



## MINUTES - GENERAL ASSEMBLY EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRICS (EAP) SPRING MEETING 2023

Saturday 20 May 2023, 17:30 - 19:00, Fiera di Padova, Padova, Italy

### 1. Welcome by the President - Adamos Hadjipanayis

- i) The general assembly opened at 17:30.

### 2. Remarks/Approval of the final agenda

- i) The agenda was approved without remarks.

### 3. Remarks/Approval of the [GA minutes, Winter Meeting - 3 Dec 2022](#) (Brussels, Belgium)

- i) The minutes were approved without remarks.

### 4. Joint report President, Secretary General and Executive Director - Adamos Hadjipanayis, Ann de Guchteneere, Stefano del Torso

#### 4.1. Collaboration with Duracell

- i) The president outlined the collaboration between EAP and Duracell regarding the risk of Lithium Coin Cell ingestion across Europe and driving awareness of the topic with parents and paediatricians.
- ii) There is an absolute need to work together to prevent accidents, since more than 50% of all cases of lithium coin cell ingestion accidents occur in Europe. Almost 90% of Lithium Coin Cell ingestions occur due to loose batteries or in-device batteries.
- iii) If not detected early enough, internal bleeding might occur, potentially leading to a fatal outcome.
- iv) Since the last update, a KAP study was done in collaboration with EAPRASnet which is available here: <https://eaprasnet.org/buttonbattery>
- v) Ambassadors were approached in European countries to aid with national campaigns.
- vi) Presentations were scheduled at the conference & the jointly produced Duracell-EAP Video featured at the Padova congress.

#### 4.2. Collaboration with GSK

- i) The goal of EAP's collaboration with GSK is to Enhance awareness and confidence around paediatric vaccination.
- ii) This can be achieved by means of disease awareness campaigns, sponsorships and grants, joint projects, and training.
- iii) Training opportunities include symposia & sessions of behavioral training on the communication skills between healthcare professionals and parents and other medical educational activities as standalone events or in collaboration with Medical Societies.

#### 4.3. Ongoing Collaboration with ECPCP

- i) EAP has an ongoing collaboration with ECPCP to publish joint statements. The latest EAP-ECPCP joint statements can be consulted on the [EAP website](#).
- ii) The latest accepted joint statement (24/10/2022) details [Repercussions of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Child and Adolescent Mental Health](#).
- iii) Another two publications are planned for 2023.

#### 4.4. Ongoing Collaboration with IPA

- i) IPA EC unanimously decided to officially give one of the two seats of Europe to the European Academy of Paediatrics. The decision was ratified unanimously by the IPA Standing Committee.
- ii) Adamos Hadjipanayis (EAP President) was a candidate for the post of Coordinator of development at the time of the General Assembly.
- iii) Stefano del Torso will serve on the IPA Standing Committee on behalf of EAP.

#### 4.5. Collaboration with Japanese Paediatric Society (JPS)

- i) EAP and the Japanese Paediatric Society (JPS) leadership expressed wishes to expand the collaboration with Paediatricians beyond the borders of Europe.
- ii) Joint sessions at upcoming EAP & JPS meetings, research projects and position papers will be explored.

- iii) The EAP's collaboration with JPS will continue and the GA will be updated if a new initiative is taking place between EAP and JPS.

#### 4.6. Published manuscripts on behalf of EAP

- i) Published statements can be consulted on the [EAP website](#)
- ii) [Frontiers in Pediatrics](#) (Impact factor 3.418) is the official EAP Journal.
- iii) Associate editors of the journal on behalf of EAP include:
  - Zachy Grossman - General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care
  - Adamos Hadjipanayis - General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care
  - Oana Marginean - Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

#### 4.7. Collaboration with EMA

- i) EAP is again a full member of The Healthcare Professionals' Working Party (HCPWP) of EMA.
- ii) The new EAP Representatives of EMA are Prof. Karel Allegaert (Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy) and Prof. Ann de Guchteneere.

#### 4.8. Winter Meeting 2023- Brussels

- i) The EAP Winter Meeting is planned to take place in Brussels from 1-2 December 2023.
- ii) Registration and accommodation bookings will be sent in the coming months.

#### 4.9. Mastercourse and Congress 2023

- i) The [EAP Congress and Mastercourse, 17-21 May 2023](#) is taking place in parallel with the Spring Meeting with the theme: "the Acute ill child".
- ii) The Scientific Committee of the Congress includes Adamos Hadjipanayis (Chair); Eugenio Baraldi (Co-chair); Anna Maria Staiano; Luigi Greco; Berthold Koletzko; Lukasz Dembinski; Sian Copley.
- iii) The Scientific Committee of the MasterCourse includes Liviana da Dalt (chair); Silvia Bressan; Elena Bozzola; Elvira Verduci; Ketil Stordal; Arunas Valiulis; Ivan Bambir.
- iv) Participation: 761 participants, from 69 countries, with 279 attending the MasterCourse.
- v) Philippines (125 Participants) and Italy (122 participants) were the top 2 countries in terms of participation.

