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President's Corner

The recent tragic events have no doubt influenced us all and have shaken the entire world.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who were afflicted by the horrific attack which occurred recently in Belgium.

However, we cannot and will not allow these difficult times to distract us from our aim and mission of promoting the health of children and young people in Europe.

EAP holds this vision in the highest regard and will keep focusing on this mission, as we have undoubtedly been doing so far.

During the 2015 winter meeting (which was postponed to January 2016 due to similar tragic circumstances), we held meetings with the presidents of the national paediatric societies and with the presidents of the subspecialty societies.

The meetings were very productive and the importance of a mutual collaboration was agreed upon all.

The recent publications and statement that have been published all come to one main purpose, and that is to improve standards in training, service and research and to represent the professional interests of paediatricians in the EU.

Sincerely,

Tom Stiris
EAP President



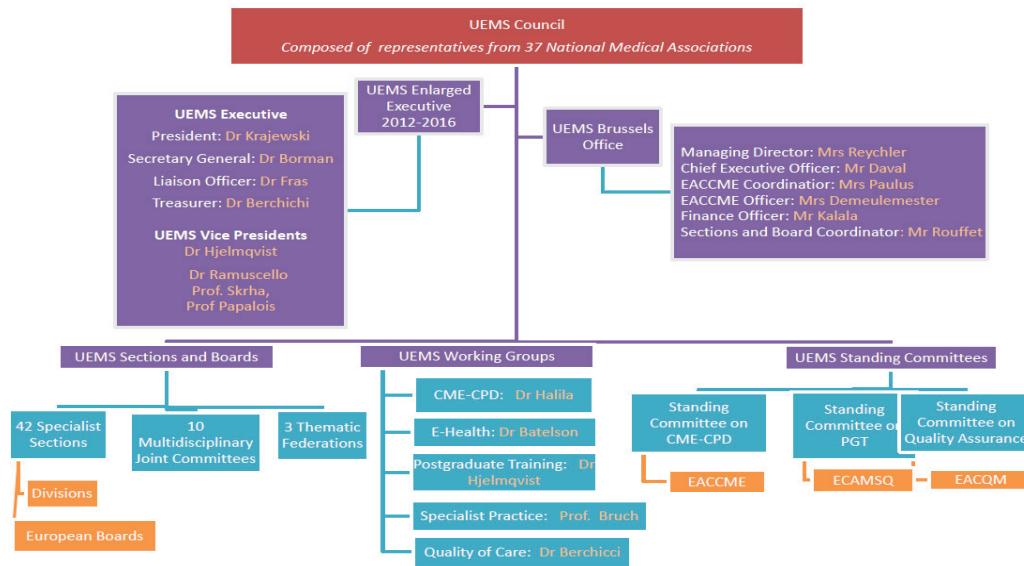
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UEMS



One of our main tasks within the UEMS is to be more visible in the EU - to better advocate for children, children's health and health providers.

One important aim of the EAP is to lobby, trying to get our foot into the EU and creating a more fruitful relationship with the EU policy makers in order to promote our vision.

Public Relations and Liasion Officer Activities



Following the very productive and satisfactory initial period of collaboration with EAP, Cleverland will continue to provide a range of services in the strategic communications, leadership and management development sector in order to:

- Support the design of EAP's EU policy** messaging based on input provided by EAP representatives to Cleverland. This work strand includes a deepen reflection on EAP's vision and mission with regard to EU policy
- Publication of a monthly «EU-News» report** based on official EU policy information sources. News items will be selected based on their relevance for EAP. This new product is designed to support EAP in their reflection on potential core positions with regard to EU policy.

c. **Continue communication to the press** around a timely story or event that can pull in journalists, subject to the EU calendar and to EAP's activities throughout 2016.

d. Identify perspectives for EAP media messaging, and expand the list of mainstream and specialist media at EU level.

This Communication strategy implementation for the European Academy of Paediatrics will support EAP's positioning as an actor vis-à-vis the EU institutions, and in the context of EU policies relevant for the profession and their stakeholders.



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MOCHA Models of Child Health Appraised



Children are dependent on adults and policy makers for the pattern of primary health care services they can receive. However, there is no consensus on the best way of providing primary health care for children. Different countries favour different models, of which two main ones are generalist general practitioners seeing the child in the family context, and primary care paediatricians with focused expertise. Until now there is no research which shows which model is most effective, which implies that some children in Europe are likely to be receiving sub-optimal care.

