



ASSOCIATION FOR EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY
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Minutes of the AEPC Business Meeting Warsaw

Aula A, May 17, 2007
17.45-19.45

1. Welcome address of the President

The president Professor András Szatmári welcomed the participants and thanked Prof. Wanda Kawalec, local chairman, and the Polish Society for Pediatric Cardiology for an extremely well prepared and organized meeting. He congratulated both Shakeel Qureshi and the Polish committee for an excellent scientific program. He also thanked S.A.Z S.A. First Class Travel Agency for their excellent organization of the meeting

2. Obituary

Neil Wilson commemorated Olive Scott. She contributed a lot in the development of Paediatric Cardiology in the United Kingdom and has been an excellent teachers and mentor. All the members remember her warmly and appreciate her contribution in Paediatric Cardiology.

3. Report of the President (A. Szatmári)

President András Szatmári summarized the achievements that AEPC Council has reached during last three years.

- The purpose has been to create an open society. AEPC now has 850 members, 115 from them are Junior members
- Co-operation with ESC, EACTS, PACHDA and South-African Paediatric Cardiology Association and WG 22 has become even more intensive than before.
- There will be the first formal joint meeting with ECHSA in Venice in 2008
- Teaching and training have been strategic activities during last years. The training recommendations for subspecialties got still to be harmonized.
- Facilitating exchange of trainees has not started actively yet. Future Councils got to continue this work to get the training harmonized throughout Europe

4. Report of the Secretary-General (E. Jokinen)

- The aim of the Council has been to open the association for all experts working in the field of Paediatric Cardiology. This strategy has been a success: The Association got more members during the last year than even before. The Council has strengthened co-operation with surgeons and paediatricians. In the future, there could be a representative for ESC WG 22 in the Council as a councilor or as an observer during meetings that discuss adult congenital cardiology

- AEPC has now 850 members, 116 new members joined the Association in 2007

- The Secretary-General reminded the members to inform if the National Delegate has been changed. It is also crucial for the communication to have correct address and e-

mail information. The members should inform their new addresses and e-mails using AEPC web services.

- In order to promote teaching in Europe, the Association organized basic teaching courses in echocardiography, morphology and dysrhythmia during the last year.

- The Council has discussed having a central office actively and investigated several options. After these discussions, the Council has decided not to have a central office for time being. The Association has purchased web services from Arvato systems (Budapest), mailing and printing from Itella Company (Finnish Post) and uses local PCO's in organizing Annual Meetings. Treasurer Klaus Schmidt gets secretarial help from Ms. Julia Schmitz-Leuffen.

- There are several services available on AEPC webpage. These include information about courses, membership benefits, teaching hospitals, working group activities a.o.t. It is also easy to pay your Annual subscription and change your address on-line. However, the webpage needs continuous development and updating. Therefore, one of the Council members will be appointed as responsible for web page development

- The Constitution of the Association says *'Any member whose subscription is more than two years in arrears, and who has received two requests for payment, shall be considered to have resigned and his/her name shall be removed from the membership list'*. A total of 69 members were expelled from the Association due to unpaid subscriptions in the beginning of 2007. Twelve of them have paid their dues till May 2007 and their membership has been re-activated

- At least one Council member will be replaced in 2008. Secretary-General asked the members to send in proposals for a new Councillor actively. If there will be more than one proposal a ballot will be organized like in 2007.

- The Association has actively participated in the work of UEMS Cardiology Section. President and Secretary-General have represented the Association in the Section. The main issues to be discussed have been training in Cardiology and free movement of professionals and patients in Europe

- - Secretary-General has represent AEPC in EAP (European Academy of Paediatrics)/CESP. The co-operation has been friendly and active. The main areas of co-operation involve testing of medicines for children and transition of patients to adult units. AEPC is not a member of EAP/CESP but participates in the meetings of the Tertiary group and in the work of different working groups as an observer. Even if AEPC has been an observer only it has actively contributed in the recommendations accepted by EAP/CESP.

5. Report of the Scientific Secretary (S. Qureshi)

- Abstract handling worked well on-line. The service was provided by Klaus Moldenhauer. However, the timelines for abstract submission was too tight this year and the deadline for abstract submission should be earlier next year.
- There were 92 reviewers this year. The review was blinded: the reviewer did not know the name or institution of the abstract authors. Each abstract was reviewed by 4-5 reviewers
- A total of 450 abstract were received, 232 of them were accepted. For the first time, there was moderated poster walk during the 42nd Annual Meeting in Warsaw
- Four poster prizes will be distributed this year. Two of the winners will be elected among posters and 2 among moderated posters. First price of 600€ and 2nd price of 400€ are reserved for moderated posters and 3rd price of 300€ and 4th price of 200€ for posters.

