

EAP – UEMS SECTION OF PAEDIATRICS

MINUTES

1 Welcome by the President Max Zach

All delegates were warmly welcomed by the President

2 Welcome by EBP chairman Alfred Tenore

Alfred Tenore welcomed all and hoped for a very productive day

3 Approval of the final agenda

The agenda was approved and Pieter Saeur asked that a statement re vaccination be issued from the meeting – this is the responsibility of the vaccination group

4 Report of the President

Max Zach commended Armand Biver for an excellent newsletter . The EC members have attended UEMS meetings . The EACCME accreditation is being driven by quality following lobbying by various subsections. The EC met once post-Brussels with the main change being that the EAP be opened up to individual membership. The next meeting will be in Copenhagen in 2010 and we hope to have smaller educational meetings for individual members between 2 yearly EAP scientific meetings . All national societies should have a link up from their website to the EAP website . If societies cooperate with EAP re membership they can receive membership of the EAP at a rate of 60 euros per annum. The reduced fee applies equally to specialist societies for the same reduced rate as will members of EAPRASnet. Country membership entails free subscription for national delegates .

5 Report of secretary general

Jose Ramet presented his report in a clear and succinct way. He summarized work over the past 6 months . Individual membership is a new area but a very positive one for the EAP. Membership is growing slowly and needs to be encouraged by national societies. He cited the Russian example . EAP collaborates with UEMS on EACCME , online long distance learning and representation on national accreditation authorities. A database on evidence pertaining to all subspecialities is being developed by UEMS. Harmonization is a key issue for UEMS.

A combined EAP – AAP meeting will take place in Washington in 2009 - a full session on vaccination is being planned . Refusal of vaccination is a big problem in both Europe and USA.

A letter was sent to IPA re future collaboration but progress to date has been slow. EAP should be represented in the IPA

Interactions continue with members of the European parliament via various associations. Both Max Zach and Jose Ramet have had meetings with members of the EU parliament. The website has been adapted according to new statutes. Most website visits are from the USA. 3 articles have been sent to scientific journals. The EAP logo is on the cover page of ADC. A new edition of a guide to paediatric research is being prepared.

6. Report of the chairman of EBP

Alfred Tenore gave a brief report highlighting progress to date in terms of a number of issues.

He went through the agenda items from the meeting of EBP in Porto. The final date for all chapters is June 15th to ensure publication is completed on time for EAP Copenhagen in 2010. 3 new revisions have been discussed at the tertiary group. He also highlighted joint projects including in-training examination (starting in Italy) and a global summit on the issue of accreditation and credentializing organizations. He urged delegates to read through the points of the Glasgow Declaration – if agreeable this should be passed by delegates. Pieter Sauer raised a number of points requiring clarification by Pat Hamilton and Alfred Tenore. The Glasgow declaration was passed by delegates present with no objections.

7 Approval of the minutes of the meeting in Brussels 2008

The minutes of the Brussels meeting were approved without amendment

8 EAP membership – current status

The membership is now open and national and speciality societies are asked to encourage membership of EAP.

9 Report of the treasurer

Armand Biver gave a detailed treasurer report outlining the current financial status of EAP. He highlighted how national contributions are worked out. National contributions comprise the majority of income. Both EACCME and PREP generated income for EAP. Francis Rubel gave an overview of the report and complimented Armand on a very clear report and this was seconded by Max Zach.

10 EAPRAS net

Stefano del Torso gave a detailed resume to the primary/secondary group, along with Zach Grossman, on this issue – an excellent start has been made and he highlighted progress made thus far. The webpage is clearly visible on the EAP website. 139 paediatricians replied to the questionnaire. 72% used electronic medical records. The main obstacle for engaging in research is the lack of time.

Reduced EAP membership fee might act as an incentive. As it gets bigger, a secretary will be required. Research topics need to be discussed. An initial topic might be refusal to vaccinate.

11 Archives of the diseases in Childhood

Peter Hoyer stated that ADC is the official journal of EAP. Howard Bauchner is editor in chief and requires further editors to serve on the editorial board. Peter Hoyer is the liaison person

12 EAP – AAP combined meeting Washington 2009

As outlined earlier by Jose Ramet with the theme being refusal of vaccination.. Keynote speaker at the meeting is President Barack Obama.

