



MINUTES

EAP SPRING MEETING | VALLETTA, MALTA | 14 MAY
2022 13:15 - 15:45 (UTC +2)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please see the list of attendees attached

1. Welcome by the President

- a) The president opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.
- b) New delegates attending the GA for the first time in person were welcomed:
 - Veronika Jilichová Nová (Czech Republic) – EAP Individual Member (Primary Care)
 - Austėja Stankutė-Kolosova (Lithuania) – Young EAP Representative
 - Ivan Jakopčić (Croatia) – Young EAP Representative
 - Nora Karara (Germany) - Young EAP Representative
 - Miguel Martins (Portugal) – Young EAP Representative and Core Group
 - José Fontoura Matias (Portugal) – Young EAP Representative
 - Nika Morgan (Slovenia) – Young EAP Representative
 - Sian Copley (UK) Young EAP Representative and Core Group

2. Remarks/Approval of the final agenda

- a) No comments were received, the agenda was approved.

3. Remarks/Approval of the [GA Minutes Winter Meeting 2021, 4 December](#)

- b) No comments were received, the agenda was approved.

4. President's report - Adamos Hadjipanayis

i. War in Ukraine

- a) EAP took initiatives to support the victims of the ongoing war in Ukraine affecting the whole region.
- b) Statements were published (retrievable on EAP's website)
- c) EAP published articles on how to deal with all those children who were moved from Ukraine to other European countries.
- d) A database of centers across Europe was created for displaced parents whose children are suffering from rare and/or complicated diseases. This database will assist parents in finding the correct hospital/center for their children.
- e) EAP directly supported the Ukrainian Paediatric Societies financially.
- f) Fundraising activities for the children in Ukraine was initiated through the EAP's website.
- g) National Societies of EAP sent funding to Ukraine through EAP.
- h) EAP/LOW created a Podcast by Marina Mamenko on the situation in Ukraine "on the ground"
- i) A heartfelt thank you was extended to Artur Mazur and Marina Mamenko.
- j) Artur Mazur led a group of colleagues in Poland who took in Ukrainian refugees and assisted with obtaining medication.

ii) Ongoing Collaboration between ECPCP & EAP

- a) The collaboration between EAP and ECPCP is still going strong.
- b) The next step toward a closer collaboration includes
 - A jointly conducted EAPRASnet study.
 - collaboration with the EBP Primary Care Curriculum and Exam Committee.
 - Future initiatives to grow a stronger, united voice in Primary Care.

iii) Published Manuscripts on behalf of the EAP

- a) The official Journal of the EAP, *Frontiers in Pediatrics*, is a free access journal with an impact factor of 3.418 (increased from 2.349)
- b) 12 Complimentary papers may be published by the EAP annually.
- c) Associate Editors on behalf of the EAP are Zachi Grossman (General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care; Adamos Hadjipanayis (General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care; Oana Marginean (Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition).
- d) The latest publications include:
 - [Update on the Coordinated Efforts of Looking After the Health Care Needs of Children and Young People Fleeing the Conflict Zone of Ukraine Presenting to European Emergency Departments—A Joint Statement of the European Society for Emergency Paediatrics and the European Academy of Paediatrics](#)
 - [Statement on Ukraine Conflict](#)
 - [Adolescents With Eating Disorders in Pediatric Practice – The European Academy of Paediatrics Recommendations](#)
 - [Increasing the Focus on Children’s Complex and Integrated Care Needs: A Position Paper of the European Academy of Pediatrics](#)
 - [SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination in Children and Adolescents—A Joint Statement of the European Academy of Paediatrics and the European Confederation for Primary Care Paediatricians](#)
- e) All members are encouraged to visit the [EAP's website](#) to access the statements.

iv) EAP-UNICEF: Building Vaccine Confidence ("One less thing")

- a) A non-exclusive Declaration of Intent (DoI) was signed between the EAP and UNICEF outlining their cooperation.
- b) UNICEF ECARO will develop campaigns concepts and messages in consultation with EAP.
- c) A set of visual assets will be developed for each campaign, using testimonies (and images) of health workers and caregivers supporting vaccination.
- d) Social media platforms, regional contact lists will be used to roll out the campaigns in each region.
- e) Monitoring of the campaigns will take place by means of interpreting social media analytics.
- f) The current campaign "One less thing" has forty-nine mentions by thirty different users on #Vax2Thrive (UNICEF-EAP Campaign hashtag)
- g) An estimation of 169,000 impressions were noted since the onset of the campaign.

