



## **European Academy of Paediatrics – U.E.M.S. / Section of Paediatrics**

### **Minutes of Tertiary Care Working Group (TCWG) Porto 25th April 2009**

#### **Members Present:**

1. Christine Aebi-Ochsner, Switzerland
2. Ines Azevedo, Portugal
3. Haim Bibi, Israel
4. Claude Billeaud, AEPE
5. Mats Blennow, ESN
6. David Branski, EPA/ESPGHAN
7. Willem PF De Fetter, The Netherlands
8. Antonio Del Vecchio, ESPHI
9. Ulle Einberg, Estonia
10. Patricia Hamilton, UK
11. Arne Host, Denmark
12. Peter Hoyer, Germany, ESPN
13. Jarmo Jaaskelainen, Finland
14. Colin Kennedy, EPNS
15. Jose Lopes dos Santos, EAACI
16. Neil Marlow, ESPR
17. Mary McGraw, UK
18. Jean-Christophe Mercier, France
19. Francis Mimouni, Israel
20. Eleanor Molloy, Ireland
21. David Neubauer, Slovenia
22. Arnold Oranje, ESPD
23. Lars Palm, EPNS
24. Jose Ramet, Belgium
25. Robert Ross Russell, ERS
26. Traudel Saurenmann, PRES
27. Francesco Silenzi, PWG
28. Constantinos Stefanidis, Greece (Chair)
29. Tom Stiris, Norway
30. Thomas Szczepanski, Poland
31. Maximilian Zach, Austria
32. Mikhail Zeygarnik, Russian Federation

#### **1. Welcome**

All members welcomed the by Chair Constantinos Stefanidis and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

#### **2. EAP membership recruitment**

There is a special offer for EU subspecialty societies and national societies of € 65 per annum. This would include access to the journal Archives of Disease in Childhood and subsidised subscription to EAP Congresses. Members were encouraged to disseminate this offer to their societies.

### **3. Report of the TCWG chair, evaluation of the EACCME e-learning material:**

EAP will give accreditation for hours for EACCME e-learning. TCWG members will be asked to participate at the evaluation by visiting the web page and agree that this educational activity is useful and merits points. All members approved of this process.

### **4. Project Tertiary care in EU**

The Chair introduced the concept of establishing the demography of paediatric training in countries in Europe. The plan is to use an internet questionnaire from each individual national representative. Peter Hoyer described the lack of harmonisation and standardisation of training in paediatric nephrology subspecialty when patient load and number of specialists were assessed. There was an 80% response rate. A working group was established to progress this aim.

### **5. How to create a syllabus built on modules:**

Prof Traudel Sauermann (PRES) presented a description of modular syllabus which is available on the EAP webpage. Constantinos Stefanidis suggested a short paper would be prepared on this topic.

### **6. Training advisory board in Paediatric Neurology:**

The aim of the European Training Advisory Board in Paediatric neurology is to evaluate the national training systems. To date training systems have been evaluated in Netherlands, Estonia, Romania and Poland and financed by national societies.

### **7. Paediatric Syllabi Revision:**

#### **Paediatric neurology**

Lars Palm reported that the 2002 syllabus of Paediatric Neurology, which had been approved by the EAP has had an immense impact on paediatric neurology in participating European countries. The training programme has been revised to increase readability and clarity shortening the document whilst keeping the content and structure of training programme unchanged. Although the usual entry to paediatric neurology is following the paediatric common trunk, it is possible to train following 2 years of adult neurology with one year of paediatrics. Concerns were raised about the inclusion of adult training as an acceptable entry criteria to the programme and the precedent that this may set for other

specialties. It was noted that failure to support this syllabus revision would still allow entry to training from the adult route as this is included in the currently approved 2002 syllabus. The suggestion was that in the future entry should be only after completion of the common trunk but that there needed to be a time limited transition phase allowing both routes of entry. It was agreed that the syllabus revision should be supported subject to an addendum being added that in future entry should be only after completion of the common trunk but that a time limited transition phase allowing both routes of entry was acceptable. Having a specified time limit would signal to other specialties that this is not a route for the future.

**The European (ESPGHAN) training syllabus in paediatric gastroenterology hepatology and nutrition:** David Branski presented a revised syllabus. As members had not had the opportunity to read this before the meeting it was agreed to defer approval until the next meeting. Meanwhile delegates should discuss with in country specialists.

**The revised Paediatric Respiratory syllabus - HERMES Task Force**

This syllabus will be circulated and discussed at the December meeting.

**8. 3rd Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Specialties Societies.**

Dr. Stefanidis will be the chair of the Organizing Committee and Prof. Marlow the chair of Scientific Committee of the 3rd Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Specialties Societies. Individual societies will give input to Prof. Ramet who represents EAP on the scientific committee.

**9. Election of Chair TCWG**

Dr. Stefanidis was re-elected unanimously as TCWG chair. Concerns were raised that clarity was required on the definition of the electorate, that is those members eligible to vote, for the Chair of the TCWG. It was felt that the representatives of the subspecialist societies had been elected to represent their specialty and should be those to vote rather than all individual TCWG members being eligible.

*Minutes were taken by Dr Eleanor Molloy and Dr Mary McGraw*