

Council Minutes

Minutes of the EPA/UNEPSA Council Meeting, 2 December 2009, Florence, Italy

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

Also present: Prof. Leyla Namazova

A. Konstantopoulos opens the Council meeting. He thanks G. Gaedicke for completing the registration process of the amended Constitution.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Council adds one more item on cooperation with EAP/CESP and unanimously approves the Agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of previous Council Meeting in Moscow, 2 July 2009

The Council unanimously approves the Minutes.

3. Correction of last General Assembly's Minutes on the basis of the comments received by Alexander Baranov

A. Konstantopoulos reminds the Council that A. Baranov has requested a correction in the Minutes. More precisely he has requested the following correction:

"A. Baranov suggests to accept the report of the treasurer. C&C has registered 770 European delegates, we have registered the remaining and Russian participants. We have collected enough money for providing 100% of expenses for the Congress organization. For this reason we suggest to transfer money from the sum which has been collected by C&C to the EPA account"

(Instead of: let us accept the treasurer's report. C&C registered 770 delegates, we registered the remaining and Russian participants. We will not claim the money from C&C. We support the European participants from the money we collected from the national participants. We collected a lot of money)

A. Baranov presents the Council with the final balance of expenses-income for the 4th Europaediatrics 2009, prepared by the local organizers. The summary is as follows:

Sponsoring income: 1,840,500 Euros.
Registrations income: 359,650 Euros
Total Income: 2,200,150 Euros.

Total expenses: 2,180,650 Euros.

Final balance: 19, 500 Euros.

The details are in the appendix 1.

The Council unanimously approves the correction of the Minutes as suggested by A. Baranov.

It is also discussed that a financial report must be requested from C&C London as well.

4. Update on Constitution registration.

G. Gaedicke explains about the long procedure to complete the registration with the German court and the translation procedure from English to German.

A. Rubino comments that there was a long period to complete and secure acceptance of the Constitution. It was a lot of hard work and congratulates and thanks G. Gaedicke. He also comments that EPA/UNEPSA nowadays is very different from UNEPSA. Individual membership is very important. If there are two paediatric associations in a country, the personal membership is good for this situation too. Primary and secondary care paediatrics are also important. And that is also EPA/UNEPSA. Previously a question may have arisen what the EPA/UNEPSA is, but nowadays everything is clear.

M. Moya thanks G. Gaedicke for completing the registration of the Constitution of EPA/UNEPSA.

5. Update on Evidence Based Medicine and Child Health Nutrition meeting

A. Rubino briefs the Council on current status: The organizer of the Meeting is EPA/UNEPSA in collaboration with the Cochrane Child Health field. The next meeting will be in December 2010 in London. The first section of the Meeting in Florence will start at 8.30 a.m. The general concept is two lectures and 20 minutes discussion. The areas of focus are nutrition, celiac disease, prevention of allergy, enteral and parenteral nutrition and obesity.

A. Konstantopoulos comments that the Cochrane Child Health Field delivered an excellent and very interesting presentation and discussion about Evidence Based Medicine in Moscow.

6. Cooperation of EPA and EAP

A. Rubino initiates a discussion regarding the current relations with EAP/CESP: There was an agreement in Athens. From this agreement, it seems that only one point was kept. There will not be two European Paediatric conferences in the same year. The same National Paediatric Associations are the members of both societies. Coordination is very important. M. Zach and A. Hadjipanayis representing EAP requested a meeting in Florence with A. Konstantopoulos, A. Rubino and D. Branski and the problems were discussed in depth. As a result a text was put together covering the relations with EAP.

A. Rubino introduces the text outlining the relations between EPA and EAP and if approved he suggests to submit it to the General Assembly:

"Each association nominates a liaison officer to intensify collaboration and coordination between the two associations. Each liaison officer is invited to the business meeting of the other association. The two liaison officers meet with the Presidents and Secretary Generals once a year. Seat for two years, and can be re-elected. One of the two positions to be elected as representative of the European Region in the Standing Committee of IPA is nominated by EPA/UNEPSA, the other is nominated by EAP/CESP. Both Associations address this proposal to the IPA officers. If an amendment to the IPA constitution should be necessary to implement this proposal, it is suggested that by a Standing Committee resolution the implementation is initiated at the Congress in Johannesburg next year.

Among the various common initiatives to be considered, a special attention will be given to cross links between the two websites and materials for CME programmes prepared in collaboration between the two Associations.”

He continues to say that Asia and South America put pressure on IPA for more representatives from that area in the Standing Committee. For this reason it is important that we will be together. It is questionable whether in the future there will be only one Association. But today, this is not an issue. The two Associations will not fight, they will not compete, but they will cooperate. This is the philosophy.

G. Gaedicke thanks A. Rubino for the presentation and requests what the agreement is for the two years conference. What about the Excellence in Paediatrics in each year?

A. Konstantopoulos answers that EPA/UNEPSA only supports Excellence in Paediatrics and does not organise it. Also, EAP/CESP organises different scientific meetings in each year.