v) WHO Pocket book on Primary Care

- a) A [Pocket Book of primary health care](#) was developed for use by doctors, nurses and other health care workers who are responsible for the care of children and adolescents in primary care settings.
- b) It summarizes guidance on how to manage – and when to refer – children and adolescents presenting with common complaints and conditions.

vi) External Meetings

- a) A meeting with the Health Commissioner Mrs. Stella Kyriakides, was conducted on 6 April

2022 to discuss Covid-19 Vaccines.

- b) Six organizations (20 people) with four representatives with EAP attended the meeting.
- c) The meeting was deemed especially useful by the Commissioner and will be reorganized
- d) A meeting with the Japanese Paediatric Society to discuss collaboration opportunities with the EAP will take place on the 23rd of May 2022.

vii) Potential Collaboration with GSK

- a) This collaboration will enhance awareness and confidence around pediatric vaccination.
- b) Disease-specific scientific symposia will be conducted.
- c) This includes sessions of behavioral training on the communication skills between Healthcare Professionals and parents.
- d) Medical educational activities as standalone events or in collaboration with Medical Societies will be explored.
- e) Sponsorships and Grants will be developed to support Medical Societies' Initiatives and projects.
- f) Joint development of Disease Awareness campaigns.
- g) Supporting of investigator sponsored studies.
- h) The upcoming Winter Meeting will accommodate a session by GSK.

viii) Potential Collaboration with Duracell.

- a) Research shows that the number of Lithium Coin cell ingestion accidents in households across the globe was 10,000 cases in 2020.
- b) More than 50% of all cases occur in Europe.
- c) Almost 90% of Lithium Coin Cell ingestions occur due to lose or in-device batteries.
- d) If not detected early, internal bleeding may occur which can have a fatal outcome.
- e) EAP submitted comments for review after the first draft and the material will be reviewed and finalized very soon.
- f) The idea is to raise awareness, not to promote Duracell as an entity.
- g) Once the material is available, it will be distributed among EAP members.

ix) Collaboration with EMA

- a) EAP has not been accepted as a member of the Healthcare Professionals Working Party (HCPWP) for the term of 2022 – 2025.
- b) EAP was granted one-year observer ship status from 2022 to 2023.
- c) A close collaboration with EMA will continue.
- d) Mark Turner (UK) was elected as a representative of the EAP.

x) Winter Meeting 2022 – Brussels

- a) The EAP Winter Meeting in 2022 will take place 2-3 December 2022.
- b) There has been a discussion in past about hosting the EAP Winter Meeting in a different country every year. The issue will be rediscussed at a later date.
- c) Due to the UEMS headquarters being in Brussels, the meeting always took place there.
- d) The Health Commissioner will join the Winter Meeting this year.

xi) EAPS 2022, Barcelona – Future of EAPS

- a) EAPS took place virtually in 2021 and the 2022 congress will be conducted in Barcelona.
- b) The scientific Committee of the EAP includes Tom Stiris, Zachi Grossman, and Ann de Guchtenaere.
- c) EAPS 2024 will be jointly organized by the three societies, EAP, ESPR & ESPNIC, again.

xii) Mastercourse and Congress 2023

- a) The EAP [Congress and Mastercourse 2023](#) will take place in Padova, Italy from 17-21 May.

- b) The Congress is taking place at a state of the art, brand new congress center in Padova in collaboration with the Italian Paediatric Society.
- c) The Mastercourse this time will be focused on "**Acute ill child**"
- d) Scientific Committee of the Congress includes Adamos Hadjipanayis (Chair); Eugenio Baraldi (Co-chair); Anna Maria Staiano; Luigi Greco; Berthold Koletzko; Lukasz Dembinski; Sian Copley.
- e) Scientific Committee of the Mastercourse includes Liviana da Dalt (chair); Silvia Bressan; Elena Bozzola; Elvira Verduci; Ketil Stordal; Arunas Valiulis; Ivan Bambir.

