



MINUTES | SECONDARY TERTIARY CARE COUNCIL WINTER MEETING 2022

Friday 2 December 2022, 15:45-16:45 h, Hilton Brussels Grand Place Hotel, Brussels, Belgium

1. Welcome and introductions

were offered by the chair, Berthold Koletzko.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the Tertiary Care Council Winter Meeting held on 13.05.2022 at Vallarta, Malta

The chair, Berthold Koletzko apologized for a secretarial error that resulted in not sharing the minutes of the previous meeting in a timely fashion. By mistake the minutes were only placed on the EAP website in the morning of 2 December, 2022. Therefore, the chair proposed that adoption of these minutes be postponed to the Spring Meeting 2023 to give everyone the chance to review them.

4. Matters arising from the minutes -

No issues were raised.

5. European Training Requirements for Metabolic Medicine prepared by SSIEM

Risto Lapatto and Johannes Häberle have submitted updated ETRs for Metabolic Medicine on behalf of SSIEM (shared with the STCC members by the EAP secretariat). The chair has reviewed them and suggests a few small modifications. Since these ETRs were only submitted about one week prior to this Winter Meeting, the rule of providing the delegates a time window of 4 weeks to review the document could not be fulfilled. Therefore, the chair proposes that a decision on this ETR should be taken at the Spring Meeting 2023. He encourages all STCC members to submit their observations and comments to the new chair of the STCC.

The chair reminded the STCC that the ETRS for the fields Child & Adolescent Psychiatry/Psychother; Paediatr Haematology& Oncology; Neuropaediatrics; Paediatr Respiratory Diseases; and Paediatr Cardiology have expired, i.e. for these subspecialties there is currently no EU accepted subspecialty standards. In 2023, the ETR on Paediatric Rheumatology will expire. Updates should be developed with high priority.

Subspecialty	Society	UEMS Adopted	Update due
Paediatr endocrinology & diabetes	ESPE	2021	2027
Neonatology	ESPR	2021	2027
Paediatr surgery	EUPSA	2020	2026
Paediatr nephrology	ESPN	2020	2025
Paediatr urology	EUPSA&EAU	2020	2025
Paediatr gastroent, hepatol & nutrition	ESPGHAN	2019	2024
Paediatr emergency medicine	EUSEM	2019	2024
Paediatr infectious disease&immunolgy	ESPID	2019	2024
Paediatr allergology	EAACI	2019	2024
Paediatr rheumatology	PRES	2018	2023
Inborn errors metabolism	SSIEM	2014	2019
Child & adolescent psychiatry/psychother	ESCAP	2014	2019
Pediatr haematology&oncology	SIOPE	2013	2018
Neuropaediatrics	EPNS	2009	2014
Paediatr Respiratory Diseases	ERS PS	2009	2014
Paediatr Cardiology	AEPC	??	!!

6. European Subspecialty Examinations

Prof. Dana Craiu, Chair Education & Training Committee of the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS), reported on the Examination in Paediatric Neurology developed by EPNS, accompanied by a strong educational programme. The chair congratulated Prof. Craiu for the great achievements, which should serve as a shining example for other paediatric subspecialties to follow. Prof. Craiu kindly agreed to share her presentation charts.

7. EAP Paediatric Guideline APP

The EAP Paediatric Guideline APP has been established and launched, in collaboration and with support of the charitable Child Health Foundation. Currently summaries of three guidelines are shared via the APP, i.e. Celiac Disease, Parenteral Nutrition, and Care for Migrant Children. All societies are asked to propose further guidelines with relevance for a broad group of paediatric practitioners for which further APP-modules could be developed.

8. Report on EAP Involvement in the Horizon 2020 Project CoreMD

There is increasing political pressure mounting as medical devices for children sold only in small numbers appear to be withdrawn from the market, as a consequence of the adopted European Medical Device Regulation. This adds further importance to the EAP led project on developing a solution for Medical Devices for Infants and Children in the paediatric work

package in the EU funded CoreMD project, led by EAP. Currently a systematic scoping review on available evidence is being performed. A workshop with experts and agreed participation of representatives of the EU Medical Device Coordination Group and the European Commission will be held in January 2023, to try to develop a proposal for a special approval process for medical devices for children, and other orphan devices.

8. EAP meeting on “Promoting breastfeeding and interaction of paediatric associations with commercial providers of nutritional products – are they compatible?” held on 6 Sept. 2022 at the European Parliament, Brussels

EAP led an initiative joint by six other European paediatric associations to define their joint position on Promoting Breastfeeding and interaction of pediatric associations with Providers of Nutritional Products (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7723897/>). In an attempt to broaden the conversation with other stakeholders and obtain support for our position, a stakeholder workshop was held on 6 September 2022 at the European Parliament Brussels, in collaboration with MEPs from the three major political fractions (European People’s Party, Socialists & Democrats, and Renew Europe) that are all trained medical doctors. A panel discussion included representation of EAP, the WHO Regional Office for Europe, a European parent organisation, and the dietetic food industry association. A lively discussion followed with the audience of the fully booked out workshop. In his introductory statement, MEP Liese stated that the question was not if but how paediatric associations should interact with commercial companies that provide products and services for medical care, including dietetic products. A short publication will summarize and disseminate the key points and conclusions. This includes that paediatricians and their organizations support interaction and collaboration with commercial actors following strict standards (“code of conduct”), that the same standards should be applied to companies from all sectors and to all groups of health care professionals, and that further exchange and collaboration is supported to move forward and to find suitable solutions.

The option of creating an Infant Nutrition Alliance jointly with other health care professional groups is being discussed by the EAP Executive Council.

9. Election of the next Chair of the Secondary Tertiary Care Council

One candidate has been proposed, Professor Ketil Stordal from Norway. Ketil Stordal introduced himself, followed by an opportunity for questions and further discussion after he left the room. No objections were raised by anyone against an open vote. Ketil Stordal was unanimously elected.

The chair asked Ketil Stordal to re-join the meeting, and congratulated him and wished him all the best of luck and success for his term.

10. Any other business

No other business items were raised.

The chair thanked the participants for the participation in the meeting. He expressed his gratitude for being given the great privilege and pleasure to serve as chair of the EAP Secondary Tertiary Care Council. He thanked all those who actively supported and

contributed to the work. He expressed that good progress was made, but the work would not be finished, with both a lot of challenges and opportunities lying ahead.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prof. Berthold Koletzko
Chair, EAP Secondary Tertiary Care Council