

# EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRICS

Newsletter 2009

## European Academy of Paediatrics Congress 2008 in Nice

The most visible event for European Paediatricians was the EAP Congress held in Nice, France.

The Nice Congress represented the second congress of the European Academy of Paediatrics, organized in collaboration with the ESPR (European Society of Paediatric Research) and ESPNIC (European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care). The chair of the congress was held by José Ramet, representing the EAP and the chair of the scientific committee was held by Tom Stiris, representing the ESPR. Several other members of the three societies were actively involved in both committees. There was also a full nurses program.

The Congress was attended by a total of 2738 participants from 95 countries and 5 continents.

1877 abstracts were accepted (600 rejected or withdrawn). EAP received 36% of the abstracts. The French

Paediatric Society, the European Society of Ambulatory Paediatrics and 11 paediatric subspecialty societies collaborated to create very attractive sessions, covering all aspects of paediatrics from basic sciences to clinical research, from epidemiology to social paediatrics.

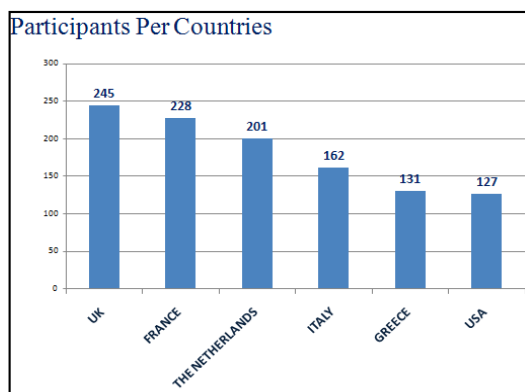
All sessions were well attended, and the atmosphere which prevailed reflected what is the goal of EAP which is to be more than an "umbrella" but a "home" for all Paediatric Societies and all European Paediatricians. The success of the congress and its attendance is clear evidence that a European Paediatric Congress, equally targeted to primary, secondary and tertiary care Paediatricians, is necessary and welcomed by the European Paediatric family.

See you at

2nd Congress of the  
**EUROPEAN  
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Nice, France  
October 24-28, 2008

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## The New Statutes

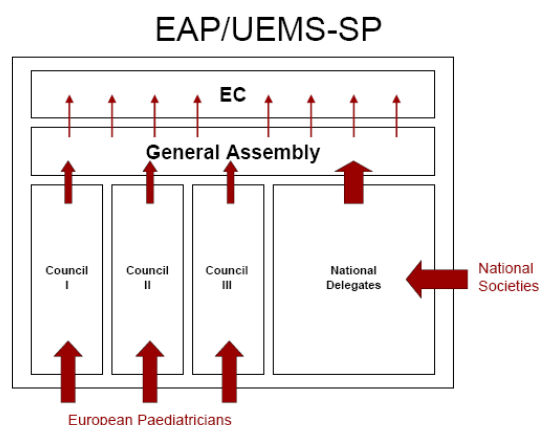
The most important achievement reached was the adoption of the new statutes of EAP.

A careful analysis has shown that when paediatrics is compared to other medical specialties, it suffers from an important disadvantage in that it lacks a strong European Society, with individual membership, to act as a common platform for the coordination, cooperation and representation of paediatrics at the European level.

The challenge was to open CESP to individual membership and at the same time to continue to serve as the

Paediatric Section of UEMS and follow the rules of UEMS. Multiple versions of the proposed Statutes were drafted by Max Zach, President of EAP, and many amendments were made by various members of the executive committee. Numerous meetings and correspondence were necessary with our Belgian lawyers before the Statutes became finalized and unanimously approved by the national delegates in Grado, Italy in April 2008.



Finally, translations were made before our new statutes were registered by the Belgian Court of Commerce in Brussels on September 19th 2008.



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## Cooperation with a Journal

### Archives of Diseases in Childhood

The way forward for EAP, is to grow out of being only a UEMS Section, by establishing a tradition of congresses and by having either its own journal or reach an agreement with an established journal.

After contact and meetings with several editors, an alliance was made with the Archives of Diseases in Childhood, considered one of the four leading paediatric journals. Patricia Hamilton and Peter Hoyer did a great job in the negotiations with the editors of the Archives and the BMJ Group.

Howard Bauchner, its chief-editor, presented a very attractive picture of the Archives, as reflecting the UK system of health care which is different from private office paediatrics in the US and many parts of Europe.

With this alliance, EAPs' goal is to rival the best US journals by editing excellent scientific content and by focusing on

more practical aspects of paediatrics in order to help the physician make appropriate clinical decisions at the patients' bedside.