xiii) Future goals of EAP

- a) Engage more people in the activities of EAP, not necessarily only National Delegates, but a wider audience to increase the visibility of EAP.
- b) Foster more productive working groups (incentives)
- c) Support yEAP, who should be involved in all activities and projects of EAP.
- d) Support National Societies
- e) Foster a closer collaboration with the sub-specialty societies in Europe
- f) Increase visibility of EAP at EU level and internationally.
- g) The EAP President encouraged all members (affiliated and automatic individual members) to contribute to the activities and to encourage other active colleagues to participate.
- h) The Strategic Advisory groups can apply for financial support by submitting a proposal to the Executive Committee as a part of the annual report.

xiv) Update on the situation in Ukraine from Marina Mamenko & Artur Mazur Marina Mamenko (EAP ND, Ukraine)

- a) Marina Mamenko updated the GA about the current situation: the war in Ukraine has moved from Kyiv, now targeting the Eastern part of the country.
- b) To date, there were 227 officially confirmed deaths in children (excluding data from Mariupol and other isolated areas)
- c) 420 injured.
- d) 2,389 children were deported to Russia
- e) 1,200 disappeared
- f) 1,748 schools, kindergartens and universities were damaged, 101 were ruined.
- g) EAP did various activities to support Ukraine:
 - Statements and Publications were published
 - Facilitated constant communication and discussions with Ukraine national delegates
 - Recommendations and guidelines
 - Podcast with LOW Europe and Marina Mamenko
 - Cooperation with National Societies (Poland, Switzerland, Austria, Italy)
 - Donations to the value of EUR30,000 was received via the EAP donation platform.
- h) The Ukrainian Academy of Pediatric Specialties translated their website to make the information accessible outside Ukraine.
- i) The UAPS launched a [parenting website](#) with useful resources and information: "Understanding Children's Diseases" (common problems in children are outlined).
- j) Permanent WhatsApp communication is maintained between Marina Mamenko and Artur Mazur to facilitate help.
- k) An online congress themed "[PRIME pediatrics 2022](#)" (ACCME accredited) will take place between 3-5 June 2022. This is the IV Congress of the Ukrainian Academy of Pediatric Specialties.
- l) More than 3000+ participants from Ukraine, 120+ speakers from 15 countries.
- m) The congress participation was made free of charge due to the unstable situation.
- n) The congress will be translated into English.

- o) There are still many areas that cannot be reached and Ukraine calls for:
 - Humanitarian Aid
 - Help for Hospitals, doctors and medical students
 - Support of their online congress
 - Urgent recommendations
- p) Information is still being gathered from doctors, but the flow of information is not consistent. Many residences were destroyed
- q) A statement on how to operate to in this situation to support medical professionals should be composed.

Artur Mazur (EAP ND, Poland)

- a) Artur shared heart-wrenching images of the situation.
- b) From the beginning of the war in February 2022, the Polish Society helped citizens seeking refuge in Poland and millions of participants crossed the border.
- c) Humanitarian aid was sent to Ukraine (medications, food), including government support
- d) The Polish parliament passed an act on assistance for Ukrainian nationals in connection with Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine.
- e) Ukrainians fleeing due to the war can apply for a Polish national identity number.
- f) The new law also applies to spouses of Ukrainian nationals not holding Ukrainian citizenship who came to Poland directly from Ukraine as a result of the war.
- g) Poland is thus allowing millions of Ukrainians fleeing the war access to the labor market and to health and social benefits.
- h) Polish officials are struggling to register and help all the people arriving in the country.
- i) There is a transit center through which approximately 1,000 refugees transit every day.
- j) The medical post, staffed 24/7 sees many refugees on a daily basis.
- k) Many Polish members supported evacuation of patients from the hospitals in Western and Central Ukraine, as well as collaborated with the Polish Government in organizing evacuation of over 350 pediatric cancer patients who received treatment in Poland and across Europe.
- l) Suggestions were made to offer the Ukrainians assistance (free registration or accommodation in residences).

xv) Closing of President's Report

- a) The EAP Spring Meeting marks the last official attendance of the Executive Committee meeting for EBP Chair & Exam, Rob Ross Russell.
- b) Rob was thank and celebrated for his hard work and many achievements during his term.

