



European Academy of Paediatrics

Minutes of the Tertiary Care Council Spring Meeting 2018

Sofia, 17.05.2018, 17:45-18:30 h

1. **Welcome and introduction**

The chair Rob Ross Russell (RRR) welcomed the attendees and introduced the agenda which was adopted.

2. **Adoption of the minutes of the Winter Meeting on 01.12.2017**

The minutes were adopted.

3. **Matters arising**

RRR reported that since he was elected as the chair of the European Board of Paediatrics (EBP), he had stepped down at the Winter Meeting in December 2017 as the chair of the Tertiary Care Council. As the election of the EBP chair took place after the Tertiary Care Council meeting, no successor could be elected at the Winter Meeting. Berthold Koletzko (BK, representing ESPGHAN) was proposed as a candidate. He was elected with 9 votes and one abstention (BK). BK accepted the election and thanked the group for their confidence.

4. **Welcome to cardiologists**

Sylvie di Filippo, representing The Association for European Paediatric and Congenital **Cardiology** (AEPC) **Cardiologists** (AEPC) and who was attending for the first time, was welcomed. Sylvie shared that AEPC had embarked on the process of developing a European training syllabus (ETR) for the first time. With the templates received she is confident to be able to develop a first draft within the next few months. BK offers his help in supporting the process.

5. **Update on syllabus development**

Ahmed Soliman (AS) reports that progress has been made with the update of the ETR for the Paediatric Section of the European Society of **Emergency Medicine** (PS-EUSEM) but that further work is needed. He hopes that an updated version can be shared at least 2 months prior to the EAP Winter Meeting in December for discussion there. AS indicated that in the future PS-EUSEM will be represented by different rotating delegates.

Neonatology (through the recently created European Board of Neonatology, EBN) were not represented at the meeting, but Tom Stiris (TS) reported that work on an updated ETR was underway.

The European Society for Paediatric **Nephrology** (ESPN) has developed an updated ETR to replace the previous syllabus adopted in 1997. Some further revision has been proposed. It is expected that an updated version can be shared at least 4 weeks prior to the Winter Council Meeting scheduled for 7-8 December and be discussed at the to the Winter Council Meeting.

The syllabus of the European Paediatric **Neurology** Society (EPNS) was adopted in 2009 und needs to be updated or revised. BK will contact EPNS and



encouraged them to do so. (Note after meeting: EPNS reported that a draft ETR has been developed and is supposed to be presented at the Winter Council Meeting).

The **Respiratory** ETR is also overdue. In the absence of Raffaella Nenna, RRR reported that the first cycle of review is underway. The expected date of completion is likely to be after December this year.

The European Society for Paediatric **Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition** (ESPGHAN) has started the revision and update of their ETR, coordinated by the ESPGHAN education secretary. A first draft is expected by the fall of 2018.

The approach of the Tertiary Group to time-expired ETRs was discussed. The current rules are that an ETR should be reviewed at least every 5 years. It was agreed that a 2 year 'grace' period should be allowed, but that after that time, the ETR should be removed from the approved list. BK will write to all overdue groups, giving them notice of this – all groups will be given at least one year from this meeting to provide an updated ETR.

6. **Update on PICU training**

RRR reported that little progress had been made in arranging the first meeting. Not all participants were in place, and he will chase that up.

7. **Syllabus in Emergency Medicine**

RRR reports that a Syllabus in Adult Emergency Medicine was submitted to the April 2018 meeting of UEMS. Although it was adopted, it was criticized in some areas, particularly that issues relating to children were poorly addressed. A revision has been requested by the UEMS in time for the December (UEMS) meeting. The Paediatric Section offered to help in that.

8. **Update to Common Trunk Training Requirements**

As agreed during the last winter council meeting, the adopted curriculum for the Common Trunk shall be reviewed and updated. All Tertiary Care Associations are asked to review the Common Trunk Curriculum and to propose any modifications.

9. **Template for training requirements**

An updated template for training requirements has been developed. The Tertiary Care Associations are asked to use this template.

10. **Any other business**

It is discussed that the type and number of paediatric subspecialties that are recognized in EAP member countries varies considerably. It is decided that a survey shall be performed to assess the situation in the in different European countries and to compile and share the results. BK will develop questionnaire to be sent to national societies.

On behalf of the group, BK thanked RRR for the dedicated and excellent work contributed as the Tertiary Care Council Chair and expressed his delight that RRR continues to contribute to EAP as the EBP chair.



Action points:

Who	What	When
AEPC	Share first draft of ETR with BK	1 Dec 2018
PS-EUSEM	Share Revised ETR for discussion at Winter Meeting	1 Nov 2018
ESPN	Share Revised ETR for discussion at Winter Meeting	1 Nov 2018
BK	Ask EPNS to update their ETR	Done
ESPGHAN	Provide Update on ETR Development	1 Nov 2018
All Tertiary Care Assoc.	Review the Common Trunk Curriculum and submit any proposed modifications	1 Nov 2018
BK	Develop a questionnaire to survey all Eur National Associations for nationally accepted paediatric subspecialties	1 June 2018
EAP office	Distribute the above mentioned questionnaire to all Eur National associations, collect and compile responses	Distribution by 15 July, collect and compile responses by 15 September
RRR	Chase MJC in PICM	First meeting before December
BK	Remind EuSEM about ETR	1 June 2018
BK	Inform groups with overdue ETRs that after 2 years from the date due (or 1 year from now, whichever is longer) the ETR will be invalid	1 June 2018
EAP office	Provide revised template for ETR development and upload to website	1 July 2018