

PRIMARY-SECONDARY WORKING GROUP

GRADO

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Minutes (drafted by Adamos Hadjipanayis and Diego van Esso)

20 participants

1. Approval of the minutes in Brussels.

Minutes have been approved.

2. Template Project. Actual level of development. Problems still to overcome.

Diego reported that almost all European countries have sent the data to him. He has not received data only from 4 countries. He will put all data together and try to create a paper to be published. Bjorn suggested that we could link this data to the project that he is undertaking which is the health indicators.

3. Problems or challenges you might face in your country concerning primary and secondary care (Ferenc Kadar). Sharing good practices or successful experiences from other countries to overcome those challenges.

Ferenc Kadar from Hungary presented problems and challenges that the primary care paediatricians face in Europe. He feels that gradually the care of children is taken by GP doctors. He raised the issue that in some European countries originally having pure paediatric primary care system they are nowadays switching to a general practitioner system or to a combined one. He concluded by proposing that the EAP should strongly support its members on this issue.

Gottfried Huss from Germany he prescribed the German Health System and the problems they are confronting. The slogans of the Health Care reform sounds nice but the results are disappointing. They discourage doctors and make them leave the country or the system. Health Ministry is biased towards the GP system, so what paediatricians have to do is the following:

- i. Make clear that they are part of the PCS.
- ii. Make clear the added value of the paediatric expertise
- iii. Make clear why children need a good PPC mostly done by paediatricians and fight for the rights

4. New Statutes to be approved

There was a lively discussion concerning the new statute. Stefano del Torso raised some important issues that we felt we could accommodate in the new statutes. Francis Rubel had some concerns concerning the councils of the working group and the balance of representation to the General assembly. He also raised some questions in relation to retain some paragraphs of the present statutes especially in reference to the

professional profile of the pediatricians. It was proposed that they could write down these proposals to be discussed during the general assembly.

5. Elections for Primary care chairman

Diego Van Esso has been re-elected as the chairman of PC working group.

6. Elections for Secondary care chairman

Adamos Hadjipanayis has been re-elected as the chairman of SC working group.

7. Any other business

No matters were raised.