5. Secretary General's report - Ann de Guchtenaere

i. Administration

- a) 3 EC meetings were concocted between January and May 2022
- b) 3 Contracts Negotiated
 - On advocacy and communication
 - On EAP/EBP Exam coordination
 - On secretariat services.
- c) Administrative archives will be transitioned to a cloud storage space.

ii. Call for Candidatures

- a) **Opening positions:**

- Secretary General (renewable)
- Treasurer (non-renewable)
- Primary Care Council (renewable)
- Secondary-Tertiary care Council

b) Extract from the statutes shared during GA:

6.1. In order to attain its objectives, the Association shall:

- Advocate for improved health and well-being of children and adolescents in Europe.
- Serve as a reference authority for paediatrics and paediatricians in Europe.
- Promote and support translational, basic, epidemiological and clinical research within all aspects of paediatrics (primary, secondary and tertiary care paediatrics) including practice-based research in the community, to improve the health of children
- Collect, assess and disseminate evidence-based and up-to-date information on all aspects of paediatrics.
- Organise congresses, conferences, symposia, seminars, exhibitions, scientific meetings, workshops and other appropriate educational and scientific events.

c) All EAP members are encouraged to nominate volunteers for the positions opening.

d) Elections will take place during the Winter Meeting of 2022

e) Chair of the Primary Care Council:

- Represents the council within the Executive Committee
- Current: Zachi Grossman (re-electable)
- The chair must be registered as a member of this specific Permanent Council and will be elected by simple majority, by the members of the applicable Permanent Council. The elected chair will be approved during the GA
- Term of office: 2 years, renewable once
- Candidates for the position must notify their intent to the Executive committee with a written request, a personal statement, and a current CV at least two months prior to Election (10/2022)

f) Chair of the Secondary-Tertiary Care Council:

- Represents the council within the Executive Committee
- Current: Berthold Koletzko (not renewable)
- The chair must be registered as a member of this specific Permanent Council and will be elected by simple majority, by the members of the applicable Permanent Council. The elected chair will be approved during the GA
- Term of office: 2 years, renewable once
- Candidates for the position must notify their intent to the Executive committee with a written request, a personal statement, and a current CV at least two months prior to Election (10/2022).

g) Secretary General:

- Current: Ann de Guchtenaere (re-electable)
- The GA elects the Secretary General
- Term of office: 4years, renewable once
- Candidates for the position must notify their intent to the Executive committee with a written request, a personal statement, and a current CV at least two months

- prior to Election (10/2022)
 - Any candidate for the Secretary General Position must be endorsed by the relevant Paediatric Society of the candidate.
- h) **Treasurer:**
 - Current: Arunas Valiulis (not renewable)
 - The GA elects the Treasurer
 - Term of office: 4 years, renewable once
 - Candidates for the position must notify their intent to the Executive committee with a written request, a personal statement, and a current CV at least two months prior to Election (10/2022)
 - Any candidate for the Treasurer Position must be endorsed by the relevant Paediatric Society of the candidate.
- i) Volunteering for the abovementioned openings is the ideal opportunity to develop within a friendly, supportive work climate, receive recognition in one's specialty, and moreover foster friendships and conviviality (internationally).

6. Executive Director's report S.del Torso – Yiannis Trimithiotis

i. **Weekly Activity**

- a) The Executive Director maintains contact with the Secretary General, President, Secretariat and the EBP Chair on a daily basis to manage the EAP's activities.

ii. **LOW Europe**

- a) Monthly meetings are conducted
- b) Ukraine War Campaign – fundraising initiative
- c) EAP Podcast with Marina Mamenko
- d) #EAP4vaccinations campaign restart
- e) UNICEF project on child routine immunization
- f) Obesity/Nutrition Meeting with MEP 2022
- g) Paediatric Regulation Campaign – EU Commission
- h) EAP Twitter / Website / Newsletter / Blog (yEAP)

iii. **EU COM Horizon 2020**

- a) ImmuHubs information was presented by Yiannis Trimithiotis during the EAPRASnet Vaccination session, please refer to the minutes for details.
- b) With EU-funded projects there are obstacles in funding and challenges in time-keeping of the willing and hard-working volunteers

iv. **UNICEF WHO ISSA Early Child Development TAG**

- a) Mateja and Lars have expressed their willingness to participate in this initiative

7. Treasurer's report – Arunas Valiulis

- a) EAP/UEMS-SP account in Bank International of Luxembourg
 - 298 512 EAP Program Account
 - 163 128 EAP Individual membership account
 - 42 128 EAP Child Health Charity
- b) EAP/UEMSOSP / EBP Bank Paribas Fortis account in Brussels
 - 173 435 EAP/UEMS-SP, including PayPal, Stripe Accounts opened in 2020 for exam purposes.

