



WINTER MEETING 2022
HILTON GRAND PLACE BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
DEC 3, 2022, 11:15- 13:45 CET

General Assembly
MINUTES

List of attendees attached

1. **Welcome** by the President, Adamos Hadjipanayis
 - i) The general assembly opened at 11:19.
2. **Remarks/Approval of the final agenda**
 - i) The agenda was approved without remarks.
3. **Remarks/Approval of the [GA Minutes Spring Meeting 2022](#)**, Valletta, Malta, 14 May 2022
 - i) The minutes were approved without remarks.
4. **Video message by Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides**
 - i) European Commissioner for Health, Stella Kyriakides, addressed the EAP Winter Meeting participants with a [pre-recorded video message](#), emphasising the role of EAP in facing the impact of the pandemic and ensuring that it does not leave permanent scars on children and young people.
5. **President's report** - Adamos Hadjipanayis (presentation [available here](#))
 - 5.1. **Collaboration with Duracell**
 - i) The president outlined the collaboration between EAP and Duracell regarding the risk of Lithium Coin Cell ingestion across Europe and driving awareness of the topic with parents and paediatricians.
 - ii) There is an absolute need to work together to prevent accidents, since more than 50% of all cases of lithium coin cell ingestion accidents occur in Europe.
 - iii) Three Duracell representatives were welcomed to the GA: Javier Hernandez (President of Duracell Europe & Africa), Michael Dickstein and Norma Ortega.
 - 5.2. **Collaboration with GSK**
 - i) The goal of EAP's collaboration with GSK is to Enhance awareness and confidence around paediatric vaccination.
 - ii) This can be achieved by means of disease awareness campaigns, sponsorships and grants, joint projects, and training.
 - iii) Training opportunities include symposia & sessions of behavioural training on the communication skills between healthcare professionals and parents and other medical educational activities as standalone events or in collaboration with Medical Societies.
 - 5.3. **Ongoing Collaboration with ECPCP**
 - i) EAP has an ongoing collaboration with ECPCP to publish joint statements. The latest EAP-ECPCP joint statements can be consulted on the [EAP website](#).

- ii) The latest accepted joint statement (24/10/2022) details [Repercussions of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Child and Adolescent Mental Health](#).
- iii) Another two publications are planned for 2023.

5.4. Ongoing Collaboration with IPA

- i) IPA EC unanimously decided to officially give one of the two seats of Europe to the European Academy of Paediatrics.
- ii) Adamos Hadjipanayis (EAP President) was a candidate for the post of Coordinator of development at the time of the General Assembly. The position was confirmed and announced by IPA on 19 December 2022)

5.5. Collaboration with JPS

- i) EAP and the Japanese Pediatric Society (JPS) leadership expressed wishes to expand the collaboration with Paediatricians beyond the borders of Europe and a meeting was conducted earlier in 2022.
- ii) Joint sessions at upcoming EAP & JPS meetings, research projects and position papers will be explored.
- iii) JPS embraced an initiative by the EAP Strategic Advisory Group Choosing Wisely and EAPRASnet Steering Committee by distributing a survey on over-diagnostics and over-treatment in Paediatrics. An independently distributed survey on the EAPRASnet website in Japanese received over 500 responses out of the total 3353 replies.

5.6. Collaboration with SNE

- i) The President of the European Academy of Paediatrics was invited to a [Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe \(PNAE\)](#) meeting that took place on 13 October 2022 in Athens.
- ii) The goal of the collaboration is to extend the mission of the EAP beyond Paediatricians to professional organisations and nurses working with children and young people in Europe.

5.7. External meetings

- i) On 6 September, Dr Peter Liese, Member of the European Parliament, and the EAP co-organised a stakeholder workshop in the European Parliament in Brussels addressing the hot topic "Breastfeeding promotion and a public-private partnership for infant nutrition – are they compatible?"
- ii) Berthold Koletzko (EAP Tertiary Care Council Chair, outgoing) represented the EAP at this meeting.
- iii) There is pressure on Paediatric Associations not to interact with commercial providers of nutritional products for infants and young children to support educational and research activities.
- iv) Conclusions at the meeting included:
 - Interactions between paediatricians, other health care professionals, and their associations, and commercial providers of products and services for healthcare including the infant nutrition industry, bear the risk of conflicts of interest and must follow agreed professional and societal standards and be fully transparent.
 - Medical education should be provided by trusted independent bodies such as learned medical societies, professional associations, and public bodies and be strictly separated from commercial interests in products or services for healthcare.

