



EAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

WINTER MEETING 2021

VIRTUAL DEC 4, 2021

11.45 - 13.00 CET

List of attendees that signed the register attached

1. Welcome by the President and call to order

- a) New National Delegates were officially welcomed to the EAP family :
 - Juanjo Diaz and Luis Sanchez (Spain)
 - Camilla Kingdom (UK)
 - Mehmet Vural and Koray Boduroglu (Turkey)
 - Natasa Tolpak (Slovenia)
 - Tom Stiris is stepping down as National Delegate of Norway and sent his best wishes to all members and to his successor.
- b) The president expressed his satisfaction with the momentum of EAP activities despite the challenging circumstance and lack of in-person meetings during the pandemic and thanked the participants for their virtual presence and ongoing participation.

2. Remarks/Approval of the final agenda

- a) The agenda was approved unanimously, no remarks recorded.

3. Remarks/Approval of the [GA Minutes Spring Meeting 2021](#)

- a) The minutes were approved unanimously, no remarks recorded.

4. President's report - Adamos Hadjipanayis ([Presentation can be viewed here.](#))

- a) Collaboration between ECPCP and EAP
 - i. ECPCP and EAP hosted a joint virtual meeting on 12 January 2021.
 - ii. Participants from EAP included Adamos Hadjipanayis, Stefano del Torso, Zachi Grossman, and Artur Mazur.
 - iii. Participants from ECPCP included Shimon Barak, Gottfried Huss, Angel Carrascosanz and Laura Reali.
 - iv. The next steps would be to jointly publish two statements related to COVID-19, jointly conduct one for the next EAPRASnet studies, for the EBP To collaborate with EAP and ECPCP to establish the Primary Care Curriculum and joint Exam Committee
 - v. To Collaborate in future initiatives and strengthen initiatives in Primary Care.
 - vi. Two joint statements published in Frontiers in Pediatrics (11 May 2021 and 23 August 2021, respectively) were elaborated:
 - vii. EAP and ECPCP statement Risks for children's health during the COVID-19 pandemic and a call for maintenance of essential pediatric services. *Front. Pediatr.* ([retrievable online here](#))

- viii. Children and Adolescents—A Joint Statement of the European Academy of Paediatrics and the European Confederation for Primary Care Paediatricians. ([retrievable online here](#))
- b) EAP Statements
- i) Several EAP Statements were published in 2021 and which be viewed on [EAP's website](#)
 - ii) There is plenty of room to publish more statements, but given the challenging years of 2020 and 2021, the published statements are considered a great achievement.
- c) EAP Publications in Medical Journals:
There were five EAP publications in medical journals (refer to the presentation for details) which are listed below:
- i. SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination in Children and Adolescents—A Joint Statement of the European Academy of Paediatrics and the European Confederation for Primary Care Paediatricians.
 - ii. EAP and ECPCP statement Risks for children's health during the COVID-19 pandemic and a call for maintenance of essential pediatric services.
 - iii. E-Cigarettes as a Growing Threat for Children and Adolescents Position Statement from The European Academy of Paediatrics.
 - iv. Covid-19 era effect on pandemic and post-pandemic pediatric telemedicine use: a survey of the European Academy of Paediatrics Research in Ambulatory Settings Network.
 - v. Increasing the focus on Children's Complex and Integrated Care Needs: a position paper of the European Academy of Pediatrics.
- d) EAP's official Journal
- i. "Frontiers in Paediatrics" is EAP's official, open access journal (the Impact factor increased from: 2.349 to 3.418)
 - ii. There are 3 Associate Editors in Frontiers in Pediatrics on behalf of EAP:
 - Zachy Grossman - General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care
 - Adamos Hadjipanayis - General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care
 - Oana Marginean - Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
- e) EAP-UNICEF : Building Vaccine Confidence
- i. There is currently a declaration of intent between EAP in UNICEF (signed on 21 April 2021) to cooperate on a non-exclusive basis in favour of mutual concern to enhance the effectiveness of their development efforts.
 - ii. UNICEF ECARO aims to:
 - Develop campaigns concept and messages, which will be consulted with EAP.
 - Develop a set of visual assets for each campaign, using testimonies (and images) of health workers and caregivers supporting vaccination.
 - Implement the campaign using its regional social media platforms, and through rollout in countries in the region.
 - Monitor and measure campaigns results on UNICEF platforms, based on social media analytics.
 - iii. EAP aims to :