- c) EAP/UEMS has a growing balance between 2014 – 2021
- d) Tax filing is up to date, all external audits were successful.
- e) EAP's funding sources are balanced and includes profit from events (EAPS & EAP Congress), Exam income, National Membership, Individual Membership, Industry Grants, Training Centers (accreditation) & UEMS EACCME.
- f) Exam income and income from National Members were elaborated.
- g) All EAP's financial documents are publicly available on the EAP website.
- h) The treasurer elaborated on the EAP Internal Educational Grant (IEG)
- i) This grant involves direct support for the activities of EAP Strategic Advisory Groups based on evaluation of an annual report.
- j) Grants of up to EUR 10,000 will be allocated for a two-year period.
- k) Purpose: recognition of the results of SAG projects and further support to promote productivity.
- l) The first two grants of EUR5000 each was granted to the Adolescent Health SAG and the Medicines for Children SAG, based on 2021 reports.

8. Call for volunteers to join future EAP projects or activities *Bert Koletzko*

- a) EAP encourages all its members (National Delegates and individual members) to participate in the various EU funded projects and other EAP projects.
- b) A Paediatric Guideline Application was launched in May 2022, with guidelines on Celiac Disease, Parental Nutrition and Care for Migrant Children.
- c) Members were encouraged to share the application widely.
- d) Suggestions for development of new guidelines were welcomed.
- e) The CORE-MD (EU-funded project) work package (2.4) kicked off in April 2022 and will run until March 2023.
- f) The task involves recommendations on high-risk medical devices in children
- g) It includes two parts: Review of the approaches applied in evaluation of high-risk medical devices and a workshop/consensus meeting with Paediatric experts to develop conclusions and recommendations leading to report and publication.
- h) On 6 September 2022 the EAP will conduct a workshop on Public Private Partnership at the European Parliament.
- i) EAP led a consensus paper on the core topic, where 7 European Paediatric Societies were involved in the battle to promote and protect breastfeeding and improve standards and practice of BMS marketing.
- j) The idea is to promote the public private partnership with commercial partners, including BMS companies and to end medical education steered by commercial companies.
- k) Conflict of interest should be dealt with – a ban of interaction is not required, but there should be a participation in congresses supported by companies.
- l) All persons are encourage to [read the article](#) on the topic on the EAP's website.
- m) A collaboration is desirable, but medical educataon should not be governed by the pharma companies.
- n) A stakeholder Meeting will be co-hosted by EAP and MET's (3 physician MEPs from "European People's Party", "Renew Europe" and "Socialists and Democrats" agreed to host).
- o) This will include a broad panel of stakeholders
- p) Goal: to formulate broadly supported conclusions, to be widely disseminated (media publication).
- q) The Tertiary Care Council Chair encouraged anyone interested in the initiatives mentioned to reach out.

9. Permanent Councils, Working Groups and Projects (if GA approval is needed)

No topic was raised.

10. Any other important report from the working groups (if GA approval is needed)

No topic was raised.

11. Young EAP report (if GA approval is needed)

No topic was raised.

12. Upcoming EAP Meetings /EAPS

Please refer to the President's report – which covers the topic.

13. Any other business

No other business.


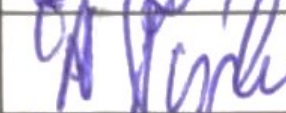
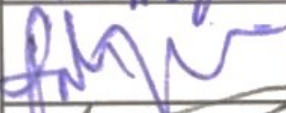





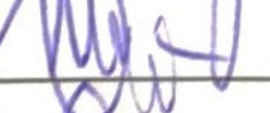
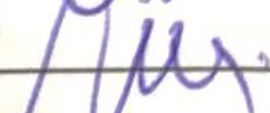
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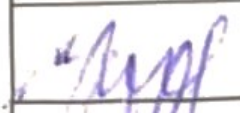


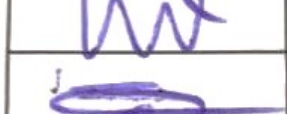


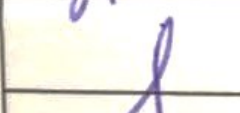
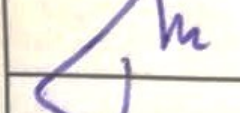


