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## **Minutes of the Tertiary Care Working Group (TCWG), Grado April 27th 2008**

### **Members Present:**

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| 1. Azevedo Ines (PT)                 | 13. Palm Lars (SE)                     |
| 2. Chybicka Alicya (PL)              | 14. Riedl Stefan (AT)                  |
| 3. Çullu Fgen (TU)                   | 15. Saurenmann Traudel (CH)            |
| 4. Gnehm Hanspeter (CH)              | 16. Sharland Mike (UK)                 |
| 5. Hamilton Patricia (UK)            | 17. Skovby Flemming (DK)               |
| 6. Hoyer Peter (DE)                  | 18. Stefanidis Constantinos (GR) Chair |
| 7. Jääskeläinen Jarmo (FI)           | 19. Stiris Tom (NO)                    |
| 8. Lopes dos Santos Jose Manuel (PT) | 20. Valiulis Arunas (LT)               |
| 9. McGraw Mary (UK)                  | 21. Vidmar Ivan (SI)                   |
| 10. Mercier Jean-Christophe (FR)     | 22. Zach Maximilian (AT)               |
| 11. Meszner Zsofia (HU)              | 23. Zivkovic Zorica (Serbia)           |
| 12. Neubauer David (SI)              |  |

### **1. Welcome**

Members were welcomed by the Chair Constantinos Stefanidis.

### **2. Approval of the minutes**

The minutes of the TCWG minutes December 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 were approved. The Chair reminded members that the minutes and other documents are available via the EAP website and members should contact the secretary to obtain a password.

### **3. Report of the TCWG Chair**

The Chair gave a report of the EUROPET meeting in Istanbul and drew the attention of members to the Euro-Mastercourse the details of which had been presented at the European Board earlier. Although intended for primary and secondary paediatricians most of this work has been developed by tertiary care paediatricians. Members were requested to put their names forward if they wished to be involved in this project.

The development of a European Examination for each subspecialty was discussed. The possibility that in collaboration of the TCWG with the European Board of Paediatrics and the subspecialties in due course for the development of the European Examination should be considered. This examination should be according to the recommendations of the Council for European Specialist Medical Examinations (CESME).

The Chair also reported on the work of the European Council for CME and informed the members that 10-15 applications from EACCME (European Accreditation Centre for Continuing Medical Education) had been received since the last meeting. Thanks were given to all those members who had helped in the evaluation of these applications.

#### **4. European Academy of Paediatrics Statutes**

Professor Max Zax presented the history of the development of the statutes. As the EAP will be based in Belgium these statutes need to be approved by the Court of Commerce on Belgium and much work has been undertaken with the lawyers. All those joining EAP will be required to join one of the three Councils, those for Primary Care, Secondary care and Tertiary Care. Each Council will elect up to three members to attend the General Assembly. In addition there will be the national delegates who are the two elected members from each of the countries as currently exists. This will mean that the balance of power at the General Assembly will be with the national delegates. Each specialist society however can send a liaison officer to the General Assembly. It was highlighted that it was important that an agreement on the statutes should be reached at the General Assembly to be held later in the day otherwise the opportunity to develop a European Academy of Paediatrics would be significantly disadvantaged. It was also stressed that there is opportunity to amend the details through the development of bye-laws.

Considerable concern was expressed about the risk of losing the influence of the current TCWG and understanding where it would fit into this new structure. It was strongly felt that as a group of elected representatives from the specialist societies that this group should be the voice of tertiary paediatricians. It was agreed that this principle would need to be incorporated into the bye-laws of the tertiary care council.

A number of recommendations to changes in the statutes were made and these would be presented to the General Assembly.

1. A strong feeling was expressed to change "Council" to "Section" or "Group". Since a "Section" or "Group" has members who elect a chair and a council as directed in the bye-laws.
2. It was suggested by Dr Tom Stiris to include to article 13: "The EAP will hold meetings or congresses in collaboration with other European paediatric societies".
3. It was asked to include to article 6.2: "Each European Paediatric Society "should" delegate a liaison officer to the General Assembly".
4. Finally was suggested to add to article 8.1: "Each council should include representatives from relevant specialised societies"

It was also expressed the wish to be include at the bye-laws:

1. A note on recognition of EU equivalent status of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) under current UEMS regulations.
2. To clarify the status of "EU countries in waiting".
3. To clarify that the annual meeting in Brussels should consist of representatives of 1ry, 2ry and 3ry groups as now.

If the Statutes are agreed the Chair made a commitment to coordinate the development of bye laws for the Tertiary Working Group that would address the concerns expressed at the meeting.

#### **5. Collaboration with the project on European antibiotic consumption (EPAC)**

This project was started by ESPID but is relevant for all groups. Dr Mike Sharland pointed out that there is a tenfold difference in the use of antibiotics in different countries and that there is an increasing problem of resistance. EARS and ESAC are looking at the issues of antibiotic resistance and consumption respectively but only in adults. There is a wish to use this structure to collect data on children and Dr Sharland asked that each country identify a key person who would lead on this project. He agreed to report back on developments at the December meeting.

#### **6. Draft on Paediatric competences and the TCWG**

Dr Hamilton referred to the development of the EUROPET competences for general paediatricians. This work needs to be extended to tertiary care, to develop a framework of necessary but exhaustive competences for each subspecialty. This will aid harmonisation of training, the development of revisions of syllabi and the European Examination for each subspecialty. The Chair agreed to contact members by email inviting participation in this work.

#### **7. EAP Nice Congress**

Dr Tom Stiris highlighted that the EAP is an umbrella for all paediatric subspecialties to meet although only two to date have abandoned their own meetings in favour of meeting at the EAP. It is hoped that at the 2010 meeting in Copenhagen more will do so. It was also suggested that TCWG will be active in the development of the program of this Congress.

#### **8. Syllabus and Training Programme in Paediatric Rheumatology**

This was approved

#### **9. Application for visitation from two Paediatric Allergology Centers in Spain.**

Prof Jose Manuel Lopes dos Santos will be responsible for the visits the Department of Pediatric Allergology in Barcelona Spain Barcelona and Hospital Universitario Valencia, which will be undertaken.

#### **10. Any other business**

It was unanimously agreed that the time for the meeting was insufficient and that this should be extended at future meetings

Next meeting will be at the EAP in Brussels December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008

*Minutes were taken by Dr Mary McGraw.*