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THE SPECIFIC SITUATION of PAEDIATRICS IN EUROPE and THE CONCEPTS OF THE EAP

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Problems

Primary care:

- No longer any paediatricians in primary care in several European countries
- Increasing competition by GPs all over Europe
- Low income for paediatric services in primary care – time pressure
- No support from politicians and health care administrators for paediatric primary care

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Secondary care:

- No defined minimum standards (staff, budget) for smaller paediatric departments/hospitals
- Scatter of hospitalised paediatric patients across various medical specialities
- Low prestige and standing of paediatricians working in secondary care
- Low income in relation to workload

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Tertiary care:

- Paediatric tertiary care specialities still not recognised in several European countries
- No standardised training and qualification for paediatric tertiary care specialists in those countries
- Self-declared specialist status instead
- Lack of scientifically productive specialised centres in some countries

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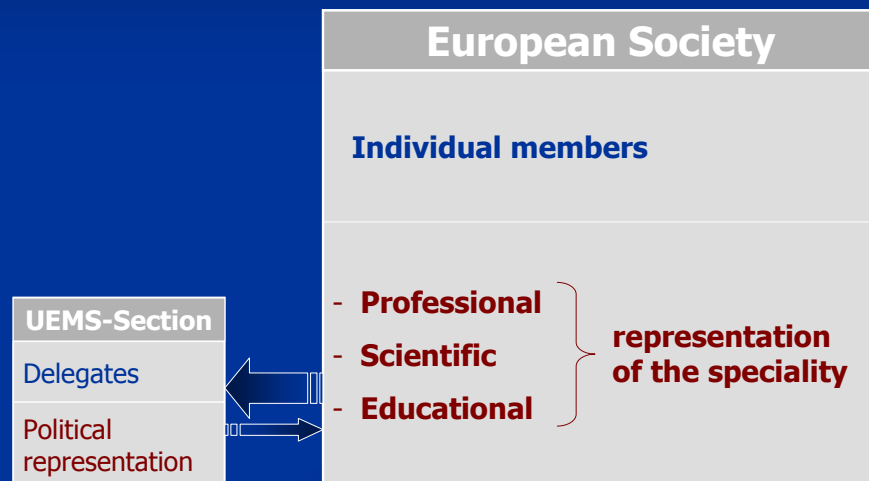
Paediatrics as a whole:

- Low prestige and little power in comparison to other medical specialities
- Increasing misunderstandings and distrusts between paediatric generalists and tertiary care specialists
- Lack of a strong and unifying European platform (with sufficient manpower and funds) for all aspects and disciplines in Paediatrics – the “Common Denominator”

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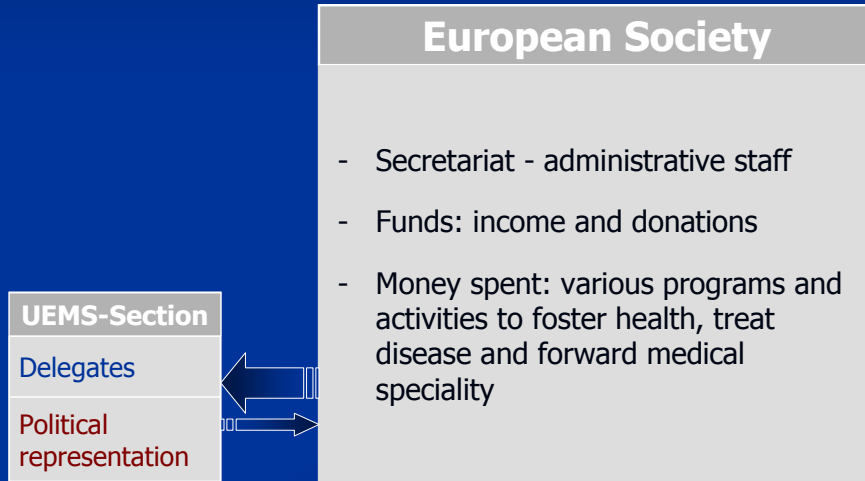
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Medical speciality X in Europe – the standard situation:

Result of this arrangement:
a strong European platform for this medical speciality

UEMS-Section

Political influence



European Society

Manpower

Funds

Prestige and visibility

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Not the standard situation:

