

Council Minutes

Minutes of the EPA/UNEPSA Council Meeting, June 15th, 2008,

Istanbul, Turkey

Present: Prof. Andreas Constantopoulos
Prof. David Branski
Prof. Alexander Baranov and Prof. Leyla Namazova
Prof. Daniele Sommelet
Prof. Mehmet Vural
Prof. Gerhard Gaedicke
Prof. Armido Rubino

Andreas Constantopoulos greeted the participants.

He introduced Christina Lassos, the representative of the Association Management company, who presented their plans about the future work. We have got her presentation.

Andreas Constantopoulos spoke about the new dates of Europaediatrics 2009. He visited Moscow and briefed the COUNCIL about his visit. On the previous date of the congress, the GASOIL will have a huge meeting and there will not be enough hotel rooms available for Europaediatrics 2009. Moreover the prices of hotels and the fee of the Congress venue will be extremely high. A week later we will get hotel rooms and the Congress venue for almost half the price. So that was the cause for the new dates of Europaediatrics 2009: 3-6 July 2009.

Gerhard Gaedicke mentioned that the database is very important, but it is difficult to get correct data. For example, there are two pediatric associations in Germany. The individual membership is also important. These individual members of the EPA may get reduced registration fees for the congresses.

Armido Rubino spoke about UNEPSA Group on Therapeutic Needs in Paediatrics (EMEA). He introduced the new chairman Martini from Genova. He gave a list of the members of this Group.

David Branski commented that National Societies should suggest subspecialists for this Working Group. On the next meeting the members of this Group will be confirmed.

Andreas Constantopoulos
President

David Branski
Secretary General