



European Academy of Paediatrics

Paediatric Section of U.E.M.S

MINUTES – EUROPEAN BOARD OF PAEDIATRICS SPRING MEETING 2021

LARNACA, CYPRUS / VIRTUAL JULY 3,
2021, 09.30 – 10.30 CY / 08.30 – 09.30 CET

List of attendees attached

1. **Welcome and apologies** - Rob Ross Russell
2. **Approval of the Agenda** – the agenda was approved
3. **Approval of Minutes** – the minutes were approved
4. **Matters arising** – no matters arising from the minutes that are not covered in the current agenda.
5. **European exam update** ([full report here](#))
 - a. The Exam will be known as the EAP-EBP exam going forward, since it is a collaboration between the two bodies. Please refer to the full report [here](#).
 - b. This was the second pan-European knowledge-based examination; the first exam was held in October 2020 and followed several years of planning. The exams are based on the core training curriculum and are intended for trainees between 2 and 3 years into paediatric training.
 - c. The question bank is the core of the Exam. At present we have 500 questions in the database. However only 329 have been completely through the review process and sit in the 'bank'. There are several under review. Both new questions, and review of the current offerings, are needed to bolster the size of the bank that can be used in exams.
 - d. The EBP Chair thanked the question writers who are involved.
 - e. Applications:

	Oct 20	May 21
Applied Online	56	66
National Society Booking	51	32*
Total Applications	107	98

- f. In May 2021, only 5 applicants experienced technical issues.
- g. Results:
A summary of the applications and candidates is as follows:

	Oct 2020	May 2021
Total Completed Exams	101	94
Unable to sit (technical problems)/no show	6	4
Passed	83	71
Failed	18	23

Online Applications	56	62
Passed	45	46
Failed	9	16

- a. The University of Bern provides a statistical overview of the Exam (please see full report)
 - b. EAP has been in close contact with CESMA during the development of the Exam.
 - c. The process of the exam will be reviewed and approved by CESMA. There is high hope that the approval will be complete by November (despite the backlog experienced due to the pandemic).
 - d. The Budget: the approximate fixed cost of running the exam per year (technician, candidate cost, postage, etc.) is EUR 33,780 (mainly secretariat cost, which is considered invaluable to the success of the exam) and the additional cost per exam is EUR 3,610.
 - e. The income from the exam is approximately EUR 30,000.
 - f. The exam is economically viable as long as 100 or more candidates will enroll for each exam.
 - g. The next exam will take place on 18 November 2021 and applications opened on the 1st of July.
 - h. EAP member countries will receive 5 places at cost price (EUR 150) to encourage trainees to take the exam.
 - i. There was an issue raised about the number of questions: the necessity to have many more questions than what is available at the moment. It is suggested to agree that every National Delegate contributes a certain number (10, for example) questions as a way to feed the question bank of the EAP-EBP Exam.
 - j. The importance of how to write questions was emphasized.
- 6. EBP Learning update**
- a. An EAP-EBP learning group was set-up by Lenneke Schrier (who gathered about 50 case studies).
 - b. The initial idea was to publish these case studies, but finally it was only published on an application called "EAP Learning" and they can be purchased for EUR8
 - c. In addition, a Core Knowledge in Paediatrics Virtual Course will be run on 15 and 16 October to help trainees prepare for the EBP exam or any other Paediatrics Exam.
 - d. A combination of young consultants and Young EAP members will undertake this initiative under Rob Ross Russell's guidance.
- 7. UEMS activities**
- a. Rob Ross Russell is the Paediatric Representative at UEMS
 - b. The main role of the UEMS is to present European Training Requirements (ETR's)
 - c. The ETR's for Neonatology and Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes were presented and approved at the last UEMS meeting.
 - d. This is a very hefty task, as there are about 15 specialties to cover within Paediatrics.
 - e. The template and processes of the ETR's have been changed slightly.
 - f. The new ETR template will be shared soon.
- 8. UEMS meetings**
- a. The last meeting was held in June, the minutes will be available on the EAP website.
- 9. Multidisciplinary joint committees**
- a. Pierre Andre Michaud has been chairing the Adolescent Medicine Meeting

- between various sections of UEMS
- b. One of the major goals of the MJC in Adolescent medicine is to encourage all ETR's to include aspects of adolescent care / young adult care.
 - c. This developed into a recognition within all ETR's that adolescents have different, specific developmental and physiological needs and that specialized care and that there are adolescent-specific diseases that should be included in the ETR's were applicable.
 - d. The importance of transition and recommendations will also be presented at the next UEMS meeting.
 - e. The other MJC's are not as actively represented with regards to paediatrics.
 - f. Risto Lapatto is on the Rare Diseases Committee and Lia Syridou is on the infectious diseases Committee.

10. Finance

- a. The main budget/financial discussion was covered in the EBP Exam Section.
- b. The EBP Treasurer is in the process of getting administrative approval at UEMS to serve as Treasurer.
- c. It is crucial that the EAP and EBP remain tightly linked. However, the importance of clarifying the separate activities of EAP and EBP was discussed.
- d. New research initiatives should be developed to have balanced expenditure at UEMS.
 - e. One of the reasons that UEMS expenditure was more controlled over the previous period, was to ensure that the Exam is established and financially viable before undertaking large expenditure otherwise.