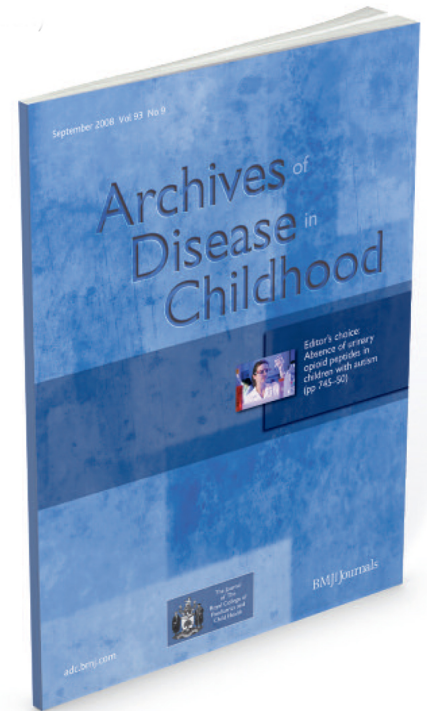
The impact factor of Archives is 2.09 and that of the Fetal and Neonatal Edition is 4.73 (global 2.6).

Currently, Arch Dis Child is a product composed of 3 journals (with a fourth journal to be launched soon):

- Archives of Diseases in Childhood
- Fetal and Neonatal Edition
- Education and Practice

One of the advantages of individual EAP membership is to receive a subscription to this premier journal of Paediatrics from the BMJ Group (either print with online access or only online access)

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## European Board of Paediatrics

Alfred Tenore and Patricia Hamilton are the driving forces of the European Board of Paediatrics.

The European Board of Paediatrics is a working group of EAP whose objective is to attain high standards of care in the field of Paediatrics by ensuring that the training of paediatricians is at the highest possible level in theory and practice.

EAP/EBP was active at several fronts:

**EACCME meetings:** The EAP represents the "Section of Paediatrics" at the UEMS and is primarily responsible for the evaluation and accreditation of paediatric CME events throughout the EU.

- As the UEMS Section of Paediatrics, EAP participated in **UEMS multi-disciplinary joint committees** (MD-JC's) in Clinical Genetics and Emergency Medicine, and had meetings with other sections (Rheumatology) in order to clarify the position of EAP concerning the necessity to have a three-year common trunk in paediatric

training before entering any paediatric tertiary care specialisation. There is a growing demand of UEMS for other MDJC's, like Sports Medicine, Intensive Care, but due to a lack of manpower we were unable to attend all of them.

- EAP collaborates with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health to adapt the **MRCPCB Mastercourse** (Malcolm Levene as editor-in-chief) to EU health care context. The Mastercourse is a teaching package aimed at paediatricians and general practitioners with an interest in Paediatrics. Alfred Tenore has taken the task to manage the collaboration of 41 co-authors in adding a European perspective to 51 chapters. The aim is to publish the EuroMastercourse for the 2010 Congress in Copenhagen.
- **UEMS-CESMA meetings** have been regularly attended by Alfred Tenore. The UEMS Council for European Specialist Medical Assessments aims to provide a forum for discussion between different speciality Boards in

order to promote harmonization in training and competency in each specific discipline.

- The Paediatric Rheumatology syllabus was updated.
- Jean-Christophe Mercier has tackled the job of setting up a working group in order to formalize Paediatric Emergency Care as a subspeciality in Europe. EAP is willing to sponsor a start-up meeting of a number of Emergency Care Specialists from several major teaching hospitals throughout Europe.
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry seeks a closer cooperation and was invited to the 2008 December meeting in Brussels. A demand by Paediatric Dermatology was formulated to join EAP and they were invited as an Associated Society to the December meeting.

### Ethics

At the December 2008 meeting, the Ethics Group, under chairman David Neubauer had organized a workshop on "withholding/withdrawing treatment in neonates". Francis Crawley from the Good Clinical Practice Alliance talked about end of life medical care. Pieter Sauer from the Netherlands about end-of-life decisions in the Netherlands and abroad; Neil Marlow and Patricia Hamilton's topics were preterm and term babies and end-of-life decisions, the last two presentations were illustrated with case presentations with interactive voting and led to very interesting discussions.

### Vaccination Working Group

The vaccination working group organized, as in previous years, a very successful meeting on challenging new debates concerning RSV. The meeting in December 2008 was well attended and excellent speakers came from all over Europe to communicate their research and experiences with RSV vaccination. The proceedings of this session led to the writing of an article which has been submitted for publication.

### Primary and Secondary Group

Diego Van Esso, on behalf of the group, submitted a paper for publication to the Archives on "Paediatric Primary Profile in Europe: variation between countries". Stefano del Torso with Alf Nicholson created a research network in the ambulatory setting. EAP is convinced that research projects in Primary Care can generate very important data and therefore favourably sponsors the development of this network by providing EAPRASNET with space on its internet

page and also by a financial contribution to cover initial costs.

