

Council Minutes

Minutes of the EPA/UNEPSA Council Meeting, August 28th, 2007,

Athens, Greece

The UNEPSA Executive Committee Meeting was convened by the President Armido Rubino, and started at 9.00 am on August 28th in Athens, Congress Centre.

Armido Rubino (President), Andreas Constantopoulos (President elect), David Branski (Secretary General), Alex Baranov (Vice President), Gerhard Gaedicke (Treasurer), Josip Greguric (Council member), Leila Nemazova (Council Member), Laszlo Szabo (elected Council Member), Jan Janda (Past President) were present.

Absent: Eva Oláh (Vice President), Mehmet Vural (Congress President), Danielle Sommelet (Vice President), Klaus Borck (Auditor), A. Ormisson (Controller).

The Executive Committee Meeting was chaired by the President Armido Rubino and the Secretary General David Branski.

Armido Rubino: I congratulate Andreas Constantopoulos, Alex Baranov and Laszlo Szabo on their election as new members of Executive Committee.

Armido Rubino: The main topic of this meeting is Europaediatrics2009.

Andreas Constantopoulos: June is a good time for organizing Europaediatrics2009, in Moscow.
After this he spoke about the relationship between CESP – EAP. They are not the representative of Europe, but the European Union. We need a very good relation with European Pediatricians, and Pediatric Journals.

Leila Nemazova: Medical students will participate at the Europaediatrics2009 in Moscow, too.

Andreas Constantopoulos and Armido Rubino agreed that student participation is not important at the congress.

Andreas Constantopoulos: Offers his help for the organization of Europaediatrics2009. He has lots of addresses, and very good connections with different companies. He invited national and international companies for a discussion 1.5 year before the present ICP congress.
Organizing satellite symposiums is very useful, but they should not overlap. The companies give more money for symposia. We had 2 million euros when we started organizing this ICP2007. In the end we collected 4 million euros.
We sent letters to different companies, WHO, UNICEF and other organizations. He wrote that he was the Chairman of the International Children Congress, and asked for support

from them. We wrote that 41 subspecialties will be represented at the congress.
It was important to establish who the main presenters at the congress were.

- Armido Rubino: Emphasize that UNEPSA and CESP should cooperate and not compete with each other.
- David Branski: The best time to start collecting sponsors for Europaediatrics2009 is after the Europaediatrics2008.
- Armido Rubino: Scientific program will be different at Europaediatrics2009.
- Andreas Constantopoulos: Organizing a successful congress requires the support of other societies.
- Jan Janda: Jane Schaller was invited to Prague. It is necessary to ask from CESP that 2009 is free and we organize Europaediatrics2009.
- David Branski: After our decision of having our next Europaediatrics meeting in Moscow in 2009, he reported immediately to Jose Ramet.
- Leila Nemazova: Will ask various big companies, who are not concerned in medicine for example Petrol companies.
- Andreas Constantopoulos: It's necessary to determine the price of square meter, and to offer platinum, gold, silver sponsor status, which depends on the amount contributed by the sponsor.
- Leila Nemazova: Some companies will sponsor the participants. For example they will pay the registration fees for 250 participants in Istanbul. There is discrepancy between local and international companies. It is difficult to send money abroad from Russia. We will collect the money within Russia. Gazprom petrol company will pay the congress place hiring directly. We wish to have a decreased registration fee for Russian participants, if possible.
- Andreas Constantopoulos: It is possible, for example the Greek participant paid 250 euros in this congress.
- Armido Rubino: Individual membership fee for UNEPSA is 10 euros annually, they can have also reduced fee.
- Jan Janda: The reduced registration fee is acceptable for local participants. The Czech participants also paid reduced registration fee at Europaediatrics2004 in Prague.

The council members accepted the reduced registration fee for local participants.

- Leila Nemazova: There are many subspecialties that will participate at Europaediatrics2009 in Moscow.

David Branski: The subspecialties also deal with the pediatric patients, so they are welcome.

Gerhard Gaedicke: Johnson and Johnson is a very good and rich company. Leila Nemazova has to get in contact with them.

Armido Rubino: It is important to set up Scientific Committee, but it can wait until Istanbul. It is necessary to invite various specialists from different countries, because this stimulates the application for the congress. About 20 people will be enough. We will communicate by e-mail, and after this we will decide.

Scientific Committee expenses should be covered by the congress.

Jan Janda: Who will be the organizing agency?

The EC unanimously approved Prof. Jochen Ehrich to serve as the Chair of the Scientific Committee for the Europaediatrics 2009 in Moscow.

Armido Rubino: That can be postponed. We can ask Jochen Erich for the presidency of Scientific Committee again. Gerhard Gaedicke will ask him or Jan Janda will do it.

Andreas Constantopoulos: It is best to have people of various nationalities as members of the Committee.

Armido Rubino: Primary care is very important. The Primary Care of Europe also would be a co-organizer.

David Branski: More representatives of various subspecialties should participate in the Scientific Committee.

Gerhard Gaedicke: Symposium would be supported by specialized associations.

More Council Member: Request tender from organizing companies.

Armido Rubino: Cooperation between local and international organizing companies would be better.

Josip Greguric: A concept must be drafted for the Scientific Committee.

Andreas Constantopoulos: Too many members are not necessary in the Scientific Committee. For example only I was representative the IPA. We organized a good program.

Josip Greguric: There should be a concept for each congress. Everybody should know why they participate in a given congress.

Armido Rubino: I agree with Josip Greguric.

Decision: The council members will serve at the Scientific Committee.

After this we change over to other topic.

Several members of council commented on the name of UNEPSA. The logo will remain with the addition of European Association of Pediatrics (EAP).

Armido Rubino: Let us speak about the working groups.
It's necessary to communicate with CESP. We should ask CESP to delegate one person to each of our working group. The relevant WGs are:
Neonatal Working Group. Eva Oláh knows who participated in this work. A presentation will be necessary at the next Europaediatrics2008 in Istanbul.
Chronologic definition Working Group. Eva Oláh, Josip Greguric, Shimon Barak participated in this work.
Adolescent Health Project has just finished.
CESP nominates a member into the Dental Care Project.

Andreas Constantopoulos: Suggest creating two new working groups. One of them deals with vaccination and the other with nutrition.

Armido Rubino: Agrees with the proposition about the two new working groups.

Laszlo Szabo: Zsofia Meszner, former president of the Hungarian Pediatric Association is the chairperson of the Vaccination Working Group of the CESP, as an infectious disease expert. They have performed fact-finding investigations about the circumstance of vaccination in Europe. Trust her with coordinating this work on behalf of the UNEPSA, too.

Armido Rubino: The collective board (the Presidents and Secretary Generals of the two organizations, CESP and UNEPSA) will make a decision about it. Executive Committee meetings were in Naples, Debrecen, Berlin and Athens. The next General Assembly will be in Istanbul next year. The next Executive Committee meeting will be organized in Hannover.

Gerhard Gaedicke: There is no European Pediatric Onco-hematological Association only International.

Jan Janda: Suggests that our Working Groups report on their results.

Andreas Constantopoulos introduced Jay Berkelhamer, President of AAP, and Errol R. Alden, Executive Director of AAP.

Written & summarized by Lazlo Szabo.

Armido Rubino
President

David Branski
Secretary General