

Vaccination Working Group Minutes of the meeting

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Vaccination:

- 1) The meeting started with a presentation of Sedlak, Austria of the ***“Progress Toward Rubella Elimination and CRS Pre-vention, as well as measles complications in Europe”*** which took place from February 8- 10, 2012 in Rome, Italy.

The target audience for this meeting included policymakers, national public health and financial authorities, national immunization program managers, members of pediatric and infectious disease societies, scientists, researchers, pediatricians, representatives of bilateral and multilateral development and financial agencies, and other partners involved in supporting immunization programs in order to **eliminate Rubella and Measles till 2015 on the WHO recommendations;**

In the discussion it showed up, that it is very strong as paediatricians to explain and convince parents to vaccinate for measles – by explaining the effects of measles and not the chances of getting it.

A lot of times the objection to vaccination comes from ignorance. Maybe there's a need for more public exposure like on TV or internet – and not only one on one – need to educate the media as well and through that educate the people and the need to talk to the politicians and convince them.

- 2) **Preliminary report** of the next European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI)
Prof. Osterhous; Brussels, which calls upon everyone who is concerned with lowering this social burden;
So we are now partner organization to ESWI Sedlak will report about “The European Academy of Paediatrics” and was asked by the EAP delegates / Vaccination- group to discuss the link between an H1N1 vaccine and narcolepsy in children. He will also present the IMMUNIZATION AS A RIGHT OF EU CHILDREN as an EAP- recommendation;
- 3) For the **next vaccination- scientific meeting in December 2012** a WHO- lecture on Measles- and Rubella elimination till 2015, the importance of **paediatricians** in the fight against influenza / ESWI safety of vaccines / adverse reaction, complications like the link between H1N1 vaccine and narcolepsy in children cathup- vaccination programs in adolescents were proposed.