If you would like more details on EAPRASnet, please go to our internet site : [eapaediatrics.eu/eapras](http://eapaediatrics.eu/eapras)

### Tertiary Care Working Group

- A subspecialty presidents' meeting was organized in December 2008 in conjunction with the Annual Brussels Meeting. The specific situation of Paediatrics in Europe and the concepts of EAP were presented.
- Many members of the tertiary care group volunteered to participate in revising chapters in the Euro-Mastercourse book. Although intended for primary and secondary paediatricians, most of this work has been developed by tertiary care paediatricians.
- The development of a European Examination for each subspecialty was discussed. The possibility of collaborating with the European Board of Paediatrics for the development of specific subspecialty examinations, conducted according to the recommendations of the UEMS-Council for European Specialist Medical Assessments, has been taken into consideration.
- EACCME (European Accreditation Centre for Continuing Medical Education)
- Several members helped in the evaluation of these applications.
- Collaboration with the project on European Antibiotic Consumption (EPAC)

This project was started by ESPID (European Society for Paediatric Infec-

tious Diseases) but is relevant to all groups. Mike Sharland pointed out that there is a tenfold difference in the use of antibiotics in different countries and that there is an increasing problem of resistance. EARS (European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance) and ESAC (European Surveillance of Antimicrobial Consumption) are looking at the issues of antibiotic resistance and consumption respectively but only in adults. There is a wish to use this structure to collect data on children and Dr Sharland asked that each country identify a key person who would lead this project.

- Approval of the Syllabus and Training Programme in Paediatric Rheumatology
- Applications for visitation from five Paediatric Allergology Centers in Spain were received in 2008 and visited between September and November. Prof. José Manuel Lopes dos Santos led a delegation which included Prof. Arne Høst (Denmark), Prof. Alfredo Blanco Quirós (Spain), Prof. Maria Anunciación Martín Mateus (Spain), Prof. Antonella Muraro (Italy) and Prof. Antonio Martorell Aragonés (Spain). The Centres that were visited and received a certificate of accreditation dated December 12 2008, included: Hospital Universitario Sant Joan de Deu (Barcelona), Hospital de Sabadell Corporació Parc Taulí (Sabadell), Hospital General Universitario and Hospital Universitario La Fé (Valencia) and Hospital Infantil Universitario Niño Jesús (Madrid).



European Academy of Paediatrics  
Research in Ambulatory Settings Network

## European Academy of Paediatrics Research in Ambulatory Settings Network

### ABOUT EAPRASnet

EAPRASnet (European Academy of Paediatrics Research in Ambulatory Settings network) is a practice-based research network that is going to be established in 2009. It will consist of paediatric practitioners from practices in European and Mediterranean countries and research consultants from around Europe in collaboration with the EAP and AAP PROS.

### WHAT IS THE MISSION OF EAPRASnet ?

The mission of EAPRASnet is to improve the health of children and enhance quality of primary care practice by conducting international collaborative practice-based research.

## Relationship with other Societies

### EPA-Unepsa

A joint request by EAP and EPA was sent to IPA (International Paediatric Association) to request a second European seat in the IPA Assembly for the European Academy of Paediatrics.

Several members of our EC attended the EPA-UNEPSA Europaediatrics Meeting held in Istanbul in June 2009.

### EUROPET

In collaboration with the EAP and the EBP, the main objectives of EUROPET (European Paediatrics Thematic Network) is to address educational, professional and regional issues in European Paediatric education aiming to harmonize educational schemes using Tuning principles for providing a uniformly high level of paediatric training. Members of the network are representatives of higher education institutions from EU and associated countries.

Multiple meetings were held throughout Europe were members of our EC represented the EBP and the EAP: (Peter Hoyer and Alfred Tenore in Raesfeld, Max Zach and José Ramet in Oulo, Alfred Tenore in Milano and Cluj and Patricia Hamilton, Dinos Stefanidis and Adamos Hadjipanais in Istanbul).

### ECPC (European Confederation of Primary Care Paediatricians)

The former ESAP (European Society of Ambulatory Paediatrics) changes the name and becomes an assembly of all primary care paediatricians. Many of their members are also representatives of the primary care paediatricians within the EAP. EAP aims at good relations with ECPCP.

### EMEA (European Medicines Agency)

EAP aims to be the paediatric reference point for EMEA. EAP was officially

represented at the EMEA meeting concerning the creation of European networks for clinical research in Paediatrics by José Ramet. Hopefully EAP will play an important role in this research network in order to harmonize and stimulate research in medicines in Europe.

In January 2009 Adamos Hadjipanays attended a workshop in London on the Development of EMEA Transparency Policy.