5.8. Published manuscripts on behalf of EAP

- i) Published statements can be consulted on the [EAP website](#)
- ii) [Frontiers in Pediatrics](#) (Impact factor 3.418) is the official EAP Journal.
- iii) Associate editors of the journal on behalf of EAP include:
 - Zachi Grossman - General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care
 - Adamos Hadjipanayis - General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Care

- Oana Marginean - Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
- iv) [WHO Pocket book on Primary Care](#) was an important achievement for EAP and the contribution of the EAP and the names of contributors are acknowledged in this booklet.

5.9. Collaboration with EMA

- i) Dr Mark Turner, Professor of Neonatology at the University of Liverpool, will represent EAP in a new EMA initiative, c4c (conect4children). This is a large collaborative European network that aims to facilitate the development of new drugs and other therapies for the entire paediatric population.
- ii) Adamos Hadjipanayis will represent EAP in EMA/eligible healthcare professional organisations policy officers' group (HCP POG).

5.10. Spring meeting 2023- Padova

- i) The EAP Spring Meeting is planned to take place in conjunction with the Congress and Mastercourse, 17-21 May 2023.
- ii) The president requested the Opinion of Delegates: Would it be more appropriate to start the Spring Meeting one day earlier (Wednesday, 17 May 2023) or host the meeting in parallel with the congress & Mastercourse (starting on Thursday, 18 May 2023, noon).
- iii) Majority vote: is to have the Spring meeting programme in parallel with the congress and Mastercourse, not starting a day earlier.

5.11. Mastercourse and Congress 2023

- i) The [EAP Congress and Mastercourse, 17-21 May 2023](#) will have the following main topic: "Acute ill child"
- ii) The ambassador's programme will help National delegates promote the conference
- iii) The Scientific Committee of the Congress includes Adamos Hadjipanayis (Chair); Eugenio Baraldi (Co-chair); Anna Maria Staiano; Luigi Greco; Berthold Koletzko; Lukasz Dembinski; Sian Copley.
- iv) The Scientific Committee of the MasterCourse includes Liviana da Dalt (chair); Silvia Bressan; Elena Bozzola; Elvira Verduci; Ketil Stordal; Arunas Valiulis; Ivan Bambir.
- v) Registration and abstract submission are open, more information can be found on the congress website.

5.12. EAPS 2022, Barcelona

- i) A very successful EAPS event took place in Barcelona, Spain and online from 7-11 October 2022 with a total of 3192 participants (47% more than in 2020)
- ii) 77.5% of participants joined in person and 63% came from Western Europe, most participants were clinical practitioners working in a hospital setting.
- iii) EAPS 2022 was predominantly attended by young individuals under the age of 35 (25% of participants)
- iv) Participants from 108 countries joined and the Netherlands and United Kingdom had the greatest number of participants.
- v) Even though the meeting was successful in terms of participation, the success was not reflected in the income, as there was a decrease in sponsorships and exhibition (less than 50% then what was supported in the past).

5.13. EAPS 2024, Vienna

- i) The following EAPS Congress will be conducted by EAP & ESPR in Vienna in 2024. ESPNIC pulled out of the event.
- 2) EAPS 2024 will take place in Vienna
- 3) ESPNIC has pulled out of the initiative, EAP and ESPR will continue its collaboration
- 4) An invitation will be sent soon to engage those interested in the scientific committee, a very important and time-consuming task.

5.14. Future goals of EAP

- i) Engage more people in the activities of EAP, especially EU projects. Volunteers need not necessarily be EAP National Delegates.
- ii) Foster more productive working groups (incentives)
- iii) Support yEAP, who should be involved in all activities and projects of EAP.
- iv) Encourage volunteers in their transition from yEAP to EAP.
- v) Support National Societies
- vi) Foster a closer collaboration with the sub-specialty societies in Europe and Paediatric Nurses.
- vii) Increase visibility of EAP at EU level and internationally.

6. Collaboration between EAP and Duracell - Javier Hernandez (President of Duracell Europe & Africa)

- i) The president elaborated on the collaboration between EAP and Duracell regarding the risk of Lithium Coin Cell ingestion across Europe and driving awareness of the topic with parents and paediatricians.
- ii) Three reasons why battery the risk of Lithium Coin Cell ingestion is higher:
 - Small size (20mm is similar in size to the diameter of a child's oesophagus) and high
 - High Voltage: 3V Lithium Coin batteries react with moisture in oesophagus - burning in surrounding tissues.
 - Time sensitivity: If not detected, severe damage already within two hours.
- iii) Duracell has taken certain preventive measures including more secure packaging with clear warnings and development of a cell with a repulsive taste to discourage ingestion in recent years. In future they hope to arrive at a point where a cell is deactivated on contact with the saliva of a child.
- iv) The need to create awareness of the current dangers is prominent:
 - Awareness among parents is below 20%.
 - Only 34% of parents know what to do if a child ingests a battery.
 - 46% don't know that a fast reaction is critical to avoid fatal injuries.
- v) EAP and Duracell's joint mission has defined common objectives:
 - Driving awareness/education on prevention & detection, and how to act in case of ingestion
 - Enhance preventive action by sharing information on promising strategies
 - The above-mentioned statements are applicable to several audiences, including parents, paediatricians and other healthcare professionals dealing with children and other key stakeholders, including public decision makers.
- vi) The campaign will include videos, newsletters, conferences, and social media posts.
- vii) Delegates actively participated in discussions regarding the short- and long-term strategies to address this issue.

