

General Assembly Minutes

Minutes of the UNEPSA General Assembly Meeting, October 21st, 2003,

Prague, Czech Republic

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Chairperson: Professor **Jan Janda**, President

1. The General Assembly of UNEPSA was called to order by President Jan Janda on October 21, 2003 at 12:00 to 14:00 hrs. A quorum was declared, with 19 official voting National delegates present (see list of participants) and 7 members of the board of UNEPSA (Janda, Katz, Schmitz, Holl, Hall, Olàh and Ehrich).

2. Prof. Janda welcomed the participants. All members of UNEPSA had been invited to the meeting, nevertheless, some addresses changed do to new representatives and several countries did not answer at all.

3. All participating persons signed the list of attendance. The auditors for the financial report were G. Gaedicke and M. Vuralm.

The minutes were taken by the Secretary General Manuel Katz.

4. The agenda was unanimously approved by the GA. Jan Janda informed to the General Assembly that according with the constitution one hour before the elections five UNEPSA members had been nominated for the 5 vacancies in the Board (Secretary General, Treasurer, Vice-President and two Members).

5. The minutes of the UNEPSA General Assembly of June 15, 2002 in Prague were approved.

6. Europaediatrics 2003

Manuel Katz reported that so far Europaediatrics 2003 is a successful congress with almost 1,000 participants coming all over Europe and even America. In terms of finances the congress is having a good profit for the organizers. At the academic point of view the congress offers a very high level of presentations and sessions. The participants are very happy (daily session attendance is about 75 % of the registered participants).

Manuel Katz thanked Professors David Hall and David Branski for their fantastic job as Chairman and co-Chairman of the Scientific Committee as well Prof Janda for hosting this congress and doing a wonderful work.

7. Financial report by Jochen Ehrich:

There is a positive change in the finances of UNEPSA, however, UNEPSA still has serious problems in collecting the money from different countries. The last figures regarding dues collected in 2002-3 are attached. Manuel Katz informed the delegates that the proposed payment system which was discussed in Prague at the 2002 General Assembly should be accepted and put in action starting in 2004. (The scale is 800, 500, 300, and 100 Euros) A formal letter will be sent to countries specifying the amount of money to be paid. This was unanimously accepted.

8. New memberships

Georgia and Armenia were accepted as new UNEPSA members.

9. Publishing activities of UNEPSA

Jan Janda gave an outlook about UNEPSA publishing activities. One paper was published in Pediatrics in 2002 regarding Demography of Primary care in Europe (Katz et al.) Another paper regarding "Demography of Renal Paediatric care in Europe" (Ehrich et al.) was finished and is ready to be sent for publication. Two new pediatric issues for research were mentioned and are ready to start: "Demography of adolescent medicine in Europe" and "Paediatric gastroenterology in Europe".

10. Election of new UNEPSA council members.

Vacant posts: Secretary General, Treasurer, Vice-President and a member. Two members have finished their mandates: Manuel Katz and Jochen Ehrich. Two members asked to be replaced: David Hall and Jacques Schmitz.

Four new delegates were proposed:

David Branski (Israel)

Mehmet Vuralm (Turkey)

Gerhard Gaedicke (Germany)

Daniele Sommelet (France)

Eva Olàh was proposed to be a candidate for becoming Vice-President

Results:

Post Name in favour against Abstentions

Secretary General: Branski 25 0 1

Vice-President: Olàh 25 0 1

Treasurer: Gaedicke 25 0 1

Member: Sommelet 25 0 1

Member: Vuralm 25 0 1

11. UNEPSA delegate for IPA

Manuel Katz will continue his duty as UNEPSA delegate for IPA until 2007.

12. UNEPSA website will be upgraded trying to intensify the communication between national pediatric societies and UNEPSA. Jan Vejvalka proposed to continue working in this matter.

13. Future congress

The next EUROPAEDIATRICS 2006 will take place in Barcelona. The congress president will be Robert Holl and the organizing company will be Kenes International.

14. Next PA President elect

It was unanimously accepted that in case only one European candidate will be proposed for the post; all European countries will support him/her at the IPA General Assembly in Cancún

Jan Janda Manuel Katz

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Council Members: **Janda, Katz, Ehrich, Holl, Hall, Oláh, Schmitz**

Countries delegates

Germany	G. Gaedicke
Greece	A. Constantopoulos
Cyprus	M. Solomon
Bulgaria	I. Kalev
Belgium	J.P. Buts
Poland	B. Korasowski
France	D. Sommelet
Israel	D. Branski
Estonia	M. Laan
Armenia	S. Sargsyan
Latvia	E. Bikis
Lithuania	V. Usonis
Austria	I. Mutz
Romania	A. Zamfirescu
Sweden	S. Mjones
Ukraine	Antipkin Yury.G
Denmark	B. Hansen
Slovakia	P. Vanovcin
Yugoslavia	N. Radlovic

Council members representing their countries as delegates

UK: David Hall

Hungary: Eva Oláh

Czech Republic: Jan Janda

The Netherlands: Robert Holl

Germany: Jochen Ehrich

Prof. Jan Janda, MD
President of UNEPSA

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Past President and Treasurer of UNEPSA