

- Possible, but not mandatory in 7 countries ( France, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Belgium, UK, Netherlands )

The purpose is to define with the help of CESP and its Executive Committee a consensus on a Pediatric mandatory syllabus for future General Practitioners .

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