6. Report of the Treasurer (K. Schmidt)

- Financial situation of the Association is good

- Half of the annual income came from the membership fees the rest from the surplus of the previous Annual Meetings
- The Treasurer pointed out that even if the financial situation of the Association is good right now there should always be a reserve for possible financial set back during future annual meetings.
- The members urged the Council to use the surplus more actively. Ingrid Oberhänsli-Weiss proposed that training grants and grants for studies should be reactivated. Jörg Stein proposed that prizes for posters could be higher. The Treasurer and the Secretary-General answered that the Council has well considered different ways to distribute the surplus to the members and has established a group of Council members to plan different ways to financially promote the activity of working groups, members from different background and training in other training centers.
- The Treasurer told that AEPC will hire a professional office to audit the Association's book keeping.

7. News from the Working Groups

Cardiac Dysrhythmias and Electrophysiology

J. Janousek

- Urs Bauesfeld is the new chairman
- Nico Blom is the new secretary
- Juha-Matti Happonen new treasurer
- The working group organized a training course in Leipzig in April 2007. There were 22 participants
- Euripides research registry has been created

Fetal Cardiology

G. Tulzer

- A fetal database has been created
- The working group will establish a multicentre study of Fetal Left and Right Heart Outflow Obstruction
- New council will be: Mats Melander Chairman, Helena Gardiner Secretary, Renate Oberhoffer Treasurer and Vlasta Fesslova Council member

Basic Genetics of Congenital Heart Defects

J. Parsons

- New Council will be: Jonathan Parsons Chairman, Patrice Bouvagnet Secretary and Rolf Berger Treasurer
- The working group is evaluating the possibility of a teaching course for next year possibly in Lyon
- The working group has discussed its role in the future. One option would be to abandon the WG completely, and to seeking to merge with another WG the other is to continue as the working group is

Pediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care

E. Da Cruz

- The working group will organized a pre-congress Course in Paediatric Cardiac Intensive care in Venice in 2008
- The EPC Council has not approved the Training recommendations in Paediatric Cardiac Intensive Care yet
- The working group proposed support for CICU trainees from developing countries and in this way to make it possible for them to get training in Europe
- There are no changes in the Council in 2007. The Council will be: Eduardo da Cruz Chairman, Evelyn Lechner Secretary and Dr. Maurice Beghetti Treasurer

Cardiac Imaging

E. Valsangiacomo

Büchel

- The working group was organizing a teaching session during Euroecho meeting in Prague in 2006

- Echogradiograph training course will be organized in Leiden in 2008
- There will be a new board: Emanuela Valsangiaco Chairman, Ornella Milanese Secretary, Ludger Sieverding Treasurer, liaison officers for echocardiography and magnetic resonance are Luc Mertens and Willem Helbing
- By-laws of the working group have been accepted in Business meeting this morning

Interventional Cardiology

M. Carminati

- Secretary Marten Wittenburg has been replaced by Caroline Ovaert. The new Council is Mario Carminati President, Caroline Ovaert Secretary and Marc Gewillig Treasurer
- A two-day teaching course in Catheterization and Interventional Cardiology will be organized in Germany in 2008
- Mario Carminati has organized a VSD registry. The registry will be closed in November 2007. Hopefully the data will be updated before this date.

Cardiovascular Morphology

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- Working Group on Cardiovascular Morphology has organized a Teaching course in Leiden 2007, and will organize a new one in Padua 2008
- The working group organized a morphological specimen demonstration during Annual Meeting in Warsaw. The demonstration was well-attended and proved to be very beneficial for those in training
- The Board of the working group will continue as: Annalisa Angelini Chairman, Jaap Ottenkamp Secretary and Daniel deWolf Treasurer

Congenital Heart Surgery

G. Stellin

- European Congenital Heart Surgery Association (ECHSA) will organize the next Annual meeting together with AEPC
- The new Board of the working group will be: Bohdan Maruszewski Chairman, Giovanni Stellin Secretary and Treasurer

Psycho-Social care from fetus to adult

U. Salzer-Muhar

- The working group will organize a Meeting about Psychosocial affairs in Brugge in 2008
- The Board of the working group will continue as: Ulrike Salzer-Muhar Chairman, Henri Verhaaren Secretary and Antonio Corno Treasurer