13 COST European project

This is an EU-funded project and a proposal to have a presentation in the Brussels 2009 meeting. Each initiative has to take place in at least 5 countries. The current Polish delegate, Tomasz Sczcepanski, gave a positive comment re this process and a grant of up to 400,000 euros is available if the submission is successful. He was very optimistic that funding might be forthcoming. The submission might include harmonisation of paediatric care, benchmarking ethical aspects, paediatric pharmacology and a European paediatric development plan. Work plans will need to be developed post-acceptance.

14 Short report primary and secondary group

Adamos gave a brief resume of all agenda items from the meeting. There was considerable discussion at the primary/secondary meeting re the paper prepared by Diego van Esso. Alf Nicholson and Stefano del Torso were congratulated on excellent presentations.

Diego van Esso said the group are now achieving results.

15 Short report tertiary group

Constantinos Stefanidis highlighted the results of a very positive meeting. e-learning material was discussed at the tertiary meeting. Considerable discussion took place on the issue of modular syllabus development (introduced by Traudel Sauremann). Interesting presentations from ESPGHAN and others occurred. Tom Stiris highlighted voting details re the tertiary care group and this requires a new proposal. Tom detailed the essence of this proposal. Francis Rubel felt that final approval of syllabi should be by the general assembly. Maltese and Polish delegates (Josella Fenech and Tomasz Sczcepanski) were warmly welcomed and gave very brief presentations to the assembly.

16 Validation of syllabi of the tertiary care group

votes on these syllabi were postponed until december 2009

- a. Paediatric neurology - this was introduced by Colin Kennedy and a compromise solution was proposed by the President . A pragmatic strategy is required but the principle is that a paediatric neurologist requires basic paediatric training (ie 3 years in Paediatrics) should be upheld . National governments may make their own decisions. A time-limited approval may be issued by the EAP to allow time to achieve the desired end but this was not agreed to by the President.as it may contravene EAP principles .

17 Short reports of EAP working groups

ETHICS - 16 members attended the meeting of the ethics group and discussed 3 papers . The ongoing high productivity of the ethics group led by David Neubauer was commended . Pieter Sauer asked re benchmarking of ethical committees . Robert Russell outlined do not resuscitate guidelines as a work in progress

ADOLESCENT GROUP - Elke Jager presented a resume of the meeting and highlighted sexual health in young people as an important topic for consideration . This followed a presentation by Gottfried Huss on this topic.

CME / VACCINATIONS – no chairpersons available

ADVOCACY - Alf Nicholson presented a brief overview and urged the EAP to have a visible role and to be strong advocates for children . Elke Jager asked that integration of immigrant children be included as a topic.

18 Working group on emergency medicine

Jean Claude Mercier stated that there is significant diversity in Emergency Medicine in terms of nomenclature and training. He proposed the establishment of a european board of emergency medicine. A working group on paediatric emergency medicine is now established to look at competencies required and the first meeting will take place in Paris in the autumn. A paediatric intensive care medicine working group is also being established.

Elke Jager asked what was the spectrum of childhood illness EM consultants cover. Jean Christophe Mercier stated that primary care is very deficient in particular out of hours.

Support for paediatric emergency medicine is required. A definition of the competencies required for emergency care of children is the first step and the British model was discussed by Mary McGraw.

19 Elections

Voting took place by secret ballot and each country had one vote.

a President EAP

After a rousing and inspirational speech and mission statement, Pat Hamilton was duly elected.

b Vice – President EAP

Another rousing mission statement, Alfred Tenore was duly elected unanimously.

c Chairman EPB

Lars Palm withdrew his candidature and a new quest for chairman of the EPB will take place in December 2009.

d Chairman tertiary working group

Constantinos Stefanidis was re-elected by the tertiary care group for 2 years.

20 EAP congress Copenhagen 2010

Neil Marlow spoke on behalf of the scientific committee and the plenary speakers have all been invited. The various tracks are being put together currently. All speciality societies are invited to attend and excellent joint sessions are anticipated. He hopes to top 3,000 delegates on this occasion. The meeting is on from 2nd to 5th October 2010.

21 EAP Brussels 2009

This will take place on 4th and 5th December in Le Meridien Hotel in Brussels. Working groups should meet on the Friday morning. The next Spring meeting will be 16th and 17th April 2010 and will be held in Luxembourg. Zachi Grossman asked EC to consider Jerusalem for spring meeting in 2012.

22 any other business

Peter Hoyer asked that a PWG presentation should make a brief presentation to the general assembly . The current PWG representative gave a commitment to presenting at the next assembly in Brussels. PWG 's position is unchanged in its opposition to examinations.

Max Zach thanked Jose and the local organizers for a superb meeting .