

## Council Minutes

### Minutes of the UNEPSA Council Meeting, June 22nd-23rd, 2007, Berlin, Germany

The UNEPSA Executive Committee Meeting is convened by the President Armido Rubino and started at 13.00 pm on June 22nd 2007 in Berlin.

A quorum is declared with the following voting Members present: A. Rubino, D. Branski, G. Gaedicke, J. Grguric, E. Oláh, M. Vural.  
Jochen Ehrich, Manuel Katz, Olga Komarova are present as non voting participants.

The Meeting is chaired by the President A. Rubino.

The President expresses the deepest grateful feelings shared by the Council Members to Gerhard Gaedicke and Jochen Ehrich who have hosted the Meeting in the prestigious Charité Medical School.

- 1. Approval of the agenda.** The agenda of the Meeting is unanimously approved. The approved agenda is appended (app. doc. 1).
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of April 22nd 2006.** The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held in Naples on April 22nd 2006, are unanimously approved (app. doc. 2).
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the E.C. Meeting of September 28th, 2006.** The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held in Rome on September 28th 2006 are unanimously approved (app. doc. 3).
- 4. Registration procedure of the amended European Paediatric Association/UNEPSA Constitution approved on September 28th, 2006 in Rome.**
- 5. Amendment to art. 1 of the Constitution to be submitted to the next General Assembly.**

Points 4 and 5 are discussed as a single point due to the strict relation among the two.

The President refers that the General Assembly held in Rome on September 28th 2006 approved unanimously the new Constitution which is appended herein (app. doc. 4). The regulations governing the application of the Constitution were also approved the same day in Rome as appended herein (app. doc. 5). The registration with the Court of Registry in Munich is not yet completed, because they found a contradiction between the second last and the last paragraph of the art. 1. Therefore it has been proposed that the following amendment will be submitted to the next General Assembly in Athens.

*Last paragraph of art. 1: "EPA/UNEPSA's seat is located in Berlin, Germany".*  
This is to replace the present sentence: "The EPA/UNEPSA's office shall be located at the place of work of the President". Gerhard Gaedicke who is taking care of the registration procedure on behalf of the UNEPSA refers on that. The lawyer is present during the discussion on these points of the agenda.

Agreement is unanimously expressed by the E.C. on the amendment to be submitted to the next General Assembly according to the Constitution rules for the amendments.

**6. Present status of UNEPSA. Relation with other Societies/Associations (IPA, EAP/CESP, etc.).**

The President illustrates the present "state of art" of the relations with EAP/CESP. He summarizes the events of the past two years (see point 3 of the minutes of the E.C. Meeting in Naples). He illustrates the recent relevant correspondence which is distributed during the Meeting: letter by A. Rubino to Max Zach dated May 15th 2007 (app. doc. 6); letter by Max Zach to A. Rubino dated May 18th 2007 (app. doc. 7); letter by A. Rubino to Jose Ramet dated May 15th 2007 (app. doc. 8); letter by Jose Ramet to A. Rubino dated May 22nd 2007 (app. doc. 9).

A. Rubino also reminds a letter dated June 9th 2007 by Jan Janda (who could not attend this Meeting) (app. doc. 10).

The Secretary General D. Branski gives his comment.

The E.C. unanimously approves the reports by A. Rubino and D. Branski and invites them to take the opportunity given by the next International Paediatric Congress in Athens thus promoting a meeting there with the President and the Secretary General of EAP/CESP. The aim should be reaching an agreement about the behaviours of the two Associations in the future in regard to Europaediatrics Congresses and other issues of common interest.

A. Rubino illustrates the "state of art" of the relation with the International Paediatric Association (IPA). He reminds that Leyla Namazova and Eva Oláh have been nominated as candidates for the Standing Committee of IPA to be elected during the next IPA Congress in Athens. One of them will be chosen by the IPA Council of delegates. The other representative of the European Region in the next IPA Standing Committee will be the present President of UNEPSA. The procedure is under way as indicated by the letter dated May 1st 2007 addressed to the candidates for the Standing Committee by Jane Schaller, Executive Director of IPA (app. doc. 11).

At the next IPA Congress in Athens the President of IPA for the period 2010-2013 will also be elected by the Council of delegates. Manuel Katz, who is the UNEPSA representative in the IPA Standing Committee until next June, will be a candidate as President. A. Rubino thanks him for the excellent work done in the IPA S.C. representing UNEPSA. He expresses the best wishes for a successful election to the Presidency.

Manuel Katz illustrates the recent steps of the IPA activity, particularly the political tendencies within the complex worldwide net of Countries represented in IPA.

The E.C. unanimously expresses the support toward the election of Manuel Katz as IPA President at the next IPA Congress in Athens.

**7. Treasurer report.** The Treasurer G. Gaedicke presents the financial report. The low number of National Societies paying regularly the fees is underlined. The report is unanimously approved.

**8. UNEPSA activities at the 25th International Congress of Paediatrics, Athens 25th-30th August 2007.** The President illustrates the planned activities organized by UNEPSA: a Round Table on "Educational needs for paediatricians in the changing society of Europe" to be held on August 25th 2007 and a Round Table on "Demographic changes and paediatrics in Europe" to be held on August 29th 2007 (app. doc. 12 and 13).

