



European Academy of Paediatrics
Paediatric Section of U.E.M.S (European Union of Medical Specialists)



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Attendees:

Christine Aebi-Ochsner (Switzerland)
Peter Altorjai (Hungary)
Radovan Bogdanovic (Serbia)
Angel Carrasco Sanz (Spain)
Liviana Da Dalt (Italy)
Stefano del Torso (Italy)
Peter Hoyer (Germany)
Karoly Illy (The Netherlands)
Gabriela Kubatova (Czech Republic)
Isabel Leiva (Spain)
Andrew Long (UK)
Jose Manuel Lopes dos Santos (Portugal)
Jean-Christophe Mercier (France)
Pierre-Andre Michaud (Switzerland)
Aida Mujkic (Croatia)
David Neubauer (Slovenia)
Ana Neves (Portugal)
Vladimir Pilosoff (Bulgaria)
Jelica Predojevic Samardzic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Chris Pruunsild (Estonia)
Robert Ross Russell (UK)
Francis Rubel (France)
Liesbeth Siderius (The Netherlands)
Thomas Siebler (Luxembourg)
Flemming Skovby (Denmark)
Tom Stiris (Norway)
Valtyr Stefansson Thors (Iceland)
Jane Valente (UK)
Kristin Wasland (Norway)
Björn Wettergren (Sweden)
Martin J White (Ireland)
Corinne Wyder (Switzerland)
Jernej Završnik (Slovenia)

1. **JC Mercier introduced the meeting** and welcomed delegates.
2. **Minutes** from the December meeting were agreed.
3. **Matters arising.** An update on activities within the UEMS were discussed. This included discussion around the CME-CPD meeting held in Amsterdam in November, the Board of Emergency Medicine, CESMA and the collaboration with the RCPCH
4. **Trainee representative.** Lenneke Schrier presented her experience of joining the RCPCH question setting group in Crawley. She represents the European Junior Doctors, who have stated their views on assessment tools for training. They feel that examinations should ideally be local to trainees, should be voluntary and free. She then gave examples of MCQ questions from the RCPCH exam, using an interactive web based program. The rigorous evaluation of the questions, both before and after the examination, was reviewed. She finished by emphasizing the strengths and the problems of the proposed exam.
5. **RCPCH presentation.** Andrew Long (RCPCH Vice-President) and Jane Valente (RCPCH Examination Officer) then presented a review of the RCPCH knowledge assessment, and a proposal for the EAP. They emphasized the similarities between the two societies, and described the three elements of the knowledge based assessment within the UK. This included tests on Foundation of Practice (FOP), Theory and Science (TAS) and Applied Knowledge in Practice (AKP). The RCPCH recommended that the EAP and RCPCH plan to run a test exam in early 2018. This would comprise the AKP element of the RCPCH exam and at this stage would be the identical exam to that sat by candidates for the MRCPCH, and would run on the same day. The EAP would identify 25-50 candidates for this exam, which would comprise two 2½ hour MCQ papers on the same day. One or two European venues would be used, possibly one in Holland near Schipol, and one in Eastern Europe. The cost of the exam would be £510, but the EAP would probably subsidise this.

There was a lot of discussion around issues including the validity of questions across different countries, cost and language. It was acknowledged that these problems would need addressing, but encouraging to note that in the many countries where the exam is already run, problems with pass rates, language and content have not been a major issue. Liviana da Dalt reflected on previous examinations where Italian trainees had taken the American examinations and performed well. Delegates were encouraged to visit the RCPCH website where access to the examination details and sample papers was possible.

The meeting accepted the proposal, and were happy to progress, recognising that this is a developing project. The long term aim would be to create a pan-European knowledge based assessment as part of a European Diploma in Paediatrics.