The President Eero Jokinen opened the Business Meeting and welcomed all members.

Obituaries

Prof Dr Talat Cantez 1933-2014
Prof Dr Teoaman Onat 1929-2014
Prof Dr Ali Ertuğrul 1922-2014
Prof Juergen Apitz 1932-2014
Erik Malm 1919-2014

Report of the President

Eero Jokinen expressed warm thanks on behalf of all AEPC members to Jan Janousek and the Prague team for organizing a very good meeting with more than 1000 attendees. Education and training are among the main goals for AEPC. The Working Groups form the backbone of the educational activities of AEPC and the President thanked all WGs for the important contribution.

The number of nurses attending the Annual Meetings is increasing and this year in Prague we have approximately 100 nurses among the delegates. In order to stimulate nurse’s research and participation in AEPC activities the council has decided to create a Poster prize for best poster within the field of nursing in paediatric cardiology.

During the meeting in Prague, the Gert Hausdorf Lecture will be held for the first time. The lecture will be held in memory of the well-known paediatric cardiologist and interventionist Gert Hausdorf.

The collaboration with other international organizations within the field of Congenital Cardiology has continued. During the last year, the President has represented AEPC in collaboration with several other international organizations, mainly European Society of Cardiology (ESC), American College of Cardiology (ACC), European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons (EACTS), European Congenital Heart Surgeons Association (ECHSA), Society of European Society of Cardiovascular Surgery (ESCVS), Japanese Society of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery (JSPCCS), Asia Pacific Paediatric Cardiology Society (APPACS) and Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS). Collaboration is also
evolving with the French Society of Cardiology. The President also gave several lectures as invited lecturer in a meeting in Azerbadjan.

Several AEPC activities are directed to our Junior Members in order to stimulate research, international exchange and education, such as the Young Investigators Award, the exchange programme with JSPCCS and the recently founded research grant.

The President also announced the new grant for best publication based on multi institutional cooperation.

The members have voted for several positions in the council, ie President Elect, Secretary General Elect and Junior Member. The voting has been made via the web and the new voting system created some delay in some information to the members regarding the council’s candidates. The President apologized for the delay. The system will be improved before next voting.

During this Business Meeting, AEPC will elect it’s first female President-Elect, Gurleen Sharland to be President from 2016 and the President congratulated Gurleen S and expressed his satisfaction for this step in AEPC.

**Report of the Secretary-General**

The Council held 4 Council Meetings during the year. AEPC participated in the ESC meeting in Barcelona with a stand with information regarding AEPC. The Constitution of AEPC will be revised during the following year, especially regarding rules for voting and adapting the constitution to work with electronic voting.

**Report of the Scientific Secretary**

AEPC has been represented by the Scientific Secretary at the JSPCCS meeting in Okayama (Joint Session) in 2014, at ESC 2014 Barcelona (Joint Session) and at the ESCVS meeting in Istanbul (Joint Session) 2015.

The exchange with Japan has continued with 3 exchanges from Europe and Japan respectively.

- Sergej Prijic, Belgrade Serbia to Mt. Fuji Children's Hospital, Shizuoka, Japan
- Pawel Wlasienko, Warsaw Poland to Pediatric Cardiology of National Centre for Child Health and Development, Tokyo
- Miriam Michel, Innsbruck Austria to National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center (NCVC) in Osaka, Japan
- Hiroki Ito, Kukuoka Children’s Hospital Fukuoka University to Necker, Paris France
- Ai Sugimoto, Nigata University to Birmingham UK
- Hiroki Mori, Tokyo Women’s Hospital to Padova, Italy

AEPC thanks all hosts taking part in this important programme and invites all centres to join.

Letters of interest for hosting the Japanese guests for one month during 2015 may be sent to the Scientific Secretary.
The following prizes will be given for excellent scientific presentations during AEPC in Prague:

- Young Investigators Contest with Japan (1000 € and trip to Japan or Europe)
- Poster prize (500, 300, 200 €)
- Moderated poster prize (500, 300, 200 €)
- Nurses poster prize (500 €)

The AEPC Junior’s Research Grant 2014-2015 was given to Dr Alban Baruteau (Paris). The grants consists of 30 000 €. The Scientific Secretary with the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) reviews applications. Deadline for applications for the 2015-2016 grant is July 31, 2015. A new scientific grant has been introduced. A prize sum of 5 000 € will be given for the best publication written by AEPC members. Detailed information is available on www.aepc.org. SAC and the council will review the applications. Deadline for this year is Dec 31, 2015.

**Report of the Treasurer**

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The cost for CTY was discussed as a member raised the question of a reduction of the fee. The President, the Secretary-General and others pointed out that we pay a lump sum for all members in good standing to have access to the CTY and that the cost has been reduced since we changed to digital-only version. CTY is an important part of the visibility of AEPC, however, the journal is not owned by AEPC. During the meeting with Cambridge Journal planned for Friday, the question of how many licenses are included in the lump sum will be raised.