José Ramet wrote a chapter in a french book that is to be published in spring 2009. The title of the book is : « Les pédiatres et la recherche en Europe: L'impact de la nouvelle réglementation européenne sur les médicaments à usage pédiatrique» and José's contribution: « La recherche clinique avec les enfants : libéralisme et précautions. »

## Dates of the next EAP events

December meeting in Brussels : 4-5 December 2009

Spring Meeting in Luxembourg: 16-17 April 2010

EAP Societies Congress in Copenhagen: 2-5 October 2010. Neil Marlow holds the Chair of the Scientific Committee, Constantinos Stefanidis holds the Chair of the Organizing Committee and José Ramet, Patricia Hamilton and Diego van Esso are members of the Scientific Committee.

## Our Website: [eapaediatrics.eu](http://eapaediatrics.eu)

The website of EAP is very important for the visibility of EAP. It appeared on the net on December 2, 2005.

Don't hesitate to visit our website where you can find all important documents, statements, publications of the different working groups.

If you wish to promote the idea of European Paediatrics, please add our link ([www.eapaediatrics.eu](http://www.eapaediatrics.eu)) to the website of your national paediatric society.



## The Executive Committee of EAP :

Prof.Max Zach - President		
<b>Prof. José Ramet</b> Secretary General	<b>Prof.Peter Hoyer</b> Past President	<b>Dr Pat Hamilton</b> Vice-President
<b>Prof. Alfred Tenore</b> President of the European Board of Paediatrics	<b>Dr Armand Biver</b> Treasurer	
<b>Dr Diego Van Esso</b> Chair of Primary Care	<b>Dr Adamos Hadjipanayis</b> Chair of Secondary Care	<b>Prof. Constantinos Stefanidis</b> Chair of Tertiary Care





European Academy of Paediatrics

# Join Today

Join us and help deliver services of the highest standards through EAP membership and its association with the European specialist societies – we can help define and agree standards of service, training and assessment.

The EAP has a seat on the UEMS and a chance to harmonise paediatrics across Europe and make it stronger and better.

Join us to add your voice and expertise to the European Academy to improve the health and well being of children throughout Europe.

**Membership currently starts from just €80 for 1 year or €120 for 2 years which includes:**

- an individual subscription to Archives of Disease in Childhood (24 issues per year)
- discounts on congresses and EAP activities
- the chance to join primary, secondary or tertiary care groups and working parties such as those on ethics or adolescent health

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## What is the EAP?

The European Academy of Paediatrics exists to promote the health of children and young people in Europe.

It aims to improve standards in training, service and research and to represent the professional interests of paediatricians in the EU.

It incorporates the section of paediatrics of the European Union of Medical Specialists and therefore has influence in the political arena to advocate for children and young people as well as for the profession.

## How does it work?

The EAP is run by an Executive Committee accountable to the General Assembly which represents the membership. It includes the European Board of Paediatrics. There are 3 groups consisting of members who are paediatricians working in primary, secondary and tertiary care respectively.

The general assembly consists of 2 delegates from every European country, delegates from the groups and a representative from every European specialist paediatric society. The General Assembly elects the Executive Committee and it meets twice a year.

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## What are the benefits of membership?

You will contribute to the health of children in Europe in many ways. You will also:

- **Be able to take part in the working groups of the EAP**

This is an opportunity to make a difference! You can influence the standards of training and service; you can take part in working groups and task forces. Existing working groups include adolescent health, ethics, CPD, immunizations and accidents – but we could do more...

- **Receive a personal subscription to the journal Archives of Disease in Childhood**

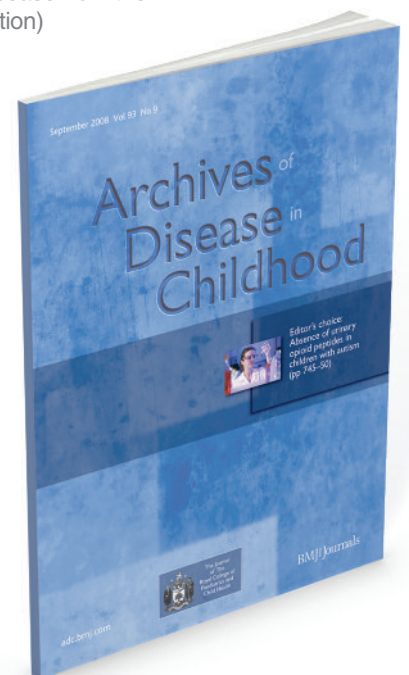
Archives of Disease in Childhood is an international peer review journal that aims to keep paediatricians and others up to date with advances in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood diseases as well as advocacy issues such as child protection. It focuses on all aspects of child health and disease from the perinatal period (in the Fetal and Neonatal edition) through to adolescence.

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