- 9. Europaediatrics 2008.** M. Vural illustrates the “state of art” of the organization of Europaediatrics 2008 in Istanbul for both the scientific program and the organisational aspects. The Executive Committee unanimously approves the program as indicated by Mehmet Vural.
- 10. New Membership.** D. Branski refers that there are no applications for Membership by National Societies.
- 11. Neonatal Health Project.** Eva Olàh reports on the Neonatal Health Project. This is a questionnaire based study. She refers on the preliminary aims and the technical aspects of the questionnaire methodology. She updates on the results in regard to: data sources and population; general information on paediatric care; demographic data; neonatal care systems; medical care of pregnant women. Eva Olàh is congratulated and is invited to go ahead to complete this important study.
- 12. Adolescent Health Project.** Mehmet Vural illustrates the questionnaire that is being used for the UNEPSA Adolescent Health Project. He illustrates the “state of art” of the study which is in an advanced stage. He is congratulated and invited to proceed toward the publication.
- 13. Dental Care Project.** Due to the absence of Jan Janda who is the coordinator of this project on behalf of UNEPSA, this point is not discussed.
- 14. Hemato-Oncology Project.** G. Gaedicke illustrates the “state of art” of the project on Hemato-Oncology. He is invited to proceed with the project.
- 15. Obesity Project.** Due to the absence of Jan Janda who is the coordinator of this project on behalf of UNEPSA, this point is not discussed.
- 16. Working Group on the chronological limits of the paediatric competence.**  
Eva Olàh chairs a UNEPSA Working Group for the definition of the chronological limits of the paediatric competence, the other members being: J. Grguric, S. Barak, E. Ghenev.  
Eva Olàh refers on the “state of art” of this work. A preliminary proposal is given for definition of paediatrics: “paediatric care is defined as the medical care of human beings during and up to the completion of growth and development from the earliest stages of pregnancy to full, healthy adulthood”. The work of the group will go on and hopefully it will reach a conclusion to be presented on June 2008 at Europaediatrics 2008 in Istanbul where a Symposium will be held, chaired by A. Rubino and D. Branski, on “the frontiers of paediatrics”.  
Eva Olàh is congratulated for the work done by the group.
- 17. Collaboration with the “European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products” (EMA).** The President illustrates the “state of art” of the UNEPSA Working Group formed after a request by Agnès Saint Raymond, Head of Sector of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products, related to the assessment of paediatric needs: this is a UNEPSA group on therapeutic needs in paediatrics, the present composition of which is reported in the app. doc. 14. The letter by A. Rubino to Dr. Saint Raymond dated November 20th 2006 is distributed (app. doc. 15).
- 18. Elections of Council Members and general criteria for candidatures to be submitted to the next General Assembly in Athens.** The President reports that the next General Assembly to be held in Athens will have to elect the

following positions due to the mandates terminating in September 2007: the President; one Vice-President; one Member of the Executive Committee. According to the Constitution proposals may be addressed in writing to the Secretary General until 24 hours before the scheduled date of the Assembly Meeting.

A brief discussion takes place on general criteria for candidatures.

**19. Date and Agenda of next General Assembly.** On proposals by A. Rubino and D. Branski, it is approved that the next General Assembly will be held in Athens on August 27th 2007 and the agenda is approved (app. doc. 16).

**20. Date of next Council Meeting.** The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on August 28th 2007 in Athens.

**21. Any other business.** The President refers that, on behalf of UNEPSA, he has written to the Norwegian Nobel Committee supporting the nomination of Dr. Leonid Roshal for awarding him the Nobel Peace Prize. He illustrates briefly the figure of Dr. Roshal who has been strongly supported by Alexander Baranov and Leyla Namazova on behalf of the Russian Paediatric Society.

The President refers on the document "an appeal on behalf of children and adolescents in Europe", which was approved by the General Assembly at the Meeting held in Rome on September 28th, 2006 (app. doc. 17).

The President refers that, thanks to a suggestion by Jochen Ehrich, Dr. Andreas Gerber from the Institute of Health Economics in Cologne has been invited to join this Meeting, in order to present a research project to be submitted to the "European Research Council". This project, entitled "Well-child care: its access, content, quality, outcomes, and cost in European Countries", might eventually take advantage from a collaboration with UNEPSA. Dr. Gerber illustrates the project which is positively commented by Jochen Ehrich and is welcomed by the E.C. Membership. It is concluded that UNEPSA might collaborate in such a project eventually implemented. UNEPSA might help in several ways promoting contacts with experts within the National Societies of the individual European Countries; participating in an advisory board for the project; spreading results and information throughout the UNEPSA Membership in Europe.

In closing the Meeting, the President expresses the deepest appreciation and gratefulness to Gerhard Gaedicke and Jochen Ehrich for the splendid organization of the Meeting both scientifically and socially. Among the other things, he underlines the fascinating and inspiring visits to the Albert Einstein House in Potsdam and the Humboldt University and the Medical School of the Charité Campus in Berlin.

The Meeting is closed at 13.00 pm of June 23rd.

**David Branski**  
**UNEPSA Secretary General**

**Armando Rubino**  
**UNEPSA President**