

Council Minutes

Minutes of the EPA/UNEPSA Council Meeting, November 2-3, 2008 Moscow, Russia

Present: Prof. Andreas Konstantopoulos (only on Sunday 2.11.2008)
Prof. David Branski
Prof. Alexander Baranov
Prof. Manuel Moya
Prof. László Szabó
Prof. Fügen Çullu Çokuğraş
Prof. Gerhard Gaedicke

Also present: Prof. Leyla Namazova
Prof. J. Ehrich, Chairman of the SC of 4th Europaediatrics
Ms. Anastasia Vatsika, C&C (not present at all times)
Ms. Christina Lassos, C&C (not present at all times)

Sunday 2 November 2008

A. KONSANTOPOULOS presents the current status .After it was unanimously decided to hold a closed session. Representatives of C&C are asked to leave.

G. GAEDICKE – The cause of the problems is regarding the contract with the PCO and that the council members have not seen it before signing.

A. KONSTANTOPOULOS – Everything was discussed In the last Council meeting.

G. GAEDICKE – We have not received it in detail. I suggest to prepare a new contract with C&C to be signed by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer. What are the relationships between C&C and the local organizing agency?

A. KONSTANTOPOULOS – C&C has received from the local agency proposals with high price for the accomodation in Moscow. They asked other agencies and they gave more acceptable prices.

D. BRANSKI – There should be no competition but colaboration between the C&C and local agency.

G. GAEDICKE – The cheapest is not necessarily the better.

A. KONSTANTOPOULOS – Alexander organizes the local tasks, but he enumerates different prices of hotels and the fee of Congress Hall.

J. EHRICH – Let’s speak about the contract, not the prices of accomodation. I believe that the contract should not have been signed without the decision of the Council.

A. KONSTANTOPOULOS – I had informed all Council members about terms of the contract.

A. BARANOV – We can organize a good congress in Moscow but it will not be a cheaper one. The success of the Europaediatrics 2009 is very important for us Russian Paediatricians, not only for EPA. Many politicians support the congress, may be they can help financially too. The Russian Paediatric Association supports the whole financial encumbrance. There are special administrative procedures in Russia. It is difficult to organize everything in Russia by foreign organizing companies. The most important, urgent task is to accept the sponsor package, the Platinum etc. Many colleagues announced that they want to participate in the Europaediatrics 2009 in Moscow, from East Europe, from Asia, etc. We have very good connections with the potential hotels for the congress. The directors of the Wyeth company visited Moscow and they wish to be Platinum sponsor.

A. KONSTANTOPOULOS – We have talked with different companies in London. They also would like to sponsor the congress, but they wanted to see the scientific programme. WHO also declared that we cannot use their logo.
The C&C complained that they could not communicate with the local organizers.

A. BARANOV – Thank you for the information. What is the role of the President of Europaediatrics 2009?

A. KONSTANTOPOULOS – There are many international companies who organize congresses very well and they have a good connection with the local organizers.

L. NAMAZOVA – How is the international organizing company supporting the congress?

G. GAEDICKE – We could not move the Europaediatrics 2009 from Moscow, because this was not the GA decision.

D. BRANSKI – We must look forward, our task is to organize the best congress in Moscow.

M. MOYA – We have only 7 months.

L. SZABO – The question is not where. The question is how to organize the Europaediatrics 2009 in Moscow. We should not speak anymore about the past, speak only about the future. The cooperation between C&C and the local organizers is indispensable. Professor Baranov and his group are the main responsible and leader of the Congress. Independently of the contract, C&C can only help them.

D. BRANSKI – I gave a detailed information about Europaediatrics 2009 to the representatives of the sponsors in Nice at the EAP conference.

F. ÇULLU – Two pediatric meetings in the same year is impossible. The Danone company did not sponsor Europaediatrics congress in Istanbul, because they sponsored EAP in Nice already.

(The representatives of C&C are called in).

C. LASSOS presents a report on C&C activities.

Regarding Cochrane journal some members wonder why the well known Cochrane Collaboration is interested in EPA/UNEPSA's contribution.

Regarding Europaediatrics 2009, she starts that they have experienced some communication problems with the local organizers. She also indicates the high price of accomodation that the local organizers have proposed.

There was a discussion and criticism regarding the mistakes that have been done in the past regarding the procedure of handling the change of the venue and the importance of the mutual relationship between the PCO and the local organizers. There was a unanimous agreement that we have to invest all our efforts in having excellent and fruitful congress in Moscow 2009.

J. EHRICH introduces the Scientific programme.

A. BARANOV presents the ethical agreement with the industry for sponsorship contract and requests from the Council summarize and sign the contract. He agrees that the local organizers will take care on the Russian and Asia, while the C&C will be the responsible for the other European participants. He stresses that it is crucial to give information regarding the sponsorship reciprocally.

Monday 3 November 2008

There is a proposition for the EPA/UNEPSA President to arrange the date and time of the Council meeting on Thursday evening (2 July) and the General Assembly meeting on Saturday 2 pm (4 July) with a special light lunch for Presidents of the National Societies.

J. EHRICH – Prof. Roshall wants to organize a round table regarding the pediatric health care system in different countries.

A. BARANOV - We organize another round table on paediatric undergraduate education at the University level.

Alexander and Leila present a draft of their request from the Council and from C&C.

C&C raises the issue of their reputation as well as EPA/UNEPSA's reputation.

The present Council members discuss and write as an „Agreement for Europaediatrics2009” collectively.

G. GAEDICKE demonstrates the summary of the budget of EPA/UNEPSA.

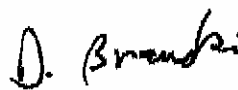
After printing and reading the agreement all 6 members present of the Council signed it. (Agreement attached as Appendix to the Minutes.)

Then this tense meeting was ended.

(Summarized by L. SZABO)



Andreas Konstantopoulos
President



David Branski
Secretary General

APPENDIX

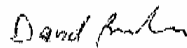
AGREEMENT on IV Europaediatrics 2009

1. Approve sponsorship package offer.
2. The President of EP 2009 and C&C should immediately start negotiations with non-medical and non-pharmaceutical potential partners.
3. Local organizing committee is authorized to negotiate with all medical and pharmaceutical companies working in the Russian market. C&C is authorized to negotiate with all medical and pharmaceutical companies not working in the Russian market. LOC negotiates with Wyeth and GSK; C&C negotiates with Apprika, MeadJohnson, P&G, SanofiPasteur.
4. Local organizing committee and C&C should immediately inform EPA-UNEPSA President, President of scientific committee and President of EP 2009 on the progress and results of the negotiations with sponsors.
5. C&C should focus on attracting delegates and collecting registration fees in European countries, while LOC should do the same in Former Soviet Union countries and Asia.
6. LOC will conclude Agreement with the Russian congress organizing company Akademservice.
7. There will be 2 separate sub-budgets and 2 congress companies will negotiate expenses.
8. The President of the Congress is the coordinator of all organizational and scientific activities.

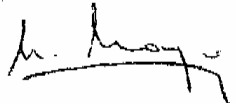
Andreas Konstantopoulos, EPA-UNEPSA President

(Absent)

David Branski, General secretary



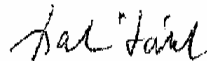
Manuel Moya, Vice-President



Alexander Baranov, Vice-President, President of the congress



Laszlo Szabo, Council Member



F. Cullu Cokugras, Council Member



Gerhard Gaedicke, Treasurer



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