



Minutes of the Tertiary Care Group (TCG), Luxemburg April 17th 2010

Members Present:

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| 1. Aebi-Ochsner Christine CH | 10. Ramet José BE General Secretary |
| 2. Craiu Dana RO EPNS | 11. Sauer Pieter NL |
| 3. De Beaufort Carine LU | 12. Saurenmann Traudel CH |
| 4. Hanilton Patricia UK President | 13. Stefanidis Constantinos GR Chair |
| 5. Hoyer Peter DE | 14. Vaidotas Urbonas LT |
| 6. Lopes dos Santos José PT | 15. Valiulis Arunas LT |
| 7. Mercier Jean-Christophe FR | 16. Zach Maximilian AT |
| 8. Meszner Zsofia HU | 17. Zimmerman Luc NL |
| 9. Palm Lars SE | |

1. Welcome

All members were welcomed by the Chair Dr Constantinos Stefanidis. The agenda of the Meeting was presented.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the previous Meeting in Brussels were briefly discussed and were approved.

3. Report of the Chair

The Chair gave a summary of the main activities since the last meeting which had included:

- Evaluation of proposals from EACCME
- Developing the document on epidemiology of tertiary care in Europe
- Euromaster Course: The book will be ready for the Copenhagen congress as planned.

4. Reports of Liaison Officers

Prof Luc Zimmermann (Neonatology): Training courses are offered for different topics and there is a huge interest in it. Discussion about accreditation of centers and individuals and about the possibility to set up European level exams for different specialties.

Prof Max Zach (Respiratory Medicine): Hermes syllabus is approved, European curriculum is nearly finished and will soon be submitted to EAP. It may serve as a model for other specialties. Also under development is a multiple choice exit examination. The goal is to perform a European exit examination once a year at the yearly congress. These efforts are supported by ERS, and this financial support is certainly crucial for the rapid progress generated in the past years.

Prof Jose Lopes dos Santos (Allergology): a revised syllabus is currently in preparation (similar to Hermes). Accreditation process of centers and individuals is ongoing. Salzburg and Innsbruck have been accredited as a combined center: essence was there and although some regulatory aspects were not completely fulfilled the center was recognized.

Dr Dana Craiu and Dr Lars Palm (Neurology): training courses are offered on a regular basis. The interest is large with many participants. A research meeting was held in Tübingen and was very successful. Visitation progress is ongoing, the country visited this year is Germany. There is a long waiting list for visitations, many countries are waiting and interested to undergo this process which takes place also involving the authorities.

Dr Traudel Saurenmann (Pediatric Rheumatology): the criteria for training centers are defined and were accepted by EBM after the last meeting in December. So far no center has applied for visitation.

Christine Aebi, Switzerland: explains Swiss system of specialist training/education and accreditation. A similar system exists in the Netherlands. For smaller countries European exit examinations can substitute the national exams and if they are of high level they may be recognized by the regulatory authorities.

5. European Visitation Programme

Prof Lopes dos Santos updated the Group on the progress with visiting in paediatric allergology.

6. The 3rd EAP Societies Congress in Copenhagen 2010

Dr Stefanidis the Chair the Organising Committee of the Congress updated the group on the new developments.

7. Discussion and approval of the: The European Training Syllabus in Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Prof Jean-Claude Mercier: presented the proposal for a new Syllabus and Training Program for Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Working Group met with representatives from those countries where paediatricians provide emergency care for children (UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Israel, and others). Training will be 2 years, after 3 years of basic pediatric training or 5 years EM training. The syllabus and training program needs to be approved by EAP and the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Emergency Medicine (MJC of EM). Many delegates congratulate to the nice programme. A concern was raised because of the possibility to accept non-pediatric trained colleagues people and let them have the title of a pediatric specialist. A long discussion arised on this issue. No decision was made, the discussion will be continued at the next the Meeting.

8. Discussion on the TCG project National Differences in Paediatric Tertiary Care in Europe

The chair proposed to develop a group of colleagues who will be involved in this project. Dr Bibi Haim, Prof Peter Hoyer, Prof Max Zach and Dr Constantinos Stefanidis will prepare a questionnaire to obtain this information.

9. Discussion of the procedure for the election of the Chair of the TCG in 2011

Prof Jose Ramet, Dr Lars Palm, Prof Max Zach and Dr Constantinos Stefanidis will prepare for the next Meeting a proposal for Bye-Laws describing the criteria for eligibility to stand for the Chair.

10. Any other business.

None

11. Closing remarks by the Chair.

Next meeting: Brussels (December 10-11, 2010).

Minutes were taken by Prof. Traudel Saurenmann