

## Council Minutes

### Minutes of the UNEPSA Council Meeting, April 22nd, 2006,

#### Naples, Italy

The UNEPSA Executive Committee Meeting was convened by the President **Armido Rubino** and started at 9.00 am on April 22nd 2006 in Naples.

A quorum was declared with the following voting Members present: **A. Rubino, D. Branski, G. Gaedicke, E. Olàh, J. Janda, M. Vural.**

The Meeting was chaired by the President **A. Rubino.**

**1. Approval of the agenda.** The agenda of the Meeting was approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the EC Meeting of April 17th, 2005.** The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held in Debrecen on April 17th, 2005 were unanimously approved.

**3. Relation with other Societies/Associations (CESP/EAP etc.).** The document "relations UNEPSA-CESP" (which is appended as document 1) was distributed and it was illustrated by the President. The document "UNEPSA-IPA relations" (which is appended as document 2) was also distributed and it was illustrated by the President. The documents 1 and 2 were discussed by the Secretary General and the other Members. Both the documents were approved unanimously as position documents of UNEPSA.

**4. Europaediatrics 2008.** The document "Europaediatrics" was distributed and it was illustrated by the President (appended document 3). The document was unanimously approved by the Members present. Therefore it was confirmed that the Congress to be organized in Istanbul will be named "Europaediatrics 2008".

Mehmet Vural, the President of "Europaediatrics 2008", illustrated the organizational details of the Congress to be held on June 14th-17th 2008. His proposals were approved unanimously by the Committee. M. Vural was invited to proceed as the President of the Congress, with all the necessary agreements with the organizing Agency and with the institution of the Scientific Committee chaired by Jochen Ehrich.

**5. Ongoing initiatives. Amendments of the Constitution.** As planned in the previous Executive Committee Meeting held in Debrecen, a number of amendments to the Constitution were proposed by the President and the Secretary General by distributing and illustrating the appended document 4. It should be noted that, according to the present Constitution, any proposal of amendment should be presented by at least three National Presidents to be submitted to the General Assembly. The proposal will have to be sent to the General Assembly Membership at least 90 days before the date of the Assembly Meeting. Therefore the present discussion by the Executive Committee has just the value of a preliminary opinion.

After the discussion the proposed amended Constitution was approved unanimously (see appended document 5). The President and the Secretary General were asked to check if there is a sufficient number of proposing Presidents and, in such a case, to proceed by

submitting the amended Constitution to the next General Assembly according to the rules of the present Constitution.

**6. Treasurer report.** The Treasurer G. Gaedicke presented the financial report which is appended as document 6. The report was approved unanimously.

**7. 25th International Congress of Paediatrics-UNEPSA activities.** The President reported on preliminary contacts with the organizers of the 25th International Congress of Paediatrics to be held on August 2007 in Athens. The hypothesis was put forward of organizing two UNEPSA Round Tables: one related to the educational needs of paediatricians in Europe; the other regarding the changes in demography in Europe and the effects to the paediatric practice. The Members expressed their favour toward participating as UNEPSA to the IPA Congress in Athens.

**8. Adolescent health project.** M. Vural illustrated the questionnaire which is being used for the UNEPSA adolescent health project. The Membership invited M. Vural to proceed with this UNEPSA project.

**9. Project on dental care for children under 5 years.** J. Janda illustrated the state of art of the project on dental care as planned by the Executive Committee at the Debrecen Meeting. He was invited to proceed further with the project.

**10. Hemato-Oncology project.** G. Gaedicke illustrated the state of art of the project on Hemato-Oncology as planned by the Executive Committee at the Debrecen Meeting. He was invited to proceed further with the project.

**11. Hepato-Gastroenterology project.** D. Branski reported on the state of art of the Hepato-Gastroenterology project.

**12. Neonatal health project.** E. Olàh illustrated the questionnaire which is being used for the UNEPSA neonatal health project. The Membership invited E. Olàh to proceed with this UNEPSA project.

**13. Obesity project.** J. Janda reported on the state of art of the obesity project.

**14. European paediatric thematic network.** E. Olàh illustrated the state of art of the European paediatric thematic network project as discussed and approved at the Executive Committee Meeting in Debrecen. She was invited to proceed. She will report in the next Executive Committee Meeting.

**15. Summer courses.** D. Branski illustrated the possible summer courses to be organized in Israel for groups of no more than 40 participants. New vaccines and nutritional topics were mentioned as possible themes. The difficulties in finding financial support were emphasized.

**16. Date and agenda of next General Assembly.** The next General Assembly will be held in Rome on September 28th 2006. The main points of the agenda will include: the amendments to the Constitution, the UNEPSA Round Tables at the 25th IPA Congress in Athens, the election of Council Members according to the present Constitution, the nomination of the UNEPSA candidates in the IPA Standing Committee.

**17. Date of next EC Meeting.** The next EC Meeting will be held on September 27th in Rome.

**18. Any other business.** Both D. Branski and J. Janda raised the opportunity of developing a change of information and cooperating activities with the EMEA.

The President distributed a copy of the manuscript entitled "30 years of the Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Association (UNEPSA)" by K. Betke, J. Ehrich, J. Janda, M. Katz, A. Rubino, to be published in the European J Paediatrics. The paper was much welcomed.

A draft of a letter, to be signed by the President and the Secretary General and to be addressed to the Presidents of the National Paediatric Societies was distributed and briefly discussed (document 7).

The importance of the UNEPSA website was emphasized and the work done by Jan Vejvalka was appreciated. It was underlined the part concerning the website in the letter to be sent to the Presidents. The Treasurer was given the mandate to agree with Jan Vejvalka on a financial support to him for the website activities, as allowed by the available financial resources.