7. Secretary General's Report – Ann de Guchtenaere

- i) There was an overview of the main administrative tasks including, the conducting EC meetings (agenda and minutes), maintaining archives, negotiating contracts, etc.
- ii) One of the most important tasks is to update the statutes and by-laws (The backbone of the society) in collaboration with a Brussels based lawyer.
- iii) All changes in the Rules of Procedure (RoP) have to be endorsed by the General assembly, a revised version of the RoP document will be shared with delegates in advance of the Spring Meeting to vote. Any edits/changes will be clearly marked.
- iv) The SG suggested a Zoom meeting for all those who are interested in the Structure of EAP – explaining the most important abbreviations and procedures.
- v) New delegates / representatives of countries were introduced and welcomed:
 - **Robert Cassar** (Malta) Primary Paediatric Care, Treasurer and National Delegate for Malta.

- **Monica Oliva (Portugal)** – General Paediatrician working in the Portuguese
- **Juan Jose (Juanjo) Diaz** -Paediatric Gastroenterologist , president of the local society
- **Isabelle Kieffer (Luxembourg)** – Luxembourgish National Children’s, Oncology/General Paediatrics – established an oncology centre in Luxembourg
- **Jonathan Darling** (General Paediatrics and Professor, vice president of Education RCPHP)

vi) A sincere thank you was extended to Stefano del Torso (EAP Executive Director).

8. **Executive Director’s report** - Stefano del Torso (presentation [available here](#))

- Overview of the main activities including weekly contact with the Secretariat, Executive Committee and UEMS, interactions with LOW Europe.
- The ED oversees EAP’s activity in various EU projects where it is a stakeholder:
 - ImmuHubs (HaDea)
 - EU River Horizon (2020)
 - Coalition for Vaccination (Immunium)
 - Joint Action for Vaccination
 - Core MD
 - Kantar Public HaDEA (Service contract to identify obstacles to vaccination of physical, practical, and administrative nature to develop recommendations).
 - The EPHA Clean Air Project (EAP is represented by Laura Realì).
- All delegates were invited to contribute to the EAP’s future [e-newsletters](#), published quarterly.

9. **Treasurer’s report** – Arunas Valiulis

- The treasurer summarised the EAP’s accounts in 2022 (detailed information available in the presentation):
 - EAP/UEMS-SP account in Bank International of Luxembourg
 - EAP Program Account
 - EAP Individual membership account
 - EAP Child Health Charity
 - EAP/UEMSSP / EBP Bank Paribas Fortis account in Brussels
 - PayPal, Stripe Accounts
- Choosing Wisely was selected as the recipient of the financial grant provided to EAP Strategic Advisory groups for 2023.
- Arunas Valiulis thanked the EAP for his almost 10-year period as Treasurer.
- The Treasurer will be facilitating the new Treasurer’s entry during a transition period.

10. **Primary Care Council - Ratification of the elected chair (GA approval needed)**

- The term renewal (2 years, renewable once) of Zachi Grossman, current chair of Primary Council, was presented to the participants of the General Assembly.
- The renewal was unanimously ratified.
- No other items to ratify.

11. **Secondary-Tertiary Care Council - Ratification of the elected chair (GA approval needed)**

- Berthold Koletzko concluded his term as Secondary-Tertiary Care Council Chair and was thanked for his extraordinary dedication and service over the past 4 years.
- Ketil Stordal (Norway) was newly elected as Secondary-Tertiary Care Council Chair (2 years, renewable once).
- The election was unanimously ratified by the General Assembly.
- No other items to ratify.

12. **European Board of Paediatrics - Ratification of the elected Treasurer (GA approval needed)**

- Lukasz Dembinski (Poland) was newly elected as EBP Treasurer, during the EBP Session on

Saturday, 3 December 2022 preceding this General Assembly.

- ii) The election was unanimously ratified by the General Assembly.
- iii) No other items to ratify.

13. Elections: EAP Treasurer & EAP Secretary General

- i) The following elections took place:
 - **Position of EAP Secretary General:**
 - Current: Ann de Guchtenaere (re-electable)
 - Term of office: 4 years, renewable once
- ii) The motion by the President, Adamos Hadjipanayis, to vote by hand-raising was unanimously approved with no objection from the General Assembly.
- iii) Ann de Guchtenaere was unanimously re-elected by the General Assembly for another term.
- iv) Since the only candidate for the EAP Treasurer's position was elected as EBP Treasurer, elections for the position of EAP Treasurer were not conducted at this meeting.