EAP/UEMS-SP

Paediatrics

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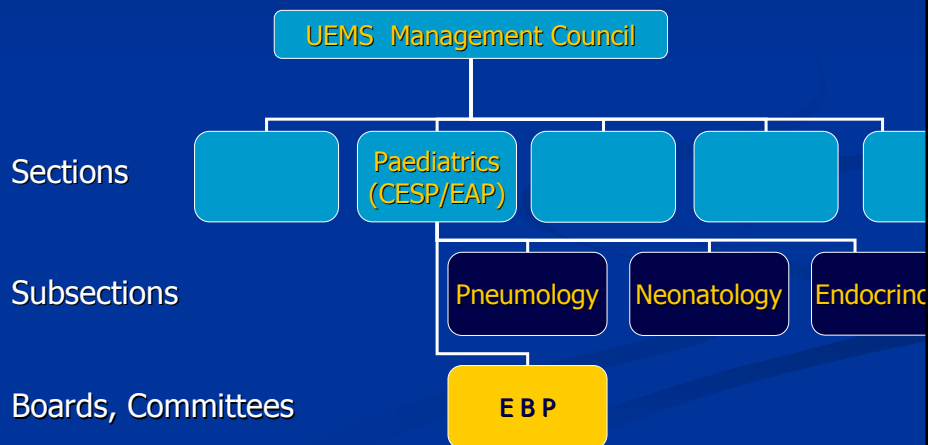
The key question:

Can the European Academy of Paediatrics/
UEMS-Section of Paediatrics (EAP/UEMS-SP)
serve as such a platform?

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The UEMS-Section of Paediatrics = EAP (formerly CESP)

Structure of UEMS



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EAP/CESP – Achievements (I):

- European syllabus common trunk
- European syllabus Primary Paediatric Care
- European syllabus Secondary Paediatric Care
- European syllabi for 11 paediatric tertiary care specialities
- Guidelines for European centre visitation
- EBP: training concepts
- Exit examination trials
- Cooperations with national societies, other UEMS-sections, AAP and various paediatric tertiary care speciality societies

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EAP/CESP – Achievements (II):

- EAP congresses
- EAP website
- EAP journal

- Working Group on Ethics
- Working Group on Vaccination
- Working Group on Medicines for Children
- Working Group on Accident Prevention
- Working Group on Adolescent Medicine
- Working Group on CME

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Assessment of the current situation:

- The EAP/UEMS-SP has developed a wide spectrum of activities, programs, and working groups. This activity spectrum is much wider than the one of any other UEMS-section.
- There is an increasing discrepancy between the size of the section on one side and the dimension and range of activities on the other. A further increase of activity is not possible with the existing structures. Manpower is lacking.



The EAP/UEMS-SP has outgrown its limited manpower capacities!

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The need for change

Requirements:

- The EAP/UEMS-SP must substantially increase its manpower capacities.
- The EAP/UEMS-SP must increase its financial resources.
- The EAP/UEMS-SP must further increase its visibility, standing and influence.
- At the same time, the EAP/UEMS-SP must remain the common European platform for all aspects of Paediatrics.
- At the same time, the EAP/UEMS-SP must maintain and further increase its political activity as a section of the UEMS.
- At the same time, the EAP/UEMS-SP must maintain its role in the professional representation of European Paediatrics towards the European Union.