#### 4.10. EAPS 2022, Barcelona

- i) A very successful EAPS event took place in Barcelona, Spain and online from 7-11 October 2022 with a total of 3192 participants (47% more than in 2020).
- ii) Total Congress profit was EUR 120,203.
- iii) Support from sponsors was limited and downward inclining over the years, in 2022 there was about 50% of the support received in 2014.
- iv) EAPS 2022 was a successful event EAP, ESPR and ESPNIC each received 20% of the profit - each society's speaker expenses are deducted, the PCO (Kenes) received 40%.
- v) EAP received EUR 20,758.

#### 4.11. EAPS 2024, Vienna

- i) EAPS 2024 will take place in Vienna
- ii) ESPNIC has pulled out of the initiative, EAP and ESPR will continue its collaboration and host the event with Kenes (PCO) in 2024.

#### 4.12. Future goals of EAP

- i) Engage more people in the activities of EAP, especially EU projects. Volunteers need not necessarily be EAP National Delegates.
- ii) Foster more productive working groups (incentives)
- iii) Support yEAP, who should be involved in all activities and projects of EAP.
- iv) Encourage volunteers in their transition from yEAP to EAP.
- v) Support National Societies
- vi) Foster a closer collaboration with the sub-specialty societies in Europe and Paediatric Nurses. Increase visibility of EAP at EU level and internationally.

#### 4.13. Report from the Executive Director – Stefano del Torso

- i) Overview of the main activities including weekly contact with the Secretariat, Executive Committee and UEMS, interactions
- ii) The ED oversees EAP's activity in various EU projects where it is a stakeholder:
  - ImmuHubs (HaDea)
  - EU River Horizon (2020)
  - Coalition for Vaccination (Immunion)
  - Joint Action for Vaccination
  - Core MD
  - Kantar Public HaDEA (Service contract to identify obstacles to vaccination of physical, practical, and administrative nature to develop recommendations).
  - The EPHA Clean Air Project (EAP is represented by Laura Reali).
- iii) All delegates were invited to contribute to the EAP's future e-newsletters, published quarterly.
- iv) The collaboration with LOW ended (social media, public relations).

#### 4.14. Presentation of the EAP Rules of Procedure and Articles of Association – Ann de Guchtanaere

- i) All National Delegates received the updated Articles of Association 4 weeks in advance.
- ii) The difference between the two documents was elaborated by Ann de Guchtanaere again.
- iii) There are two points to be voted on in the Articles of Association (or Statute):

1. Removal of the following sentences:

Art. 16.2.1. *The Executive Committee consists of:*

(e) *The treasurer of the EBP who resides ex officio (without election) (the "EBP Treasurer")*

*This sentence will be removed.*

Art. 16.2.3. *The Vice-President and EBP Treasurer are on the Executive Committee 'ex officio'.*

*The term EBP Treasurer will be removed.*

- iv) The last version of internal rules was adopted by the Executive Committee on May 18, 2023. The following category of membership was added:

##### **5.3 EAP young Fellow (EAP yF)**

5.3.1 *The Executive Committee can confer the status of "young Fellow" to an individual who has been an active young EAP network member and has made extraordinary contributions to the work and development of the yEAP Network and served the yEAP network for at least one term.*

5.3.2 *The proposal for the nomination of an "EAP yF" may arise from yEAP to the Executive Committee. The nomination for "EAP yF" will be presented by the Executive Committee to the General Assembly who will vote for approval of the proposition.*

5.3.3 *The "EAP yF" status will be valid for 3 years (renewable once by the EAP EC, if the EAP yF has continued to be actively and productively involved in the activities and development of EAP).*

5.3.4 *The "EAP yF" can request for reimbursement from the EAP Spring and Winter meeting to the EAP EC.*

#### 5. Vote: endorsement of the EAP Rules of Procedure (RoP)

- i) Call by Ann de Guchtanaere to endorse the statutes.
- ii) Delegates voted by means of hand raising, the change was unanimously endorsed. None abstained, none against.

