

## General Assembly Minutes

### Minutes of the EPA/UNEPSA General Assembly Meeting, June 15th, 2008, Istanbul, Turkey

Participants:	Prof. Georgina Kuli-Lito	Albania
	Prof. Zeljiko Roncevic	Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Prof. Evgheniy Ghenev	Bulgaria
	Prof. Josip Grguric	Croatia
	Represented by:	Cyprus
	Prof. Christos Cyprianides (Vice-President)	
	Prof. Solomos Solomou	
	Prof. Anne Ormisson	Estonia
	Prof. Daniele Sommelet	France
	Represented by:	Germany
	Prof. Gerhard Gaedicke	
	Prof. Andreas Constantopoulos	Greece/President
	Prof. Laszlo Szabo	Hungary
	Prof. Frances Mimouni	Israel
	Represented by:	Italy
	Prof. Armido Rubino	
	Prof. Alexander Baranov	Russia
	Prof. Leyla Namazova	
	Prof. Milosh Banicevic	Serbia
	Prof. Margareta Seher Zupancic	Slovenia
	Prof. Haluk Cokugras	Turkey
	Prof. David Branski	Secretary General
	Prof. Ehrich Jochen	President of Scientific Committee of Europaediatrics 2009
	Prof. Eva Olàh	Chair of Working Group
	Prof. Mehmet Vural	President of the OC of Europaediatrics 2008

Andreas Constantopoulos greeted the participants.

David Branski outlined the agenda. The GENERAL ASSEMBLY accepted the agenda

David Branski asked for the approval of the minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY that was held in Athens. The GENERAL ASSEMBLY accepted the minutes of the meeting in Athens.

Gerhard Gaedicke circulated a letter to the members of COUNCIL. This signed letter is important for the Court registry of EPA. The Court will accept it 3 months later, during autumn.

Andreas Constantopoulos briefed the GENERAL ASSEMBLY that David Branski and himself met in Brussels and agreed with EAP/CESP, that the EPA/UNEPSA organizes the European Paediatric Congresses in odd years, and the EAP/CESP in even years from the next year on.

The AAP as well as the WHO will support the Europaediatrics 2009.

David Branski mentioned that ESPGAN will also support and contribute to our work.

Andreas Constantopoulos said that we will invite other subspecialties to the Europaediatrics congresses.

Armido Rubino said that we have spoken about EAP/CESP in Athens. One congress in each year. IPA Standing Committee accepted that only one European Association represents the European Paediatricians in the IPA, and that is the EPA/UNEPSA. We do not object that EAP/CESP will be involved as an observer.

Andreas Constantopoulos confirmed that plus one place for EAP/CESP in IPA is possible, like an observer status.

Gerhard Gaedicke presented the Treasurer report. He gave the summary in writing. Many societies do not pay regularly.

Francis Mimouni asked what is the strategy with not paying members.

David Branski replied to press the national society to pay their dues, regularly. We hope that Mehmet Vural, after this congress, will contribute significantly to our Society.

Andreas Constantopoulos introduced Christina Lassos, who is the representative of the Association Management company. She presented their plans about the future work. It was already presented at the COUNCIL meeting. They are waiting for the suggestions for Europaediatrics in 2011 and 2013.

Ehrich Jochen congratulated for the plan. The presentation was clear. He took interest in those societies which did not send data about their societies. He mentioned that e-mail addresses are very important.

Francis Mimouni mentioned that our Medical Society forbid giving out these data.

The Association Management company said that the European regulation prohibits giving out these data for other companies, and they accept this regulation and work in this way.

Francis Mimouni said that it is the best way if they send their assent individually.

#### *Reports of Working Groups*

Eva Oláh gave her report about neonatal care. This was the summary of her presentation in this congress.

Mehmet Vural also presented their work at the congress.

David Branski suggested the continuation of these working groups.

Armido Rubino said that there is no limitation of these works, so it is possible to continue.

Gerhard Gaedicke introduced the Hematologic – Oncologic questionnaire.

Daniel Sommelet criticized the questionnaire as it is extremely detailed.

Ehrich Jochen stated that it is important to collect data and show to the politicians.

Eva Oláh introduced a Statement by EPA/UNEPSA. Each participant signed the copy.

Josip Grguric commented that the new definition which was suggested 2 years ago was shorter.

Armido Rubino said that the statement is not finished. We could modify.

Armido Rubino spoke about EPA/UNEPSA Group on Therapeutic Needs (EMEA) in Paediatrics which was presented at EC meeting. Unfortunately only a few presidents answered their letter. They will send a new one. The collaboration with EMEA is very important.

David Branski commented that this is similar to the American FDA.

Andreas Constantopoulos spoke about the results of his visit to Moscow. It was similar to what he presented at the EC meeting earlier.

Ehrich Jochen, as the President of Scientific Committee of Europaediatrics 2009, mentioned that a special profile is necessary at the next conference. The ratio of presenters would be equal between North and South, East and West. We need the youngsters. This would be the motto of the Europaediatrics 2009. Academic and clinical pediatrics, symptoms and diagnostic guidelines. This is very important. EPA/UNEPSA wants to survive.

Francis Mimouni said that he hopes that in the next meeting the registration procedure would be organized better.

Gerhardt Gaedicke agreed with Ehrich Jochen that the balance between West and East presenters is very important. He is a member of UNICEF. Social Pediatrics and preventive medicine would be an important topic in the next Europaediatrics. Organizing a UNICEF DAY in the next meeting would be very useful.

Armido Rubino said to make equilibrium and let's look at differences.

David Branski reminded that we need proposals for Europaediatrics 2011 and 2013. We will decide on these in October.

The next topic in the agenda was the election:

- Manuel Moya (Spain) was elected as Vice president with 16 votes.
- Fugen Cullen (Turkey) was elected as a member of EC with 13 votes.

Laszlo Szabo summarized.

**Andreas Constantopoulos**  
**President**

**David Branski**  
**Secretary General**