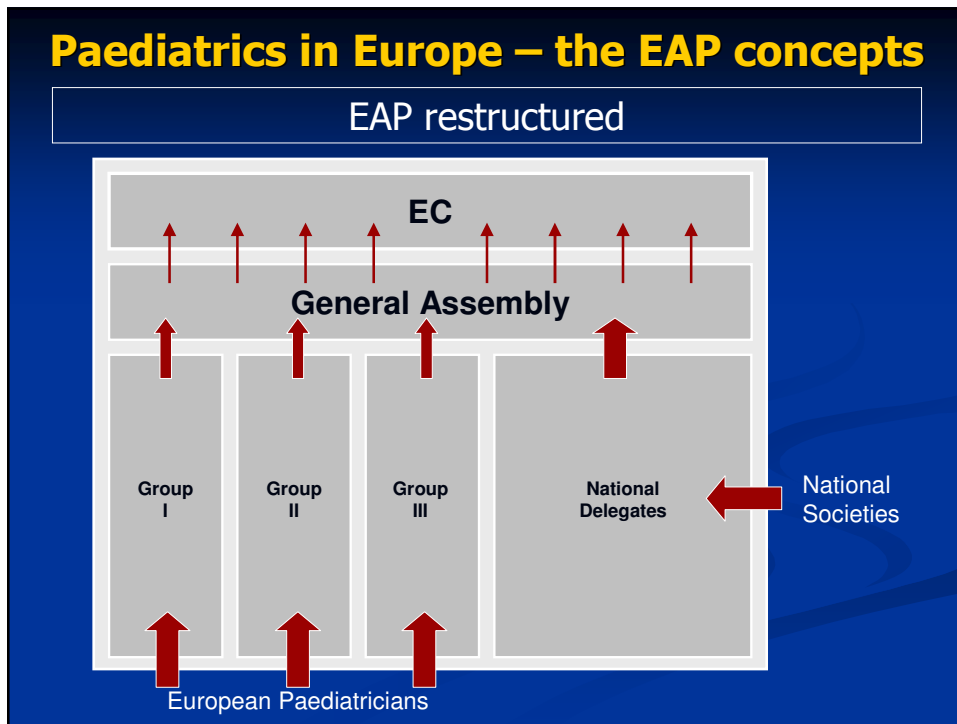
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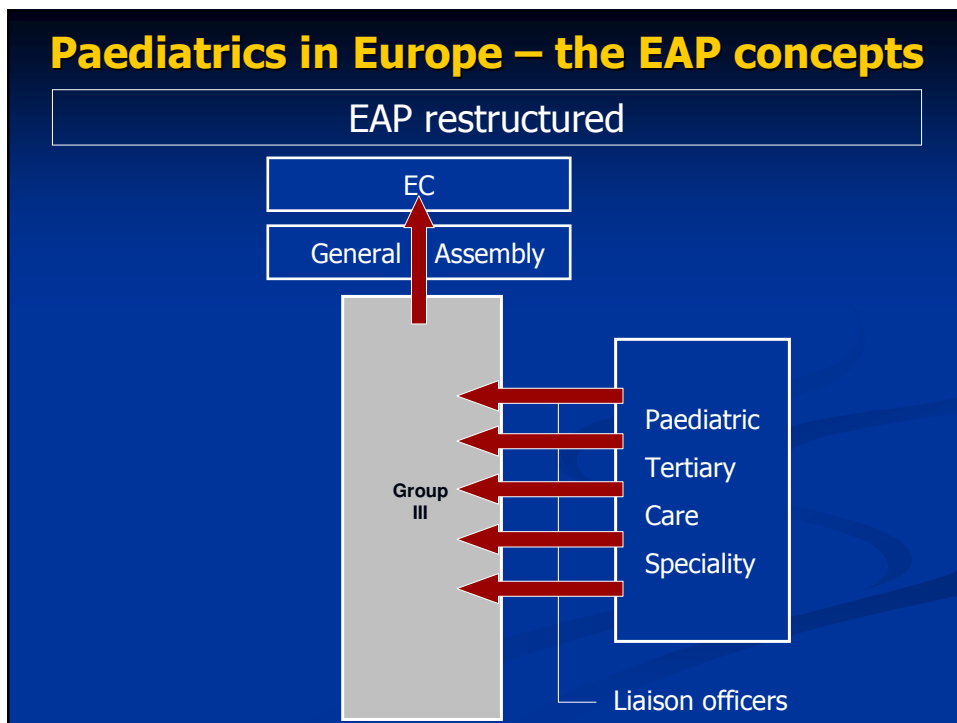
Developments:

- The need for changes discussed 2002 to 2003.
- The concept of an individual-membership European paediatric society discussed 2003 to 2005 (separate society versus change of the EAP/UEMS-SP).
- Strong support for a change of the EAP/UEMS-SP in a meeting with national paediatric societies in Cologne (2005).
- Discussion of various structural options and concepts (2006 to 2007).
- Drafting and discussion of new statutes (2007 to 2008).
- Legal advice on new statutes (2008).
- Approval of new statutes by Belgian Court of Commerce (August 2008).

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EAP restructured

Benefits for paediatric tertiary care speciality societies:

- EAP tertiary care group can serve as a platform for meeting other paediatrics tertiary care specialities.
- EAP tertiary care group can serve as a platform for improving the relationship between tertiary and primary, secondary care paediatrics.
- The EAP offers itself as a synchronising body for programs that involve more than one paediatric tertiary care speciality.
- The EAP invites you to contribute to its bi-annual congresses → improved visibility in the European paediatric community.
- The EAP invites you to use its journal (ArchDisChild) for position papers, guidelines, consensus statements, etc.

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Benefits for paediatric tertiary care speciality societies (continued):

- EAP offers itself as an interface between paediatric tertiary care speciality societies and UEMS/EU.
- EAP will continue its support for national recognition of all paediatric tertiary care specialities.
- EAP offers itself as a synchronising body for programs that involve paediatric tertiary care speciality societies but extend beyond any single society (training programs, centre visitation and accreditation programs, European examinations, etc.).

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Specific possibilities for the near future:

- Working groups/task forces for specific paediatric tertiary care specialities within the EAP tertiary care group.
- Joint working groups/task forces of several paediatric tertiary care specialities within the EAP tertiary care group.
- Joint memberships paediatric tertiary care speciality society – EAP with clearly visible membership benefits in both formations.

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EAP restructured

What does the EAP need from paediatric tertiary care speciality societies?

- Cooperation.
- A spirit towards maintaining European Paediatrics as an entity.
- A spirit towards increasing the standing, prestige and influence of Paediatrics in Europe.
- The basic conviction that together we will be stronger than any formation alone.

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We need your support !

- The basic conviction that together we will be stronger than any formation alone.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !