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PRIMARY-SECONDARY WORKING GROUP

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1. Introductory remarks

Adamos Hadjipanayis gave a brief resume of work in progress between Cyprus and Brussels 2007 . The agenda was approved and Elke Jäger urged discussion on urgent issues re quality of care , work force issues , organization of care , guidelines and parent feedback re care. Wilhelm Sedlak urged discussion re the statutes of the EAP.

2. Report from IPA congress in Athens

Stefano del Torso gave a brief report of the primary care session in Athens . Dr Manuel Katz presented an outline of primary care Paediatrics in Europe . . Renee Jenkins from the AAP presented a paper on primary care Paediatrics in the USA. Stefano described the concept of the 'medical home' and 'retail-based clinics' which have been increasing in popularity in the USA. The next IPA meeting will be in South Africa in 2010

3. Working group on quality indicators

Bjorn Wettergren used the 2003 publication on child health indicators as a start point. A pilot survey looked at infant mortality , infectious disease mortality , mortality from road traffic accidents , fractures of long bones , breast feeding rates and exposure to tobacco smoke

Bjorn discussed recent publications including the state of the world's children from UNICEF and an index of child wellbeing in Europe. European standards can be defined and we should focus on indicators that we can have an impact especially accident prevention , breast feeding rates , vaccination coverage , obesity and the reduction of STD's in adolescents. A step by step approach with an exchange of ideas with each learning from one another is the ultimate aim. Diego Van Esso urged that a publication be produced and that such a document be available on the EAP website.

It was suggested that the misuse of drugs and alcohol be added as these are problems in many EU countries.

4. Results from the template

Diego Van Esso presented the results of a template sent to all countries with data returned from 20 countries with data on a further 6 soon to be made available . It is hoped to have an appealing title and a number of possible titles were presented.

There are excellent results on demography . A second section on professionals in primary care has been answered well also. Activities that might be improved in terms of detail include adolescent medicine , out of hours visits and health care of children . The free space for comments section was not answered in enough detail to be very valuable. The section on 3 strong and 3 weak points was not universally answered and is potentially very valuable. Possible inclusions include activities , working hours and the income of paediatricians Diego urged tidying up of data over the next 2 months , some added questions over 2 months and a 2 month write up prior to Grado.

The importance of the public health system and its integration with the paediatric system was stressed by Elke Jäger. Lively discussion ensued. The data needs to be accurate and should be referenced to WHO data to ensure accuracy.

5. EAP Congress Nice 2008

The programme is being finalized with the latest meeting in November 2007 and the pre-programme is now available. Max Zach stressed the importance of a primary care track and this was fully accepted by the scientific committee and may be colour-coded . Stefano del Torso also stressed the importance of flagging the primary care track.

6. ESAP Budapest

A brief resume was given by Ferenc Kadar . The issue of GP versus Paediatric care delivery for primary health care of children was addressed. All the speakers were thanked by Ferenc Kadar . An ESAP Presidents meeting took place and elected to send a letter highlighting concerns re child health and this letter is to be sent to the Minister of Health in all EU countries. ESAP has now 40,000 members

7. Mastercourse

A new 2 volume book has been published by the RCPCH and this book might be a suitable template for primary care training in the EU. A meeting with the publishers is planned

8. Elections for the chairs of primary and secondary working groups

Nominations are due to be made prior to March 2008 . Stefano del Torso proposed that Diego van Esso should continue in his current role as chairperson .

9. AOB

The draft constitution was discussed at the request of Wilhelm Sedlak who urged using the UEMS model for a new constitution. Adamos stressed that many drafts have already been discussed by the executive committee Elke Jäger urged that the quality of training of all professionals dealing with children should be our concern as a new EAP. The basic philosophy is that the EAP should not just represent paediatricians but should rather represent paediatrics and therefore the promotion of excellence in the care of children. The lack of a primary-secondary presentation at the forthcoming President's meeting was lamented by a number of delegates and at the next meeting of Presidents there should be a primary-secondary slot..

Attendees:

- Shimon Barak
- Françoise Bovet-Boone
- Stefano del Torso
- Anne Karin Eigenmann
- Adamos Hadjipanayis
- Patricia Hamilton
- Gotfried Huss
- Elke Jäger-Roman
- Ferenc Kádár
- Manuel Katz
- Gabriela Kubátová
- Imants Lanka
- Raisa Lounamaa
- Milena Lo Guidice
- Alf Nicholson
- Kvetoslava Prcúchová
- Albrecht Prieler
- José Ramet
- Andrew Rowland
- Odilija Rudzeviciene
- Wilhelm Sedlak
- Margareta Seher-Zupančič
- Elisabeth Siebke
- Maria Solomou
- Natalia Szitányi
- Alfred Tenore
- Diego van Esso
- Bjorn Wettergren
- Jam Widdershoven
- Max Zach