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Task Force

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- The working group organized a well-attended high-quality pre-congress Teaching Course on Grown-Ups with Congenital Heart Defects during the Annual meeting in Warsaw in 2007
- New chairman will be András Szatmári
- Eric Meijboom will continue as Secretary
- Treasurer will be Harald Kammerer
- Collaboration with ESC WG22 will be more intense in the future. András Szatmári will represent AEPC in the nucleus of ESC WG 22

Junior members

H Gotenhuis

- New representative for Junior Members is Tara Brarucha
- Training courses have been organized for Junior Fellows together with the working groups. Plans are underway to continue the excellent Basic Teaching Courses that have been set in motion over the last few years. Courses in echocardiography, morphology and dysrhythmia are already up and running, and

there are plans for courses in cardiac catheterisation (including hands-on teaching in a simulation laboratory), genetics/basic science and cardiac intensive care.

8. Report from the Advisory Board / National Delegates (S. Kaku)

- EBAC has 7 members (3 from ESC; 3 from UEMS and one from AEPC. Professor Kaku represents AEPC in EBAC.
- Only very few paediatric cardiologists organising meetings in the past have applied for CME credits. One reason for this is the rather high price for the evaluation of a meeting through EBAC. He insisted, however, on the necessity to use EBAC evaluation also for paediatric cardiology meetings if AEPC should continue to be well represented and acknowledged in UEMS and in EBAC.
- He also mentioned that a new committee in AEPC has been formed which to prepare a Euro-Examination in Paediatric Cardiology. The work of this committee still continues.
- Jean-Pierre Pfammatter was elected as the new Secretary of the National Delegates

8. Coding Committee Rodney Franklin

- The Committee has updated the long and short code lists
- Coding committee has presented AEPC in the International Coding Committee
- Translation of Cardiac Coding in different languages is on the way

9. Introduction of New Members

(E Jokinen)

- The Secretary-General welcomed the new “ordinary” and “junior” members. A listing had been sent previously to all members. A total of 116 applications were received and accepted. He was exceptionally happy about the great number of new Junior members.

10. Replacement of Council member

(E Jokinen)

- There were no proposals for a new Councillor from the members. Council proposed Bohdan Maruzelski as a new Councillor. He was elected by the members.

11. Election of the Scientific Secretary

(E Jokinen)

- There were three proposals for the new Scientific Secretary. Therefore, a ballot was organized .
- A total of 297 members (37.2% of all who were eligible) cast their vote. This is a powerful demonstration of democracy in our Association.
- **Dr. Jo deGiovanni** received 151 votes marked with preference 1 (50.8%)
- **Dr. Jean-Pierre Pfammatter** received 74 votes marked with preference 1 (24.9 %)
- **Professor José Carlos Neves da Cunha Areias (José Areias)** received 72 votes marked with preference 1 (24.4%)

As Dr. Jo deGiovanni has received over 50% of the votes marked with preference 1 he has been elected as the new Scientific Secretary by the members of AEPC. The members of AEPC warmly welcomed Dr. Jo deGiovanni in the Council to work for the best of the members!

12. AEPC Council

After the election, the AEPC Council is as follows:

André Bozio President (2007-2010)
Eero Jokinen Secretary-General (2006-2011)
András Szatmári Past President (2007-2008)
Klaus Schmidt Treasurer (2003-2008)
Joseph deGiovanni Scientific Secretary (2007-2012)
Bohdan Maruszewski Councillor (2007-2010)
Gerald Tulzer Councillor (2006-2009)
Luc Mertens Councillor (2005-2008)
Tara Bharucha Junior Councillor
Ornella Milanese Local Organizer Venice 2008

13. Future Meetings :

Future Meetings are planned to be
2008 Venice
2009 There will be no AEPC Annual meeting in 2009 due to
World Congress in Cairns, Australia. AEPC Business meeting will be held during ESC
-meeting in 2009
2010 Innsbruck
2011 Granada
2012 ?
2013 London?

14. Handover of the presidency (A. Szatmári)

András Szatmári represented the new President André Bozio from Lyon and wished him best luck in the demanding work. André Bozio thanked András Szatmári for his active and valuable work for the Association. He also promised to continue the work of the acting president and to see for his best in the interest of the Association.

He also welcomed suggestions for further improvement of the administration of the Association and encourages all members to invite their friends and colleagues in Paediatric Cardiology and connected medical fields to join AEPC.

15. Other businesses

There was no request to discuss other business. The business meeting was closed at 19:45.



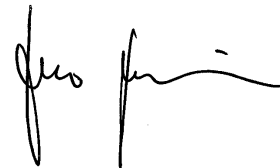
András Szatmári

Past- President



André Bozio

President



Eero Jokinen

Secretary-General of AEPC

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