



## MINUTES

### Ethics Working Group

European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP)

UEMS Section of Paediatrics

**Dublin**, Davenport Hotel HALL B

Friday, **June 3, 2016**

11.00 – 12.30

1. Attendance and appologies
  - i) Attendance: 14 members
  - ii) Appologies: Joe Brierley, Štefan Grosek, Carine de Baufort
2. Approval of the agenda
  - i) Approved
3. Approval of the Minutes, Bruxelles January 29, 2016 (see on website <http://eapaediatrics.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Minutes-WG-Ethics-Bruxelles-January-29-2016.pdf>)
  - i) Approved – David also explained that the papers on **Data of Child Health** and **Microdosing** will be postponed, while he has already sent the WG Ethics group members the article which has just been published by Enpr-EMA group (which he is also a part of) on **Assent/Consent issues**, so it is not reasonable to do it once again within EAP. Same holds true for **Refugee Children in Europe** which has ben done by Stefan Mjones few years back the paper was sent to all the members and is available on the website.
4. Manuscripts in preparation and topics for consideration:
  - i) Respiratory support in children with severe handicap and/or progressive neuromuscular diseases (Azuvedo I)
    - i. Will not be presented as Ines told us that she will most probably not be anymore the representative in EAP

- ii) Data for Child Health – Promoting and Protecting Child Health through Data Stewardship (Crawley F)
  - i. Postponed
- iii) Ethical issues regarding microdosing (Crawley F)
  - i. postponed
- iv) Promoting health, leisure and sports in children and some adverse points of it (Crawley F)
  - i. A long discussion followed regarding the title, shape and extent of this topic, finally these solutions were agreed:

A) The title should remain the same: **Health, Integrity, and Doping in Sports for Children and Young Adults**

(Proposal for European Academy of Paediatrics Resolution  
Ethics Working Group)

as inclusion of »doping« would make the topic more attractive, however the main aim is to promote healthy competition in sports for children and youth.

B) The paper to be publishable needs some Introduction (to be sure that we have identified the problem).

C) Pieter will write the Introduction, while Francis and Artur will send him some references on this topic.

D) That it can be published maybe in Lancet or (more realistic) in EJP, however we should not forget that it should also »touch« the local level and should be then published also as a contribution of EAP recommendations.

E) Tom explains that there is no need to be presented at GA, as it is enough to be accepted by WG Ethics.

F) Some members thought that more attention should be paid to doping, David explained that Joe was feeling that he did not get the right »push« to write something on this topic, so everybody agreed that until next meeting Joe Brierley

will write a proposal with a title: **The performance enhancing drugs use in children in sport issue.**

v) **Obesity in children and adolescents** (Mazur A)

Artur presented the proposed manuscript and asked everybody to give their comments. The comments from Francis are already done and David will sent them to him, however all the others are also asked to do so.

David proposed final date for corrections and suggestions **1. September 2016**, and that Francis will do the final version wording for proper English.

It can be published as a manuscript (maybe in EJP), however more accent should be given to EU situation, and some practical recommendations should be highlighted (maybe in a Box shape), and maybe also a sentence should be added regarding the stands for sweets in front of cashiers in the supermarkets.

vi) **Sports in disabled children** (Siderius L)

It has been agreed that this can be a joint statement of EAP and EPA, however some addition should be made also on engagement of children with impairments in arts and culture. Liesbeth will do this to be a joint statement..

5. Useful links

David said that he got this useful link from Carine for everybody who is interested in Clinical Trials documents:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/clinical-trials/developments/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/clinical-trials/developments/index_en.htm)

6. AOB

i) David informed that there was a suggestion of some new topics:

i. **A role of antibiotics in children from ethical perspective: yesterday, today, tomorrow** (proposed by Francis Crawley)

ii. **E-cigarettes and smoking among children and young adults** (proposed by Francis Crawley)

- iii. **Artificial milk formulas promotion – new ways to promote these products** (proposed by Manuel Katz), but Tom Strirs commented that this issue has already been solving by EC members.
- iv. David mentioned that Joe has sent him interesting, recently published papers on diiferent Ethical issues in Paediatrics, and has been asked to forward these papers to everybody. They can be put also on the Ethics WG website (when published in the final form) under: Other useful papers.

Meeting ended at 12.30

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