

**MINUTES ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WORKING GROUP EUROPEAN ACADEMY  
OF PAEDIATRICS SPRING MEETING BRATISLAVA , SLOVAKIA  
FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> MAY , HALL A, 12:15-13:30 h**

**Attendance & apologies**

Attended the meeting:

Ana Neves (Portugal)  
Casten R. Lincke (The Netherlands)  
Karin Geitmann (Germany)  
Lia Syridou (Greece)  
Luc Zimmerman (The Netherlands)  
Manuel Katz (Israel)  
Maria Solomou (Cyprus)  
Peter Hoyer (Germany)  
Edita Siaulianskiene (Lithuania)  
Bjorn Wettergren (Sweden)  
Adamos Hadjipanayis (Cyprus)  
Ayse Guler Eroglu (Turkey)  
Diego Van Ezzo (Spain)  
Francis Rubel (France)  
Gabriela Kubatova (Czech Republic)  
Karoly Illy (The Netherlands)  
Kvetoslava Prcuchova (Slovakia)  
Maximilian Zach (Austria)  
Sigita Burokiene (Lithuania)  
Tom Stiris (Norway)  
Stefano del Torso (Italy)  
Angel Carrasco (Spain) Chairman of the WG

**Approval of the minutes Winter Meeting Brussels**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Survey “Child Health Inequalities among Migrant Children in the European Region”**

The WG Chairman Angel Carrasco presents the draft of the Migrant Survey. The aim is to know the opinion of the primary care European paediatricians about the situation of access to care for migrant children.

**-Methods**

The documents used as sources are reviewed: from WHO Europe, European Council, ISSOP, Commonwealth Fund, European Migration Network, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, International NGOs and migration study think-tanks.

A medical literature Search was made with 19 results selected from PubMed and 9 results from Embase. No single paper was found reflecting the opinion of European paediatricians on access to care for migrant children.

A Canadian study is commented on health workers' perception of access to care for children and pregnant women with precarious immigration status.

With the help of Stefano del Torso a recent AAP paediatricians survey on immigrant children in USA and a poster presented with its results was received and reviewed. Various aspects of the AAP survey are discussed.

A study on migrant families in Social Paediatric Centres in Germany is reviewed.

#### **-Deliberation**

The definition of migrant is discussed. There is no single definition of migrant. An operational simple broad feasible definition is agreed.

The questions of the draft are debated and analysed, as well as the background document.

A question regarding knowledge of local language is proposed.

The draft and background document are the results of a collaborative effort of the three societies that cooperate with the AdvWG (EAP, ISSOP and ECPCP). The input from different members of those three societies is acknowledged.

EAPRASnet will launch the survey, a schedule is proposed.

A supplementary survey of two questions will be sent to EAPRASnet national coordinators.

A core group (Adamos Hadjipanayis, Karoly Illy, Bjorn Wettergren and Karin Geitmann) volunteer to do the final review, previous to sending the draft to EAPRAS for their comments.

**Report from ECPCP:** meeting in Rome with a roundtable with the Italian PCP societies on Child poverty in Europe.

**Future Work:** AdvWG will focus on the Migrant survey that will be launched through EAPRAS.net after the summer.

The Chairman makes a proposal for a future project on Child Poverty.

AdvWG Chairman acknowledges and thanks EAPRASnet Steering Committee members, AdvWG members and EAP EC for their support for the Migrant Survey project.

Presentation available at dropbox file :

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1wxnms2db3tq8s2/AdvWGPresBratis2015.pptx?dl=0>

Angel Carrasco

Chairman Advocacy for Children WG