



### MINUTES

#### EUROPEAN BOARD OF PAEDIATRICS (EBP)

#### SPRING MEETING 2023

Friday 19 May 2023, 19:00-20:00, Fiera di Padova, Padova, Italy

1. **Welcome and apologies** (Liviana da Dalt)
2. **Approval of the Agenda**  
The agenda was approved without comment
3. **Approval of the [Minutes of the previous EBP meeting](#) (3 Dec 2022)**  
The minutes were approved without comment
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**  
No matters arose from the minutes
5. **European Exam update** (Liviana da Dalt)

Liviana da Dalt provided an update on the European Exam, highlighting significant achievements and key points of discussion. She acknowledged the collaborative efforts of individuals like Rob Ross Russell, Peter Hoyer, and Alfred Tenore that have contributed to the increasing numbers of participants in the exam, demonstrating a substantial achievement. It was stressed that there's a strong recommendation to continue the annual exam, especially as some countries have adopted it as their national exam, fostering an expectation for its annual continuation.

The European Exam boasts a robust question bank, with 450 accepted questions, a well-structured blueprint, and the status of being the intellectual property of the European Academy of Pediatrics (EAP). While originally intended as an online exam, in 2022, a decision was made to offer an in-person exam at selected locations for a group of residents. Specific rules have been developed for the in-person exam, with a significant emphasis on proctoring for the exam's acceptance by CESMA (in future).

The financial aspect:, with a cost of EUR 61,835 for management expenses versus an income of EUR 64,200, and an additional expenditure of approximately EUR 5,000 for exam organization.

The upcoming exam is scheduled for November 21, and applications will open in June 2023, with the application fee to be determined soon. The exam provider will be CYIM, and promotion and secretarial support will be handled by Paragon. It was stressed that all efforts should be directed towards aligning the exam with the most current curriculum, and there is a promising opportunity to extend its reach to the Middle East.

**Requested action: please assist us in promotion of the exam in every country. The German Society, for example, will support up to 50 participants by subsidizing their exam fee.**

## **6. EBP Learning update**

(Kathy Gallagher)

Kathy Gallagher provided an update on the EAP Learning/Education Group, emphasizing the importance of the annual Core Knowledge in Pediatrics (CKP) Course as a valuable resource for exam candidates. The CKP Course, now in its third year since its establishment in 2021, is a two-day program that covers essential core topics. Each session features a chair and two presenters who share real-world cases to enhance learning. The utilization of the Whova application as the platform for these sessions enables collaboration and online networking, further enriching the educational experience.

The EAP Learning/Education Group, comprising members like Rob Ross Russell, Francesca Sregni, and Liviana, has a primary goal of promoting education and training across Europe.

## **7. ETRs & UEMS activities**

(Liviana da Dalt)

UEMS activities continue to progress and are ongoing, Ana Neves continues to serve as a dedicated reviewer. Over the past five months, an impressive total of 30 events have successfully received accreditation.

During the Secondary-Tertiary Care Council Session, in-depth discussion of ETRs, the process and the current status to be presented.

The approval of ETRs in pediatric metabolic medicine is a central focus of the Secondary-Tertiary Care session, underlining the significance of this specific area within the broader UEMS activities.

The document was endorsed by those attending the EBP Session.

## **8. Any other business**

No other business was discussed.