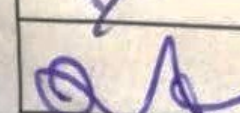

Virtually connected (may include in-person attendees connected to local laptops)

	Last Name	Country/Region	Country/Region Name	How are you connected to EAP?
Laura	Reali	IT	Italy	Representative of Affiliate/Related Society
Nebojsa	Kavaric	ME	Montenegro	National Delegate
Nora	Karara	DE	Germany	Young EAP Member
Stefano	DEL TORSO	IT	Italy	Individual member (from Europe)
Leena	Patel	GB	United Kingdom	Representative of Affiliate/Related Society
Yiannis	Trimithiotis	CY	Cyprus	Other
Berthold	Koletzko	DE	Germany	National Delegate
Hans Juergen	Dornbusch	AT	Austria	National Delegate
Liviana	Da Dalt	IT	Italy	National Delegate
Martin John	White	IE	Ireland	National Delegate
Artur	Mazur	PL	Poland	National Delegate
Marina	Mamenko	UA	Ukraine	National Delegate
Wilhelm	Kaulfersch	AT	Austria	National Delegate
Ketil	Størdal	NO	Norway	National Delegate
Lars	Gelander	SE	Sweden	National Delegate
Valentina A.	Ferraro	IT	Italy	Young EAP Member
Francis	RUBEL	FR	France	National Delegate
Veronika	Jilichova Nova	CZ	Czech Republic	National Delegate
Mateja	Spreitzer	SI	Slovenia	National Delegate
Alina	Zaretska	UA	Ukraine	Other
Rob	Ross Russell	GB	United Kingdom	National Delegate
Ann	De guchtenaere	BE	Belgium	National Delegate
Luis	Santos	ES	Spain	National Delegate
Natasa	Toplak	SI	Slovenia	National Delegate
Jordi	Antón	ES	Spain	Representative of Affiliate/Related Society
Süleyman	Yıldız	TR	Turkey	Individual member (from Europe)
Mark	Buttigieg	MT	Malta	National Delegate
Juan Jose	Diaz	ES	Spain	National Delegate
Arunas	Valiulis	LT	Lithuania	National Delegate
Maria	Gutu	RO	Romania	Individual member (from Europe)
Łukasz	Dembiński	PL	Poland	National Delegate
Pierre-andre	Michaud	CH	Switzerland	Individual member (from Europe)
Andre	Graca	PT	Portugal	Representative of Affiliate/Related Society
Adamos	Hadjipanayis	CY	Cyprus	National Delegate

In-Person Attendees:

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	Jorge	Amil Dias	Portugal
	Ivan	Bambir	Croatia
	Mark	Buttigieg	Malta
	Liviana	da Dalt	Italy
	Ann	De Guchtenaere	Belgium
	Stefano	del Torso	Italy
	Łukasz	Dembiński	Poland
	Hans Juergen	Dornbusch	Austria
	Valentina Agnese	Ferraro	Italy
	Karin	Geitmann	Germany
	Lars	Gelandner	Sweden
	Andre	Graca	Portugal
	Adamos	Hadjipanayis	Cyprus
	Peter	Hoyer	Germany
	Károly	Illy	Netherlands

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	Ketil	Størdal	Norway
	Natasa	Toplak	Slovenia
	Paul	Torpiano	Malta
	Yiannis	Trimithiotis	Cyprus
	Arunas	Valiulis	Lithuania
	Mateja	Vintar Spreitzer	Slovenia
	Anna	Wollschläger	Austria
	Corinne	Wyder	Switzerland/Ukraine
	Irina	Yurkina	Switzerland/Ukraine
	Jernej	Završnik	Slovenia

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✓	Ivan	Jakopčić	Croatia
✓	Lina	Jankauskaite	Lithuania
	Veronika	Jilichova Nova	Czech Republic
	Nora	Karara	UK
	Wilhelm	Kaulfersch	Austria
	Berthold	Koletzko	Germany
	Risto	Lapatto	Finland
✓	Loraine	Logasi	SA
✓	Miguel	Martins	Portugal
	José Fontoura	Matias	Portugal
	Artur	Mazur	Poland
	Nika	Morgan	Slovenia
	Aida	Mujkić	Croatia
	Rob	Ross Russell	UK
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