



European Academy of Paediatrics – U.E.M.S. / Section of Paediatrics

Minutes of Primary – Secondary Care Working Group (PSWG) Porto 25th April 2009

Members Present:

1. Anne Karin Eigenmann, Switzerland
2. Adamos Hadjipanayis, Cyprus (Chair
Secondary)
3. Albrecht Prieler, Austria
4. Diego van Esso, Spain (Chair,
Primary)
5. Gabriela Kubatova, Czech Republic
6. Pieter JJ Sauer, Netherlands
7. Willem PF De Fetter, The Netherlands
8. Francis Rubel, France
9. Shimon Barak, Israel
10. Alfred Tenore, Italy
11. Elke Jaeger Roman, Germany
12. Kvetoslava Prcuchova, Slovakia
13. Armand Biver, Luxembourg
14. Ettore Napoleone, Italy
15. Josella Fenech, Malta
16. Angela Carrino, Italy
17. Stefano del Torso, Italy
18. Zachi Grossman, Israel
19. Janina Lajauskaite, Lithuania
20. Odilija Rudzeviciene, Lithuania
21. Margareta Seher-Zupancic, Slovenia
22. Raisa Lounamaa, Finland
23. Ioannis Gerogiou, Cyprus
24. Françoise Bovet, ECPCP
25. Huss Gottfried, Germany
26. Armando Barillari, Belgium
27. Alf Nicholson, Ireland

Welcome

Diego van Esso welcomed delegates to the meeting following a brief address by EPB President by Alfred Tenore

Approval of the minutes of Brussels meeting

The minutes were approved

Ongoing projects

Mastercourse. Adamos Hadjipanayis informed the delegates concerning the progress of Mastercourse and stressed that several members of the group participated in this project.

Membership – will be discussed at the general assembly – we should encourage individual membership to EAP - over 100 members to date . There may be reduced rates for some groups with group rates via societies and members of EAPRAS net

EAP paper on primary care profile in Europe.

The paper was finally submitted to Archives of Diseases in Childhood and Diego thanked all for their efforts . Diego van Esso was congratulated for his efforts in this endeavour. Fransis Rubel highlighted the importance of this paper but worried about political consequences of this paper. This generated considerable debate . The issue of child mortality figures is a sensitive one and did give concern to primary care paediatricians in the group. Gottfried Huss felt that mortality had many influences , largely social.

Links to EAP webpage – majority of national societies are not still linked to EAP webpage – delegates encouraged to pursue this with national societies

Advocacy group

A brief presentation was delivered by Alf Nicholson who highlighted the importance of the concept of advocacy . we represent over 80,000 paediatricians in the EU and we should develop themes such as child poverty , care of asylum seekers , quality of care indicators , accident prevention and adolescent risk-taking behaviour. Alf was congratulated for this idea and a meeting of this group will take place in Brussels in December.

EAPRASnet

Stefano del Torso discussed the vision of research in an ambulatory setting - a task force was set up and began its work in a tight time schedule .

19 countries participated with 150 paediatricians recruited . 11 countries had 100% response

Stefano del Torso highlighted the objectives of the study and introduced Zachi Grossman who thanked all for their efforts . He highlighted the demographics of the paediatricians , a 1 to 1 male /female ratio , 60% of their time is spent in direct patient care with less time for administration , most had nursing support ,

almost 50% work in solo practice . Most have > 1,000 patients under their care with most < 6 year old . 72% use electronic medical records . Attractions into research and topics of greatest interest are : translating guidelines into practice , quality of care indicators, communication with parents , ADHD and obesity. Main spur to do research is trying to improve quality of care to children. Interest in the topic is paramount . Obstacles to research include lack of time. Zachi was very pleased with the results of this project . All will be submitted for publication. A secretary is required to proceed further. We need to recruit more countries and more coordinators., expansion of webpage and to make it all more simple . Research topics are being developed and further funding is required.. Topics might include refusal to vaccinate , anaphylaxis and others . The key is global networking and there is strength in numbers. A steering group was proposed. Zachi and Stefano were thanked for their efforts.

Position paper

Bjorn Wettegren was not available and so no presentation ensued

EAP Congress Copenhagen 2010

Advance planning in operation and a broad agenda of subjects was set out by Diego van Esso (14 topics were presented). Child abuse and neglect, sexual health in adolescents and difficult cases in paediatrics were proposed as additional subjects to be included.

Syllabi for primary and secondary care

Gabriela Kubatova is willing to draft a new syllabus relating to the Czech Republic syllabus with perhaps also working from EAP documents already available. An old syllabus is available and was issued in 1999. These documents need to be updated spearheaded by a small working group. There is a lot of overlap between primary and secondary care and this must be reflected in the new syllabus. For delegates (Gabriela Kubatova, Shimon Barak, Margareta Seher Zupancic and Adamos Hadjipanayis) volunteered to participate in the committee to review and update syllabi and draft a new text.

Questions and answers

No additional items were discussed.

Prepared by ALF NICHOLON April 25th 2009.