

## Council Minutes

### **Minutes of the EPA/UNEPSA Council Meeting, 2 July 2009, Moscow, Russia**

Present: Prof. Andreas Konstantopoulos  
Prof. David Branski  
Prof. Alexander Baranov  
Prof. Manuel Moya  
Prof. László Szabó  
Prof. Fügen Çullu Çokuğraş  
Prof. Josip Grguric  
Prof. Armido Rubino

Also present: Prof. Leyla Namazova

A. Konstantopoulos greets everybody and opens the meeting.

He has sent letters to each president of the National Societies in Europe. Many of the western European countries do not want to participate in the common work. Most of them never react to the requests.

D. Branski also greets the Council Members. He expresses his gratitude for organizing Europaediatrics 2009 and expresses the hope that in the future we will be more strong.

The Agenda is presented and followed.

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The Council members approved the agenda

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of previous Council meetings**

The Council members approves the Minutes for the meetings in Moscow (2-3 November 2008) and in Rome (1-2 March 2009)

#### **3. Update on Europaediatrics**

A. Baranov reports that 600 participants are in Master classes. There were different themes. They organized everything. They will receive CME certificates.

D. Branski: Who are the participants? Where do they come from?

A. Baranov: All of them are from Russian speaking countries. From Russia, Ukraine etc. Tomorrow the Registration for the Europaediatrics 2009 will start. Many participants paid for one day tickets. e.g. 300 - More than 2600 participants registered for Europaediatrics.

A. Konstantopoulos: (with a smile) There are not so many flags in front of the WTC.

A. Baranov: The participants are from more than 80 countries. From Mexico too but not so many because of influenza. There are 1600 international delegates. 330 from Turkey. The Russian President and Minister will participate the opening ceremony. Passport will be necessary for everybody. He presents the programme of the opening ceremony. There will be a presidential dinner on the second evening on a boat.

The real price of the Gala Diner should have been 100 Eu + drink, and it is compulsory to pay an extra 30 Euros or 1000 Rub for each participant. Museum entrance is free for registered participants. We do not know the final balance of the congress, because some companies will pay after the congress.

(Council members applaud at the end of A. Baranov's presentation)

#### **4. Final comments on draft of amended Constitution**

(This topic is postponed awaiting the arrival of G. Gaedicke who is responsible for the registration of the final text of the amended Constitution.)

#### **5. Extension of term of the Council until December**

A. Rubino: We need to postpone the elections, because we have not registered the Constitution. If the GA allows to postpone the decision.

A. Konstantopoulos: I have found sponsorships for most of the National Presidents for this new GA.

A. Rubino: We will hold the new GA on the 2nd of December in Florence.

D. Branski: That means that all Council members remain active until the 2nd of December.

#### **6. Update on Evidence Based Medicine and Child Nutrition meeting**

A. Rubino: On the 3rd of December, EPA and Cochrane will organize a meeting about Nutrition in Florence. The programme deals with breast feeding, enteral allergy etc. The Italian Paediatric Association invites all national Presidents.

Andreas also suggests his help.

#### **7. Treasurer's report**

(This point is not discussed due to the absence of G. Gaedicke, Treasurer).

## **8. Update on Official Journal *Evidence Based Child Health: A Cochrane Review Journal***

A. Konstantopoulos: The journals are offered free of charge.

A. Rubino: The names of EPA/UNEPSA editors are not included in the Journal.

A. Konstantopoulos: They will be published in the next journals.

## **9. Update on Newsletter**

M. Moya: 3 newsletters have been published. There are several parts in the newsletters. Letter of the editor. Announcements, update on the Europaediatrics 2009, update in pediatric practice –for primary care pediatricians, presentation of EPA National Paediatric societies – the Hungarian Paediatric Society was the first. News, events calendar and information on contacting EPA societies.

We aim to:

- Keep on the newsletter spirit
- The format is well accepted
- Maintained scheduled dates of appearance (3 months)
- Input from the Council

A. Rubino: Congratulations. Young people from each country would be necessary to help you.

A. Konstantopoulos: Agrees regarding the young people.

A. Baranov: Do you prefer male or female young colleagues?

(Everybody laughs).

## **10. Candidate cities for 5th Europaediatrics 2011**

A. Konstantopoulos: Untill last week no one had sent an application, so I thought Athens would be the next place. But 5 candidates - Vienna, Budapest, Valencia-Alicante, Vilnius, Lyon - announced their intention to bid last week, so I withdraw the candidacy for Athens. I have to say though that no one sent detailed information.

