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## Rare Diseases / Ethics EAP Spring Meeting | 18 May, 2018 | Sofia, Bulgaria

**Chair: Liesbeth Siderius**

Rare Diseases in Lower and Middle Economies

Round Table

"Combating Inequalities of Child Health: Specific Problems and Solutions in Lower Economies of European Countries, towards a Global Strategy".

### **Introduction Rare Diseases in Bulgaria**

Professor Rumen Stefanov, MD, PhD  
Professor of Social medicine and Public Health,  
Medical University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria  
Director, Institute for Rare Diseases, Bulgaria

### **Screening Program to Detect Rare Diseases in Bulgaria**

Professor Iva Stoeva

### **Gaps in the Education and Teaching of Rare Diseases**

Professor Violeta Iotova

### **Diagnostics and Therapies in Macedonia**

Velibor Tasic, Macedonia, RD WG co-founder

Comments from:

Professor S P Lamabadusuriya, Rare Forum  
Colombo, SriLanka: Pediatric Rare Diseases in SriLanka (5 min)

Tbc EAP Junior group

References:

December 2017,

*World Bank and WHO report reveals that " currently, 800 million people spend at least 10 percent of their household budgets on health expenses for themselves, a sick child or other family member. For almost 100 million people these expenses are high enough to push them into extreme poverty".*

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2017/12/13/world-bank-who-half-world-lacks-access-to-essential-health-services-100-million-still-pushed-into-extreme-poverty-because-of-health-expenses>

March 2018

Unicef report : Progress for every child in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) era

[https://data.unicef.org/resources/progress-for-every-child-2018/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=publications-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=SDGs](https://data.unicef.org/resources/progress-for-every-child-2018/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=publications-newsletter&utm_campaign=SDGs)

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Internationally comparable data and global targets

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<http://eapaediatrics.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Programme-Spring-Meeting-2018.pdf>