This gap is what the MOCHA project seeks address, studying all 30 European Commission and European Economic Area countries. The 19 scientific partners will work with country agents in all 30 countries to obtain and analyse key information on a range of child primary care topics:

- Models of primary care delivered to children (including urgent care)
- Delivery of care across organisational boundaries (with secondary care, social care, education etc.) including complex care, and services for child protection
- School health services
- Direct access services for adolescents
- Identification of innovative measures of Quality and Outcome
- Identification of derivatives from large data sets to measure quality and outcome

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- Economic and Skill Set analyses
- Ensuring Equity for all children
- Use of electronic records in child health care

The MOCHA project will run for three years, with the final reports due by the end of 2018. For the first year, the MOCHA project will collect information about each country's primary health care system for children, using a local agent in each country to collect standard scientifically focused data. The project team will then spend the next year analysing that material and drawing preliminary conclusions. The final stage of the project will be to propose what are the best models, and how countries might adopt them. Throughout there will be a process of dissemination and stakeholder engagement.

The EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRICS is represented by

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EBP Meeting with the National Presidents Saturday, 30 January, 2016



Jean-Christophe Mercier introduced the meeting and gave a review of the structure of the UEMS. He opened a lively discussion about specialisation. Several points were raised about the need for paediatrics to have a strong singular voice within UEMS.

There was also debate about whether primary care (or community paediatrics) should be a specialty in its own right. It was clarified that training in paediatrics should be for at least 5 years.

- There was then brief presentations from national delegates who discussed the major issues in their country:
- Switzerland – Issues about rare diseases and primary care research.
- Spain – Limited recognition of specialties, and problems with workforce
- Slovenia – Small country (only 400,000 children), workforce aging, night cover not paediatric trained.
- Netherlands – no primary care paediatricians, concerns about wording of UEMS training requirements and limits on time out of training.
- Latvia – Primary care provided by non-paediatricians, especially out of the cities. Ageing workforce.
- Italy – 13,000 paediatricians, 7,000 in primary care. Trying to improve social care, including migrants. Need to maintain a high standard of pediatric health care system. Especially as funding is reduced and number of paediatricians are decreasing.
- Ireland – high birth rate, concerns about some neonatal care. 150 consultants and need more.
- Greece – Economic crisis affecting care. 2.5 million people without social security. Concerns that austerity is affecting the health of children.
- Germany – 14000 paediatricians. 2800 specialists. Children's hospitals not well funded, and clinics under threat. The status of the paediatric nurse is being undermined.

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- Estonia – Population of 1.2 million, 14000 births per year. No primary care paediatricians. Variable access to paediatric care, especially out of the cities.
- Czech republic – Ageing population of paediatricians. Funding limited – poor access to funding.
- Croatia – 4.2 million population, ~600 paediatricians. Well-established training. Less and ageing paediatricians, poor focus on prevention and adolescent medicine. Increasing chronic disease burden in children.
- Bulgaria – 7.3 million (1.1 million children, 800 paediatricians). Primary care often not from paediatricians. Eight subspecialties recognised. Poor salaries, so paediatrics not attractive.
- Austria – 80,000 births a year. 1600 paediatricians (600 in primary care). Ageing doctors. No onus on general practitioners to accept patients. GP training in paediatrics is as low as 3 months.
- Belgium – three subspecialties, and little chance of more.
- Sweden – 10 million populations, 1400 paediatricians.

Key points discussed by the group: primary care paediatrics, ageing population of paediatricians and paediatric nursing status. It was agreed that a small group would convene to generate a statement about paediatric nursing that would reflect the variability of provision across Europe. Secondly, the primary/secondary care group will prepare a statement on a curriculum in primary care paediatrics. Thirdly we agreed that we would consider how best to re-emphasise the need for out of hours care for children to be provided by properly trained doctors, preferably paediatricians. Lastly we agreed that we should survey our member countries to find better information about age and gender to inform further discussion.

Prof Mercier summarised the meeting, emphasising the importance of the EAP/UEMS, and joint working.



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EAP Spring Meeting-Dublin

The EAP 2016 Spring meeting will take place 3-5 June 2016, Dublin, Ireland.

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During the Spring meeting a dedicated session on Oral Hygiene will be held, as part of the collaboration between EAP and Colgate.

EAPS 2016



The 6th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies

October 21-25, 2016, Geneva, Switzerland
<http://www.paediatrics.kenes.com/>

Serving as a nexus for the wealth of knowledge provided by three leading paediatric societies, the 6th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS 2016) promises to build on the reputation of previous highly successful meetings. Paediatric professionals from around the world will gain unparalleled access to the best scientific research programmes.

Firmly established yet dedicated to thinking outside the box, EAPS 2016 aims to engage the world's best in a hearty exchange of experiences and expertise in research and clinical care. Europe's foremost pediatrics subspecialty societies EAP, ESPNIC and ESPR have dedicated their time and formidable talents into organizing a stellar educational/research forum that will celebrate outstanding science in all areas of pediatrics.

Key Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline:
April 13th, 2016
Early Registration Deadline:
June 29th, 2016

Looking forward to seeing you at EAPS 2016!

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