- Suggest, review, and provide inputs to social media campaigns concepts, key messages, and approaches.
 - Collect and share testimonies from health workers and caregivers to support development of visual assets.
 - Roll out the campaign through its social media platforms and networks.
 - Monitor and measure campaigns results on EAP platforms, based on social media analytics
- f) Potential collaboration with European Scientific Working group on Influenza(ESWI)
- i. Possibility for joint initiatives focusing on paediatrics and work force issues (training of primary care GP's)
 - ii. Possibility to collaborate in a webinar (potentially on Children and Vaccination, Triple respiratory diseases Covid 19, RSV, Influenza)
 - iii. Other issues: pandemic preparedness in peacetime
 - iv. Open for collaboration on messaging (exchanging social handles and hashtags)
- g) Potential collaboration with Duracell
- i. Background:
 - Research shows that the number of Lithium Coin cell ingestion accidents in households across the globe was 10,000 cases in 2020. More than 50% of all cases occur in Europe.
 - Almost 90% of Lithium Coin Cell ingestions occur due to lose or in-device batteries.
 - If not detected early enough, internal bleeding might occur, potentially leading to a fatal outcome.
 - ii. Objective:
 - Significantly minimise the risk of Lithium Coin Cell ingestion across Europe by driving awareness of the topic with parents and paediatricians and educate them on how to best prevent and detect
- h) Future goals of EAP
- i. Engage more people in the activities of EAP, not necessarily among our delegates
 - ii. More productive working groups (incentives)
 - iii. Support yEAP , involved in all activities and projects
 - iv. Support national societies
 - v. Enlarge our membership
 - vi. Closer collaboration with the sub-specialty societies in Europe
 - vii. Increase visibility of EAP at EU level and Internationally
- i) Word of thanks
- The President expressed gratitude to Paragon (Secretariat Services), Low Europe (PR Service), The entire EC, EAP leaders of Strategic Advisory Groups, National delegates, EAP individual members

5. IPA President addressing the GA - Enver Hasanoglu

- i. EAP's president introduced the IPA and mentioned the close collaboration between IPA and EAP.

- ii. The president of IPA could not make it to the meeting. The president addressed the audience with a pre-recorded message a recording.
- iii. The president thanked the EAP for the invitation to join the EAP General Assembly and expressed his regret that the meeting could not take in person due to the pandemic.
- iv. He highlighted the following points on the common goal of the EAP and IPA to improve the health of children:
- v. Children are considered especially affected during the pandemic and vaccination of children is only rolling out slowly (with many children not having access to this basic human right)
- vi. Although the virus is less severe in children, there is a hidden danger of depression/anxiety in children during the pandemic is imminent. The president is against the closing of schools.
- vii. Nutrition, education, and other international issues are amplified by the pandemic.
- viii. He encouraged the continuation of webinars and online conferences to spread the word about the effects of the pandemic in children.
- ix. He expressed his thanks to the EAP for the collaboration with IPA and extended a special thanks to Adamos Hadjipanayis for the invitation.

6. Secretary General/ Executive Director's report - Ann de Guchtenaere

6.1 Executive Director's report:

- a) The Executive Director stressed the main responsibility of the Executive Director: to facilitate teamwork between the parties involved with the EAP, including the Secretariat, LOW, the Executive Committee, the different Strategic Advisory Group chairs), collaborations with other societies and groups, etc.
- b) LOW Europe (strategic and Advocacy Consultancy) is involved in the following activities:
 - i. There is a monthly meeting between EAP and LOW.
 - ii. LOW and EAP vaccination campaign ([all present on the website of EAP](#)).
 - iii. Stella Kyriakidou (EU Commission) is involved in this campaign and strongly supports the EAP
 - iv. Contacts European livers' Patients Association – the EAP is now almost ready to sign an MoU.
 - v. UNICEF project with the on child routine immunization.
 - vi. Breastfeeding Meeting with MEP 2022 (in collaboration with Berthold Koletzko)
 - vii. EAP Twitter/ Website/ [E-Newsletter](#)
 - viii. Covid-19 Resource Centre Update: The Executive Director requested all members to send any relevant information to the EAP Secretariat
 - ix. Webinars 2022 will be resumed if possible.

The EAP is involved in several projects (including [EU Projects](#)):

- c) ImmuHubs
 - i. EAP is leading WP 2 and involved in WP4
 - ii. Barbara Rath is the coordinator from in this 3-year project.
 - iii. There have been several contributors to this work package, including Hans Jurgen Dornbusch, Yiannis Thrimitiotis (Project Manager), Lukasz Yiannis, Vana Papaevangelou and several Young EAP members
 - iv. By WP4 - a symptom survey will be distributed.
 - v. The ImmuHubs EAP related :Cyprus, Portugal, Poland + Greece, Finland and Serbia

- d) EU River / Horizon 2022 Project
EAP is involved in WP 6 (coordinated by Barbara Rath) regarding the SEKI project www.seki.eu
- e) Coalition for Vaccination
 - i. EAP is on the advisory Board
 - ii. 2 meetings were conducted during the year
 - iii. The EAP vaccination campaign was mentioned during these meetings as a model to be followed.
 - iv. Katie Owens (EU Information and Communication Officer) delivered a presentation as a part of the
 - v. EU4Health Work Programme in 2022 is a very important project to follow, it already includes teacher training modules, cartoons for young people and other media and social media initiatives.
 - vi. A survey was conducted among professionals (find more information on the EAP's website)
 - vii. A statement was produced on influenza vaccination in 2021 (more on EAP's website)
- f) Joint Action for Vaccination
 - i. EAP is a stakeholder

The Executive Director thanked the entire Team of EAP, including members, national delegates and EAP members for the contribution.

