



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of ESSOP 2009

Maribor, Slovenia – September 30th – October 3rd

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Abbreviations: AGM=Annual General Meeting; EC=Executive Committee; IPA=International Pediatric Association; EPA/UNEPSA= European paediatric Association / Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations

The sign => indicates a decision or an action

1. Welcome by Nick Spencer, President

21 attendees: Aksit Sadik, Alvarez Martin-Luis, Armano Giovana, Bigec Martin, Bulbul Selda, Duperrex Olivier, Gökçay Gulbin, Grguric Josip, Gunnlaugsson Geir, Kovacs Zsuzsanna, Kukla Lubomir, Papadopoulou Eugenia, Raman Shanti, Rubio Barbara, Spencer Nick, Tonniges Thomas, Tsitoura Stella, Waterston Tony, Wigg Neil, Yilmaz Gonca, Yurdakok Kadriye.

2. Apologies for absence

Lennart Kohler; Manuel Katz; Mitch Blair

3. Minutes of AGM 2008

No modifications requested by members before or during the AGM.

=> minutes of AGM 2008 accepted

4. Matters arising from AGM 2008

- Resolutions from last year

1. International Obesity Task Force Food Marketing Code adopted formally. Details for putting it into practice i.e for sponsors on next meetings will be discussed later by the EC.
2. Trainee on the Committee: two contacted are pregnant. Nick will contact them in near future to see how they can contribute and join the committee
3. Carbon neutral ESSOP:
 - a. First time that ESSOP put a prize for the lowest carbon footprint in travelling to the meeting which will be a free annual ESSOP fee for next year (see under other business)
 - b. Web-conference on climate change in spring was difficult to join from several countries (Turkey, Greece)
 - c. Give mandate to EC to develop more actions that could be conducted

5. President's Report 2009

- **IPA/EAP conferences:**

I circulated information about the next IPA conference in South Africa – we should consider applying for an ESSOP session. I think we should also apply for a session at the next EAP meeting following our surprisingly successful session in Nice 2008

- **Position Statements:**

We currently have 3 completed Position Statements on the website: Child Health Inequalities; Breast Feeding promotion; Migrants' children. Two have been published in Child: care, health and development- Child health inequalities & Breast Feeding. I understand that Anders Hjern is preparing the Migrants' children statement for submission. Mitch Blair is preparing a position statement on Early Childhood which will be circulated for discussion as soon as possible. Milivoj Jovancevic has suggested that his paper on social paediatric practice initially prepared for practice working group could be revised as a position paper.

- **Summer Courses:**

- *Course in Dubrovnik* – we held the third of our series of summer courses in Dubrovnik on the theme of Emotional development in Early Childhood. The Croatian colleagues will report on the course later in the agenda.
- *European School for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health* – Giorgio Tamburini and colleagues organised a fourth European School in Trieste in July 2009. Please contact Giorgio (tamburli@burlo.trieste.it) for information about content of the course and material arising from it

- **ESSOP and Child Rights:**

The Alliance for Child Rights and Health Equity is now well established and is preparing to publish a virtual compendium on child rights and equity and hold a series of web-based seminars. ESSOP is formally affiliated to the Alliance – members should visit their website and participate in their activities.

- **Discussion about pediatric associations:**

- President of IPA advised we should consider changing the name 'European' to 'International'

- Concerns amongst members regarding the investment necessary to be present there

=> To discuss (again) by Executive Committee regarding the name of our society

=> EC will explore how ESSOP could present in both UNEPSA (geographic Europe) and EPA (only EU countries)

- **Position statements:**

=> Shanti will liaise with Anders Hjern regarding "Health and needs of refugee and asylum seeking children" the recent Australian policy statement

=> Selda will prepare a position statement on "Media and Children" – she will prepare a summary to be circulated to ESSOP members

- **ESSOP and Child Rights**

The Alliance for Child Rights and Health Equity has been developed. Tony Waterston will send a short summary of the publication of a virtual compendium of child rights and equity.

6. **General Secretary's report**

As ESSOP's representative in WHO Task Force on Health Promotion for Children and Adolescents in and by Hospitals (HPH-CA) and Health Services, Stella Tsitoura informed the AGM about its latest activities.

The Task Force in 2009 prepared a "**Self-Evaluation Model and Tool on the Respect of Children's Rights in Hospitals and Health Services**".

The tool developed after:

a. Interpretation and review of:

- Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- Charter of the European Association for Children in Hospital;
- International Children's Palliative Care Network Charter;
- Standards of the Child Friendly Healthcare Initiative.

b. Consultation process with international partners as:

- England's Healthcare Commission;
- Greek Ombudsman;
- Task Force on Migrant Friendly and Culturally Competent Hospitals;
- United Nations Fund for Children (UNICEF) – Innocenti Research Centre;
- World Health Organisation (WHO) Headquarter.

The objectives of the model are:

- To assess the gap between the full respect of children's rights and hospital practice;
- To promote improvement and change;
- To contribute to the setting of standards;
- To contribute to the Monitoring and Evaluation of the processes.

Three main areas were identified by the Task Force members, reflecting priority considerations for hospitals and health services, namely:

- The right to the highest attainable standard of health care;
- The right of children to information and participation in all decisions involving their health care;
- The right to protection from all forms of violence.

