

Primary / secondary group

Attendance as per attendance list

Agenda

1 Approval of the minutes from Grado

Adamos welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the agenda. There were no alterations to the minutes.

2 2nd EAP congress Nice 2008

Diego van Esso gave feedback re the very successful Nice conference with over 2800 delegates. Primary care and secondary care interests were well served with primary and secondary care tracks with 8 sessions divided between SEPA and primary care group of EAP. Feedback was excellent but there were difficulties getting chairpersons and reviewers of abstracts. Greater effort is required with more persons involved to make the next congress more successful.

For the next congress in Copenhagen we need to seek volunteers to chair sessions and review abstracts.

Elke Jager asked that ESAP be acknowledged and stated that primary care paediatricians' needs be met with reduced rates for single day attendance.

Max Zach agreed with this and suggested a primary care track that was already evident in Nice. Francis Rubel supported Elke's point and pointed to French model of tertiary care in the first 2 days and primary care in the last 2 days of conferences.

Diego van Esso agreed with these suggestions and that he would try to concentrate primary care over 2 days. A visible primary care track was not fully successful in Nice and could be improved in Copenhagen 2010. Primary care paediatricians should also go to other sessions not just primary care ones. Stefano del Torso proposed that some sessions should involve primary and tertiary care paediatricians and that primary care representation should increase at scientific committee level. Further suggestions were received including shortening the congress to 3 days. Pieter Sauer asked us to reflect on what the goal of the meeting and highlighted his experience with research meetings in the USA.

Delegates from the home country should be involved in the organization of the conference.

3 EAP Primary care paper

Only Romania and Malta are out of those involved. 25/27 EU countries have sent in their data. A draft will be sent to the authors on 15th January and then submitted to the Archives of Diseases in Childhood thereafter. Title of the paper is still to be decided. The paper generated considerable discussion and debate. Francis Rubel stated that governments will be interested in this paper. Most EU children have a paediatrician for their primary care needs. This paper is very important and will generate discussion via editorial.

4 EAPros Net

Stefano del Torso presented a paper on EAPros Net and a questionnaire for distribution . Stefano gave a very powerful and energetic presentation outlining the history and progress to date. The PROS study population in USA is 2.6 million children.

The EAP session was very successful in Nice . Stefano requires national coordinators to recruit a number of paediatricians who will be asked to complete a questionnaire which was presented. Potential topics for study were presented . Shimon Barak described the Israeli experience – research has to come from the field . Ideas have to be shared via a website . Elke Jager asked for summary of the proposal for distribution.. Francis Rubel felt the EAP website should be used. Diego van Esso gave his support to this proposal and asked that delegates , if not themselves available , should designate a suitable person and use modern technology . Armand Biver said that members of this network should be EAP members. EAP membership should increase with this proposal . Max Zach said this project has scientific potential and felt it better to discuss this proposal at this meeting and try to ensure its acceptance and then sign off by the executive committee – change the name to EAPros Net . Results are very important. Separate secretarial support is required..

5 Mastercourse (Diego van Esso , Adamos Hadjipanayis , Alfred Tenore)

Primary / secondary group is going to edit the part 1 of the MRCPCH mastercourse . Alfred Tenore will be the chief editor of the European version. Delegates should look for suitable authors to update from an EU perspective. This book matches the common trunk in training . All contributors should be members of the EAP. Part 2 will be edited by the tertiary specialists. Linguistic editors are required.

6 EAP membership recruitment

Adamos requested commitment by all to recruit individual memberships and asked all to join. Special membership fees for those who are members of national societies are available – all will receive Archives of Diseases of Childhood on line / in print and reduced rates at EAP congresses occurring on a 2 yearly basis. There are reduced fees for associate and trainee members Raising EU grants is a possibility to generate income and support important work.

7 Any other business

Nil raised