## 6. Vote: EAP Articles of Association (AoA)

- i) Call by Ann de Guchtenaere to vote on the Articles of Association.
- ii) Delegates voted by means of a closed ballot, the Secretary General distributed votes and counted them afterwards.
- iii) 42 representatives voted in favour of the change; 1 representative abstained.
- iv) The change of AoA was thus accepted, with the endorsement of positions as stipulated below:

NAME	SURNAME	POSITION ON EC	TERM RULE	TERM START (JAN)	TERM END (JAN)	RENEWABLE	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
IVAN	Bambir	Young EAP Chair	4-year term, renewable once	2019	2024	NO	Croatia
ŁUKASZ ANDRZEJ	Dembiński	EBP Treasurer	4-year term, renewable once	2023	2027	Yes	Poland
ARUNAS	Valiulis	EAP Treasurer	4-year term, renewable once	2016	2024	No	Lithuania
KETIL	Størdal	Chair, Secondary-Tertiary Care Council	2-year term, renewable once	2023	2025	Yes	Norway
LIVIANA	Da Dalt	Chair, EBP	4-year term, renewable once	2022	2026		Italy
STEFANO	Del Torso	Executive Director	Evaluated by EC every 3 years, renewable	?	n/a	Yes	Italy
ADAMOS	Hadjipanayis	President	4-year term, renewable once	2021	2026	Yes	Cyprus
ZACHI	Grossman	Chair, Primary Care Council	2-year term, renewable once	2023	2025	No	Israel
ANN	De Guchtenaere	Secretary General	4-year term, renewable once	2023	2027	No	Belgium

## 7. Treasurer's report - Arunas Valiulis / Lukasz Dembinski

- i) The treasurer summarised the EAP's accounts in 2022 (detailed information available in the presentation):
  - EAP/UEMS-SP account in Bank International of Luxembourg
  - EAP Program Account
  - EAP Individual membership account
  - EAP Child Health Charity
  - EAP/UEMSSP / EBP Bank Paribas Fortis account in Brussels
  - PayPal, Stripe Accounts

## 8. Any important update from permanent Councils, yEAP and Strategic Advisory Groups

- i) Endorsement of the European Training Requirements for Metabolic Medicine prepared by SSIEM by the Secondary-Tertiary Care Council.
- ii) Endorsed by the General Assembly.

## 9. EAP social media

- i) The agreement with LOW Europe to manage EAP's social media came to an end.

ii) The accounts will be managed by volunteers with possible limited help from a professional contracted company. The activity will be overseen by Suleyman Yıldız, with support from Young EAP, the Secretary General and the EAP Secretariat.

**10. EAP Meetings / EAP MasterCourse and Congress**

i) please refer to the president's report.

**11. Any other business**



















i) There was no further business.

**12. Closing**

i) The General Assembly concluded at 18:50.

*(List of Attendees below)*

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First Name	Last Name	Primary Address - Country	Signature (Secondary-Tertiary Care Council) 16:30 – 17:30	Signature (EAP General Assembly) 17:30 – 18:30
Peter	Altorfai	Hungary		
Manuel	Baarslag	Netherlands		
Ivan	Bambir	Croatia		
Masa	Brumec	Slovenia		
Sian	Copley	United Kingdom		
Liviana	Da Dalt	Italy		
Ann	De Guchtenaere	Belgium		
Stefano	del Torso	Italy		
Lukasz	Dembinski	Poland		
Hans Jürgen	Dornbusch	Austria		
Ruth	Farrugia	Malta		



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Karin	Gettmann	Germany		
Zachi	Grossman	Israel		
Adamos	Hadjipanayis	Cyprus		
Peter	Hoyer	Germany		
Károly	Illy	Netherlands		
Iren	Kantor	Budapest		
Nora	Karara	Germany		
Berthold	Koletzko	Germany		
Risto	Lapatto	Finland		
Veronika	Letychevska	Ukraine		
Ivan	Litvinenko	Bulgaria		



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José	Lopes dos Santos	Portugal	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	
Marina	Mamenko	Ukraine	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Artur	Mazur	Poland	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Pierre-André	Michaud	Switzerland	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Vladimir	Pilossoff	Bulgaria	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	
Chris	Pruunsild	Estonia	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Laura	Reali	Italy		
Mateja	Renko Koder	Slovenia	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Joana	Rios	Portugal		
Paula	Roosendahl	Netherlands	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>





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Francesca	Seregni	United Kingdom		
Liesbeth	Siderius	Nederland		
Ketil	Størdal	Norway		
Tomasz	Szczepański	Poland		
Natasa	Toplak	Slovenia		
Paul	Torpiano	Malta		
Arunas	Valiulis	Lithuania		
Miguel	Vieira Martins	Portugal		
Mateja	Vintar Spreitzer	Slovenia		
Martin J	White	Ireland		
Corinne	Wyder	Schweiz		