**Summary of routines for payment**

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Annual Meeting in 2018

During the Business Meeting in London 2013, the AEPC members voted for Kos as the venue for the Annual Meeting in 2018. However, the need to conform to rules for industrial participation has increased and the Ethical MedTEch must vet Scientific Meetings. At the pre-assessment for Kos two factors of criticism were identified:

• Kos has no scientific centre near the venue
• The meeting is planned to take place during high season in a holiday resort

AEPC cannot risk future collaboration with the industry. After fruitful discussions of the situation with the Hellenic Association for Paediatric Cardiology (HAPC), the HAPC has offered to arrange the meeting 2018 in Athens. Further negotiations and a site visit are planned.

News from the Working Groups

Please see information regarding the activities of the Working Groups and the representation of the Working Groups councils on www.AEPC.org. The President thanked all WGs for their important work, especially regarding education and the programme at the Annual Meetings.

Proposal for a new Working Group “Heart failure and Pulmonary Hypertension”

The creation of a new WG “Heart failure and Pulmonary Hypertension” has been proposed by a group of members represented by Dr Georg Hansmann. The council has decided to support the proposal. The proposal was discussed. Some concerns were raised by the members, mainly regarding the risk for overlap between the different AEPC WGs and the risk of getting too many and too small WGs in AEPC. On the other hand, the number of paediatric patients needing advanced treatment for heart failure is increasing and a new WG will have the potential to strengthen the AEPC input in guidelines etc. After a lively discussion, a vote was held resulting in 15 votes against and 64 votes for the new WG.

Report from the Advisory Board/National delegates

The Board of National Delegates and the Professional Advisory Council (PAC) had it’s meeting on Wednesday May 20. Twelve National Delegates, including 1 incoming National Delegate participated.

Aims for 2015-2016:

• Increase information flow between council and Secretary General
• Advice to council: Improve Web
• Collect history of AEPC (and Pediatric Cardiology in Europe). Ask senior and honorary members
• To present a short history of AEPC during the Business Meeting in Rome in 2016

Report from the Educational Committee
A Curriculum for training in Paediatric Cardiology will consist of definition of skills and competences for Level 1 in General Paediatric Cardiology combined with specific recommendations from WGs with definitions of the content and requirements of each subspecialty. An updated version of the basic training recommendations in General Paediatric Cardiology, will be published on the [www.AEPC.org](http://www.AEPC.org). Specific recommendations for the subspecialities will be written and updated by the WGs and published on the [www.AEPC.org](http://www.AEPC.org). Currently such guidelines exist for fetal cardiology, ICU, and interventions.

Training courses have a basic role in the curriculum. Important points to consider for the AEPC programme of Training courses:

- The courses have to be organised on a rotational schedule
- Courses may be organised on different levels, e.g., basic, advanced.
- Early information and cooperation between the WGs is essential

**Election of President-Elect, Secretary-General Elect, Councillor and Junior Council Member**

According to the Constitution the following changes in the council are due 2015:

- The election of a new President-Elect (to succeed the present President Eero Jokinen who steps down as President in 2016 and will stay in the council as Past President)
- The election of a Secretary-General Elect (to succeed the present Secretary General Katarina Hanséus who steps down in 2016)
- The election of a new councillor (to succeed Ornella Milanesi who is proposed by the council to be Secretary-General Elect)
- The election of a new junior member (to succeed Bea Bonello who steps down 2015)

A vote has been performed using the web. The following improvements will be made before the next voting (Spring 2016):

- The present result of the votes will be removed
- The procedure for transferrable votes will be discussed also for election of the other positions

Therefore, parts of the Constitution have to be revised and a new version will be presented to the members during late 2015.

The results of the votes:

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<td>Gurleen Sharland</td>
<td>294/36</td>
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<td>Katarina Hanséus</td>
<td>168/64</td>
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<td>Ornella Milanesi</td>
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<td>Emanuela Valsangiacomo</td>
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<td>Nico Blom</td>
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<td>Gianfranco Butera</td>
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<td>Jan Janousek</td>
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During 2015-2016 the council of the AEPC will have the following composition:

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<td>Scientific Secretary</td>
<td>Konrad Brockmeier 2016</td>
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<td>Chairman for AM 2016 in Rome</td>
<td>Giacomo Pongonglione 2016</td>
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On behalf of all AEPC members Eero Jokinen thanked Bea Bonello for her active and enthusiastic work for the AEPC council and especially for the juniors during 2012-2015. The President also welcomed the new council members and the council members in new positions.

**Introduction of new members**

AEPC is happy to welcome 96 new members (38 OM, 58 OM) from 30 countries.

**Future Meetings**

- **2016**: Rome, June 1-4
- **2017**: Lyon, March 29-April 1
- **2018**: Greece, probably Athens
- **2019**: Bids for arranging the AM 2019 has to be sent to the Secretary-General before December 31, 2015

**End**

The President thanked all participants in the Business Meeting and ended the meeting at 11 am.