J. Grguric – We take pro and contra suggestions.

A. Konstantopoulos: We lock the candidates' list now and announce that there is no more application possibility. The President is going to send a request for a written application with detailed data - conference halls, hotel accommodations, social programmes, travel information, confirmation letter from the President of the National Society and from the Mayor of the city, collaboration with PCO. All 5 countries will be invited to make a 5 minute presentation at the next GA in Florence.

A. Rubino: The next GA meeting will be a good site to make a decision.

## **11. Collaboration with National Associations**

A. Konstantopoulos: We received a letter from the Norwegian Pediatric Society who terminated their membership. They have written that they were not interested to be a member of EPA/UNEPSA, because they do not have primary care pediatricians, only specialist so they are member of CESP. There is a misunderstanding of the Norwegian Pediatric Society. We need accurate data about the contacts for National Societies. We need young colleagues for different subjects.

A. Rubino: I have good connection with Norwegian president of Pediatric Association. This letter is a bad sign. The newsletter is very good, the journal is very good and the individual membership is also very good. The CESP has individual membership, but we have ZERO individual membership. This is wrong. There is an information sheet about personal membership in the congress bag. Good, but little bit confusing, because the Scientific Committee asks to fill in this application.

D. Branski: After the meeting the Scientific Committee will not exist. Instead of the Scientific Committee, the Council would be a better address.

A. Baranov: We could print a new version

## **12. Collaboration with EAP/CESP**

D. Branski: The relations with EAP/CESP are not the best to say the least, we should find ways to improve them

## **13. Collaboration with IPA**

A. Rubino: IPA EC members were glad to learn that we are not fighting with **EAP/CESP**. IPA has a problem that only one society can represent Europe.

## **14. Collaboration with AAP and ABP**

D. Branski: The ABP is leading a global initiative on Resident training in general pediatrics as well as examinations. I was invited to participate in this project and shall report back to you on December 3rd

L. Namazova: ABP was invited to participate in this meeting.

A. Rubino: How many pediatricians in Nigeria?

A. Konstantopoulos: Only a few.

#### **Discussion on Topic 4. Final comments on draft of amended Constitution**

(Before adjourning the meeting and in view of the General Assembly meeting, the Council decides to discuss the final comments on the draft of the amended Constitution despite the absence of G. Gaedicke, who has not arrived yet.)

A. Rubino: We have a constitution. The GA approved it twice in Rome and in Athens.

A. Konstantopoulos: But that is not registered yet.

A. Rubino: Our name is EPA. The lawyer has signed the Constitution but that is not registered. We wanted individual membership. We are waiting for the registration. Two groups of lawyers. We are very close to the registration. Our President took a good decision with a new lawyer – Baker & McKenzie.

A. Konstantopoulos: Baker & McKenzie are my personal lawyers and I asked for their advice. They have indicated some points we need to discuss before offering the final text of the Constitution to the GA for approval.

A. Konstantopoulos presents the points and the Council decides to adopt the following:

*Article 1: Change of name of the Association and seat*

We repeat twice European Paediatric Association on the first page second line. It is not necessary. We have to delete „European Paediatric Association (EPA) followed by the addition of UNEPSA” i.e.

*Article 2, Paragraph 2*

Delete the words „in particular”

*Article 5, Paragraph 4*

An addition should be made that in case of individual members all membership benefits become inactive at the end of the membership period for which a membership fee has been paid and they are re-enacted after the membership is renewed.

*Article 8, Paragraph 1, Item (a)*

The word „EPA” must be deleted and it should state „The President”.

*Article 8, Paragraph 4*

It should be clarified that in relation to the joint representation authority the Treasurer and the Secretary General shall have joint power of representation, instead of „two council members” as provided for in originally presented text. Therefore it should be written that „The President has the sole power of representation of EPA/UNEPSA and in addition the Secretary General and the Treasurer may jointly represent EPA/UNEPSA.”

*Article 8, Paragraph 7*

The last sentence should be eliminated since the rules of internal procedures are valid for every new member of the Council.

*Article 8, Paragraph 10*

The financial affairs of EPA/UNEPSA are the responsibility of the Treasurer and not the Secretary General.

*Article 9, Paragraph 3.*

Item (b)

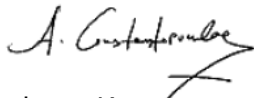
The words „EPA/UNEPSA“ must be deleted. It should write „To elect the President“

Item (h)

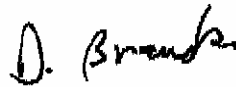
According to Article 4 Paragraph 3, the Council shall decide upon the admission of new members; hence the first part of the Article 9, Paragraph 3, Item (h) is deleted and the GA retains the function to decide upon the exclusion of existing members.

A. Konstantopoulos closes the Council and congratulates again.

*(Summarized by L. Szabo)*



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President



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