A. Rubino reports the history of CESP. That was the Confederation of European Specialists. There is a difference between Academy and Syndicate. From CESP developed EAP.

F. Cullu mentions that there are many paediatricians in Turkey. They are members in one of the two Turkish Paediatric Societies. So the Turkish children belong to different doctors and different Paediatric Societies.

J. Grguric says that there are two pediatric organisations in Europe. What is really important is that both of them are dedicated to child health.

M. Moya questions whether the two seats at Standing Committee in IPA should be split with EAP/CESP.

A. Rubino mentions that Eva Olah and himself are the representatives at Standing Committee from Europe.

A. Baranov (L. Namazova-Baranova) also questions: We have two seats. Why give one of the two to the EAP?

G. Gaedicke comments that he was invited at a meeting of the German Paediatric Society. From the other side Peter Hoyer was also invited. They are very good in application of European rules.

A. Rubino reinforces that the IPA asks cooperation between the two European Paediatric Societies. He also claims that having one seat is important in the IPA, but a second seat is less important.

A. Konstantopoulos comments CESP organizes two meetings, in May and in December. He mentions that they also deal with primary and secondary care paediatrics and not only with tertiary care. Their first conference was in Barcelona. He says that there should be no fight, because EPA/UNEPSA may lose several National Societies. Two seats are very good.

D. Branski invites the Council to vote about the suggestion which was presented by A. Rubino and the proposal to submit it to the General Assembly.

The Council unanimously approves the suggestion and the proposal to submit the text to the General Assembly.

It is also agreed that David Branski will be the liaison officer from the EPA/UNEPSA side.

6. Application of associations for membership.

D. Branski informs the Council that the Romanian Society of Social Pediatrics has applied for membership of EPA.

Regarding the application from Romania, A. Konstantopoulos mentions that Laszlo Szabo introduced the new President of the Romanian Paediatric Association by e mail. This would be a bigger association than the Society of Social Pediatrics. But the President has not answered EPA/UNEPSA's inquiring letter.

L. Szabo mentions that the Romanian Paediatric Association had an election 3 weeks ago. Maybe the new President starts to make acquaintances now. He suggests to postpone this decision to the next GA.

7. Candidate cities for the 5th Europaediatrics 2011.

A. Konstantopoulos explains that four bid proposals were finally received from four national paediatric societies. All of the bid proposals are suitable for the organisation of the 5th Europaediatrics 2011.

D. Branski mentions that there will be an International Paediatric Meeting in February 2011 in Vienna.

G. Gaedicke suggests electing a city for 2013 too. One and half year is not enough to organize an international conference.

M. Moya agrees with G. Gaedicke that more time would be necessary to organize an international conference.

A. Konstantopoulos also agrees, but he reminds the Council that this was not announced and advertised to the member societies. It is necessary to give option for other cities, other countries too.

J. Grguric requests what the advantage and disadvantage of the applicant cities are.

A. Konstantopoulos explains that the guidelines for the organisation were forwarded to all of the societies that expressed an interest in organising the congress. All bid proposals are developed according to these guidelines.

The Council also discusses that A. Rubino becomes the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and assumes the task to put together the Scientific Committee in collaboration with the Council and the President of the Congress.

8. Candidates for the following positions of the Council:

A. Konstanopolulos announces that 3 members of the EPA council will finish their term: David Branski, Gerhard Gaedicke and Josip Grguric.

The terms of the President, the Vice-President (President of member associations) and one Councilor also end but the present members can be re-elected, because they spent only one period (2 years) in that position.

He presents the candidacies received for each position:

- President – one candidate: Andreas Konstantopoulos
- Secretary General – one candidate Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani
- Vice President – one candidate: Alexander Baranov
- Treasurer – one candidate: Jochen Ehrich
- Councilor – one candidate: Laszlo Szabo

9. Any other business

M. Moya presents the 4 issues of the EPA/UNEPSA Newsletter. He asks for input and information, because those are very important for the readers.

G. Gaedicke comments that it would be better if the Newsletters are disseminated to the East, not only to the West and requests information regarding the dissemination of the Newsletters.

J. Grguric presents a Social Paediatric course that took place in Dubrovnik and mentions that they will organize it again.

F. Cullu invites all Council members to the next meeting of the Turkish Paediatric Association that celebrates its 80 years.

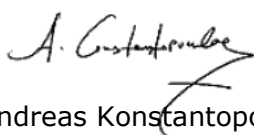
A. Baranov (L. Namazova-Baranova) invites all Council members to the next National Conference of the Russian Paediatric Society.

D. Branski makes a personal remark about his term in EPA/UNEPSA as Secretary General. He mentions that he worked together with Armido and Andreas very well.

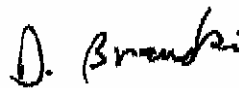
G. Gaedicke also makes a personal remark. He mentions that he has retired by October 1st but he continues to work in the field of curriculum reform at Charité Medical Centre in Berlin.

L. Szabo makes a personal remark for David and thanks him for working together.

The President adjourns the Council meeting.



Andreas Konstantopoulos
President



David Branski
Secretary General