Expected results:

- a. To effectively improve the promotion, respect and fulfilment of children's rights in hospital;
- b. To increase the level of participation of children and adolescents in decision-making processes affecting them;
- c. To increase and improve the culture of children's rights within Paediatric Hospitals, Departments and Services;
- d. To raise awareness of health professionals, management and policy-makers;
- e. To increase children's and parents' awareness and knowledge about their own rights;
- f. To facilitate to the healthcare organisations, the process of assessment of the respect of children's rights, with particular attention to the disadvantaged groups of the population, i.e. migrants, poor and disabled children;
- g. To contribute to continuous improvement in healthcare settings through the self-evaluation of the real situation, definition of new standards, adoption of actions and further assessment, monitoring gaps and producing change.

The tool is currently available in 8 languages (English, Estonian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Hungarian and Italian. German, Catalan, Croatian and Norwegian translations are in progress). These are available to download in PDF and Word format at <http://who.collaboratingcentre.meyer.it> . You can also find the English version in ESSOP's website.

On the other hand, the Task Force decided upon conducting a guided implementation process of the Self-evaluation Tool in a selected group of 16 hospitals.

7. Treasurer's Report (see Appendix A)

- o Olivier indicates a formal check of the details of the accounts should be instored to comply with Swiss regulations
- o Olivier explored possibility to make secure internet payment in order to increase and simplify fee collection: solution offered by bank was too expensive – Paypal was not considered by some members as secure enough. So decision was made with Nick and Stella to ask at this AGM members opinion.

=> Report accepted by AGM

=> From next AGM: two EC members other than the treasurer will control the accounts' details and sign a formal paper saying the verified them

=> Olivier will set up a Paypal account linked to one of ESSOP accounts as an option to pay fees

8. Discussion of future size of EC and Election of new EC

- o President, Secretary General and Treasurer have had monthly phone conference with Skype.
- o EC phone conference was held every 3 months but only a few EC members could join them for availability reasons

- Short EC meeting held before AGM: proposal that work should be done on a possible council of representative from countries or regions and possible change of constitution regarding size of EC (possibility for 8 members) – to be discussed by the new EC
- Stella Tsitoura decided to step down from the General Secretary position - Nick thanked her for the work she has done as General Secretary and the work she will continue doing as a EC member
- New EC elected unanimously
 - 1 Nicholas Spencer UK - Society President
 - 2 Lennart Köhler Sweden - Honorary President
 - 3 Geir Gunnlaugsson Iceland - General Secretary
 - 4 Olivier Duperrex Switzerland - Treasurer
 - 5 Sadik Aksit Turkey - EC member
 - 6 Luis M. Alvarez Spain - EC member
 - 7 Martin Bigec Slovenia - EC member
 - 8 Mitch Blair UK - EC member
 - 9 Selda Bulbul Turkey - EC member
 - 10 Gülbin Gökçay Turkey - EC member
 - 11 Josip Grguric Croatia - EC member
 - 12 Manuel Katz Israel - EC member
 - 13 Zsuzsanna Kovacs Hungary - EC member
 - 14 Basil Porter Israel - EC member
 - 15 Shanti Raman Australia - EC member
 - 16 Barbara Rubio Spain - EC member
 - 17 Stella Tsitoura Greece - EC member
 - 18 Tony Waterston UK - EC member
 - 19 Gonca Yilmaz Turkey - EC member
 - 20 Thea van Zeben The Netherlands - EC member

9. 2010 meeting - dates and theme

13th-17th October 2010 Izmir (Kuşadası), Turkey – President: Sadik Aksit, Turkey

Title: Well-child care

- Suggestion made to work on the title i.e. Standards in well-child care

10. Ethical code for ESSOP meetings

Sponsorship for ESSOP: draft with recommendations accepted apart from last point

11. Summer course Dubrovnik and future courses

14th-18th September 2009: Emotional development in early childhood

3rd-6th November 2010: Rights of children with disability and early intervention

12. Venue for future meetings

2011 Maastricht, Netherland – Thea van Zeben

2012 St Andrews, Scotland – Tony Waterston

2013 possibly Australia around or within IPA meeting – Neil Wigg

=> At least two EC members should be closely involved in the preparation of the meeting program with the task to ensure proper educational methods are used (i.e properly set and run workshops with objectives set in advance and a careful preparation of the facilitators)

13. Election of new members

- New member : Carl Lindgren (Sweden)

Confirmed by President's action

14. Any other business

- Carbon neutral ESSOP prize: Zsusanna Kovacs won the prize and has been granted this year's fees
- Jenny will send to Nick a proposal to collect and publish papers about social pediatrics in an electronic journal/newsletter

Appendix A

Treasurers' report for 2008 – presented at AGM 2009

Membership

	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lifetime	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Annual fee paid	34	48	41	45	41	44	59	33
Total	67	81	74	78	74	77	82	66

15. Cash-Flow - 1.1.08 to 31.12.08 – in EUROS

	In Euros	ESSOP CHF	ESSOP Euros	TOTAL
INCOME				
Interest (tax deducted)		4	19	23
Membership Fees		681	381	1'062
TOTAL INCOME		685	401	1'085
EXPENSES				
Local organiser support		-1'447	-	-1'447
Account expense		-15	-	-15
TOTAL EXPENSES		-1'462	-	-1'462
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES		-777	401	-377

16. Annual report of accounts

EUROS

Bank accounts	01.01.'08	01.01.'09	Difference
ESSOP CHF	4'420	3'643	-777
ESSOP Euros	3'900	4'300	401
TOTAL Bank accounts	8'320	7'943	-377

17. Comments

- No charges for website.
- Values in annual report of accounts may differ from previous report due to variation in exchange rates

Dr Olivier Duperrex, treasurer

Geneva, 29th Septembre 2009