Martin White mentioned the importance of adding a disclaimer when national policies are added to the EAP's website in a language other than English. It may be interpreted that the statement/information is endorsed by EAP, which may not be the case.

6.2 Secretary General's report ([presentation can be viewed here](#))

- a) The SG went through some of the SG's responsibilities which include administration (minutes of meeting), management of EC meetings, filtering through the thousands of emails received, maintaining the archives at the EAP.
- b) She expressed her gratitude to the EAP Secretariat.
- c) One of the important tasks of the Secretary General is maintaining connections via, email, social media, and meetings between paediatricians, EAP Stakeholders (including the National Delegates and regional societies) patient organizations and parents' organizations or other bodies to work towards the improvement of health in children.
- d) The National Delegates were encouraged to use all channels of EAP to represent the paediatricians and the children in Europe, especially during this difficult time where in-person meetings are limited.
- e) The goal to make the EAP carbon neutral was at least achieved

7. Treasurer's report – Arunas Valiulis ([Presentation can be viewed here.](#))

- a) The Treasurer went through the accounts of the EAP:
 - i. EAP/UEMS-SP UEMS account in Bank Paribas Fortis in Brussels
 - ii. EAP/UEMS-SP EAP account in Bank International of Luxembourg:
 - iii. EAP Programme / Conferences subaccount

- iv. EAP Individual membership subaccount
- v. EAP/UEMS-SP PayPal account open in 2020
- b) He expressed thanks to Karoly for the contribution to the management of EAP's/EBP's accounts.
- c) Financial reports of EAP are public and can be viewed on EAP's website (including the report to EMHA). The treasurer encouraged any member to contact him for more information.
- d) The EAP is in good financial health with sources of income including educational activities, congresses, grants from industry, individual membership fees, or exams and training resources and EACCME).
- e) UEMS activities account has grown – there is still some outstanding income.
- f) He reiterated the importance of safety and sustainability.
- g) In 2015, 80% of income came from congresses, vs. in 2020 where income sources are more diversified and balanced.
- h) He briefly mentioned the EBP Exam, which was an initial investment, with a profit yield in 2021. The projected is regarded as very successful. Refer to the EBP Meeting Minutes for more information. The Treasurer commended the exam chair for this venture.
- i) The over 40 paying countries, a special thanks were extended to the countries who pay in time.
- j) He recommended a "sister society programme" for societies having trouble to pay.
- k) Lastly the grants, the EAP Internal Educational Grant (IEG) and the EAP individual Internship Grant (IIG) were presented.
- l) Negative interest was briefly discussed, but this issue will be brought up during an EC meeting and brought to the General Assembly afterwards.

8. Permanent Councils, Working Groups and Projects (if GA approval is needed) .
No items were discussed.

9. Any other important report from the working groups (if GA approval is needed)
No items were discussed.

10. Young EAP report (if GA approval is needed)
No items were discussed.

11. Upcoming EAP Meetings

This point was covered during the President's presentation

- a) Spring meeting 2022- Malta
 - i. The spring meeting is scheduled to take place in Malta from 13-14 May 2022.
 - ii. The plan is to have an in-person meeting if restrictions permit.
 - iii. Registrations will open in February/March 2022.
- b) EAPS 2022
 - i. The 9th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS) is scheduled to take place from 7-11 October in Barcelona, Spain.
 - ii. The scientific committee has 3 representatives from the EAP:
 - Tom Stiris (Past President)
 - Zach Grossman (Chair of the Primary Care Council)
 - Ann De Guchtenaere (Secretary General)
- c) EAP Mastercourse and Congress 2023

- i. The next Mastercourse will be arranged in 2023, in collaboration with the Italian Paediatric Society (Padova – Italy)
- ii. The EAP Congress Scientific Committee consists of the following members: Adamos Hadjipanayis (chair); Eugenio Baraldi (Co-chair); Annamaria Staiano; Luigi Greco; Berthold Koletzko; Lukasz Dembinski; Sian Copley
- iii. The EAP Mastercourse Scientific Committee consists of the following members: Liviana Dalt (chair); Elena Bozzola; Elvira Verduci; Ketil Stordal; Arunas Valiulis; Ivan Bambir
- iv. The topic for the Mastercourse : "The Acute Ill Child".

d) Any other business

There was no further business.

List of Attendees that signed the online attendance register:

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