11. EACCME

- a. One of the main income generators for UEMS
- b. For Paediatric Meetings, meeting content is reviewed to make sure that it is a balanced programme, not overly influenced by pharmaceutical companies and open to everyone.
- c. Over the last 12 months approximately 50 in-person meetings and approximately 20 -30 virtual meetings were approved between Rob Ross Russell, Ana Neves, and Berthold Koletzko (especially with gastroenterology meetings).
- d. Ana Neves expressed her gratitude for the opportunity and willingness to continue with the assessments for the next 12 months.

12. Examination Officer – call for applications

- a. When the exam was initiated, Martin White was the overseeing Examination Officer
- b. This included making sure that the questions are properly set up, liaising with the University of Bern, and reviewing the questions.
- c. For the last exam, Rob Ross Russell and Alfred Tenore took over as co-examination officers.
- d. The EAP-EBP is keen to put an Examination Officer in place.
- e. This post does not require formal application or voting: it is up to the Executive Board to remit the appointment.
- f. Rob Ross Russell nominated Peter Hoyer as Examination Officer to take over from December 2021, meaning that he would work closely with the current Examination Officers.
- g. Peter Hoyer has an enormous track record with experience in managing exams.
- h. Peter Hoyer was invited to the floor and expressed his willingness to take on this challenging role.

- i. The President thanked Peter on behalf of the EAP and EBP for accepting to work on this team and take on this difficult role and share his skills and competence. The president furthermore thanked Rob Ross Russell for his extraordinary service as EBP Chair (RRR will step down when his term finishes) and EBP Exam chair.
- j. The president accentuated the importance of a smooth transition and to continue building the legacy achieved so far.
- k. Rob Ross Russell will continue in his position as Examination Chair and EBP Chair over the period of the next 6 months.
- l. The appointment was approved by the EBP session attendees.
- m. Martin White expressed a word of thank you to Rob Ross Russell, the Exam Secretariat and welcomed Peter Hoyer.

13. Any other business

- a. A formal call for nominations will be sent to all national delegates and the formal election will take place at the EAP Winter Meeting in 2021.
- b. Risto Lapatto enquired about possible upcoming changes in ETR's as the UEMS recently launched a series of webinars and other activities, including CESMA meetings. The EBP Chair mentioned that changes have already been incorporated in the template and that there is currently an emphasis. The sudden activity could be ascribed to the new intention of the UEMS that all ETR's should be revised every 5-years (minimum).

Actions:

Action	To be taken by
Send a letter to all delegates with the guidelines of how to write questions, a short emphasis on the main areas where questions are needed and encouragement of the submission of questions from all National Delegates.	RRR & EAP Secretariat
Share updated ETR Template with all delegates.	RRR & EAP Secretariat
Share minutes of the last UEMS meeting on Adolescent Medicine Multidisciplinary on the EAP's website.	RRR & EAP Secretariat

List of Attendees:

Timestamp	Name	Surname	European Board of Paediatrics Session on 3 July 2021 08.30- 09.30 CET
7/3/2021 8:34	Joana	Rios	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:34	Meri	Kalajdjieva Zip	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:34	Dr Mark	Buttigieg	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:35	Geitmann	Karin	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:38	Mark	Turner	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:40	Ana	Neves	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:41	Sergey	Sargsyan	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:44	Liviana	Da Dalt	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 8:54	Martin J	White	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:01	Jordi	Antón	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:04	Suleyman	Yıldız	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:08	Lars	Gelander	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:10	Sachi	Mogha	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:10	Peter	Hoyer	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:12	Chris	Pruunsild	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:13	SOFIA	SANI	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:13	Sian	Copley	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:14	tom	stiris	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:14	kieffer	isabelle	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:19	Leena	Patel	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:22	Lia	Syridou	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:22	Risto	Lapatto	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:29	Robert	Ross Russell	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:31	Koray	Boduroglu	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:32	RUBEL	Francis	I confirm my attendance

7/3/2021 9:43	Georgios	Konstantinidis	I did not attend this session
7/3/2021 9:43	Tomasz	Szczepanski	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:50	Lia	Syridou	
7/3/2021 9:52	Meri	Kalajdjieva Zip	I confirm my attendance
7/3/2021 9:59	Ellen	Crushell	I confirm my attendance
In person	Adamos	Hadjipanayis	Attendance confirmed
In person	Marina	Mamenko	Attendance confirmed
In person	Bert	Koletzko	Attendance confirmed
In person	Ivan	Bambir	Attendance confirmed
In person	Yevgenii	Grechukha	Attendance confirmed
In person	Ann	De Guchtenaere	Attendance confirmed
In person	Miguel	Martins	Attendance confirmed
In person	Artur	Mazur	Attendance confirmed
In person	Aida	Mujkic	Attendance confirmed
In person	Liesbeth	Siderius	Attendance confirmed
In person	Arunas	Valiulis	Attendance confirmed
In person	Karoly	Illy	Attendance confirmed
In person	Ivanna	Romankevych	Attendance confirmed