14. Any other important report from the working groups (if GA approval is needed)

- i) No further item needed GA approval.

15. Young EAP report (if GA approval is needed)

- i) No yEAP item needed GA approval.

16. EAP Meetings / EAP MasterCourse and Congress

- i) Discussed during the President's report.

17. Any other business

- i) After the conclusion of the General Assembly, Marina Mamenko (EAP National Delegate, Ukraine) was invited to address the audience shortly regarding the war in Ukraine. (presentation can be viewed [here](#)).
- ii) No further business mentioned for discussion.










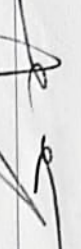






18. Closing

- i) The General Assembly concluded at 13:30.

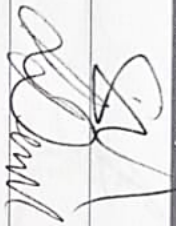




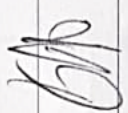
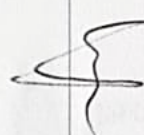

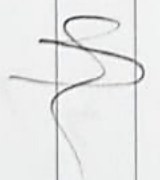
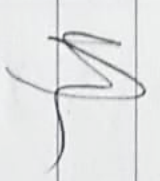
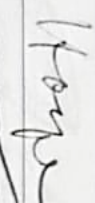

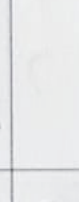





(List of Attendees below)

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Name	Last Name	Country	Signature (Tick Sessions attended)	Rare Diseases	EBP Session	General Assembly
Christine	Aebi-Ochsner	Switzerland				
Manuel	Baarslag	Netherlands				
Ivan	Bambir	Croatia				
Chrysoula	Banteka	Greece				
Joe	Brierley	United Kingdom				
Emanuela	Carta	Belgium				
Robert	Cassar	Malta				
Sian	Copley	United Kingdom				
Dana	Craiu	Romania				
Ellen	Crushell	Ireland				
Liviana	da Dalt	Italy				
Ann	De Guchtenaere	Belgium				

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Stefano	del Torso	Italy		✓	✓	✓
Łukasz	Dembiński	Poland		✓	✓	✓
Juan Jose	Diaz Martin	Spain				
Thea	Dimech	Malta				
Hans	Dornbusch	Austria		✓	✓	✓
Karin	Geitmann	Germany				
Lars	Gelander	Sweden				
Paulo	Guimarães	Portugal				
Adamos	Hadjipanayis	Cyprus				
Peter	Hoyer	Germany				
Karoly	Illy	Netherlands				
Ivan	Jakopčić	Croatia				

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Lina	Jankauskaite	Lithuania		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Darling	Jonathan	United Kingdom		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nora	Karara	Germany				
Wilhelm	Kaulfersch	Austria		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Isabelle	Kieffer	Luxembourg				
Katrin	Köbas	Estonia		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Berthold	Koletzko	Germany		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Risto	Lapatto	Finland		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Veronika	Letychevska	Ukraine				
Christine	Magendie	France		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marina	Mamenko	Ukraine		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Miguel	Martins	Portugal		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Luis	Sanchez Santos	Spain				
Francesca	Seregni	United Kingdom		✓	✓	✓
Liesbeth	Siderius	Netherlands		✓	✓	✓
Eleni	Skamantzoura	Greece				
Ketil	Størdal	Norge		✓	✓	✓
Tomasz	Szczeptański	Poland				
Natasa	Toplak	Slovenia		✓	✓	✓
Paul	Torpiano	Malta		✓	✓	✓
Mark	Turner	United Kingdom				
Arunas	Valiulis	Lithuania				
Mateja	Vintar Spreitzer	Slovenia		✓	✓	✓
Anna	Wollschläger	Austria				



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José	Matias	Portugal	<i>José Matias</i>	✓	✓	✓
Artur	Mazur	Poland				
Pierre-André	Michaud	Switzerland				
Nika	Morgan	Slovenia				
Aida	Mujić	Croatia				
Monica	Oliveira	Portugal				
Katarzyna	Parcinska	Poland	<i>Katarzyna Parcinska</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>
Chris	Pruunsild	Estonia	<i>Chris</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>
Laura	Reali	Italy	<i>Laura Reali</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>	✓
Mateja	Renko Koder	Slovenia	<i>Mateja Renko Koder</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>	✓
Joana	Rios	Portugal	<i>Joana Rios</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>on</i>
Francis	Rubel	France				

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