



EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

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**DRAFT MINUTES
General Assembly of EAPD
Hotel Rixos, Libertas, Dubrovnik.
Saturday 31st of May 2008.**

1. Opening and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the President, Richard Welbury (UK), who welcomed all attending members of EAPD. An apology, in advance, had been received from Norbert Krämer (Germany). The minutes of the previous General Assembly held in Amsterdam on the 10th of June 2008 were approved.

2. President's Report

The President's Report ([Appendix 1](#)) was presented by Richard Welbury (UK) and approved.

3. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report ([Appendix 2](#)) was presented by Paddy Fleming (Ireland) and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report ([Appendix 3](#)) was presented by Jack Toumba (UK) and approved. There was a discussion concerning auditing of the accounts and Jack Toumba recommended an annual audit. Some members opposed the proposition to increase the membership fee for active and associate members from 95 Euros (current fee) to 100 Euros (proposed fee, commencing January 2009) but the majority at the General Assembly supported the proposed increase in membership fees. There would be a lower fee of 50 Euros for active and associate members from counties of lower socioeconomic status and this was supported by the General Assembly.

5. Editor's Report

The Editor's Report ([Appendix 4](#)) was presented by Martin Curzon (UK) and approved. The Pegasus project, supported by Proctor and Gamble, in which 50 dentists in each of 3 selected countries in Europe received free 1 year subscriptions of the Archives, is finishing this year. It is planned to use the continued sponsorship to support further educational projects to promote the specialty of paediatric dentistry in Europe.

6. Web Editor's Report

The Web Editor's Report ([Appendix 5](#)) was presented by Elias Berdouses (Greece) and approved.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary's Report ([Appendix 6](#)) was presented by Cheryl Lee Butz (Germany) and approved.

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8. Election of President-elect and members of Committees

The chairman of the Credentials Committee, Jaap Veerkamp (Netherlands), presented a nomination for President-elect and nominations to fill posts in Committees ([Appendix 7](#)) and these were approved. Norbert Kramer (Germany) is the new President-elect of the Academy.

9. Proposals for approval by General Assembly

The following proposals of the Board and Council were presented by the president, Richard Welbury, for approval by the General Assembly:

9.1 Geographical Boundaries (Constitution Article III Section2)

Current Constitution wording:

‘Europe shall be defined as the geographic area bounded to the North by the North Cape of Norway, to the East by the North-East Ural Mountains, to the West by the Bjargtangar of Iceland and to the South by a line between Cape Marroqui of Spain to the Bosphorus circumventing Italy and Greece, or as member countries of European Union’.

Proposed amended wording:

‘Europe shall be defined as the geographic area bounded to the North by the North Cape of Norway, to the East by the North-East Ural Mountains, to the West by the Bjargtangar of Iceland and to the South by a line between Cape Marroqui of Spain circumventing Malta, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey or as member countries of European Union’

Outcome: Approved

9.2 Categories of Membership (Byelaws Chapter I Section1)

Current categories: Active, Fellow, Life, Retired, Associate, Student, Honorary.

Proposed categories: Active, Associate, Student, Retired, Honorary.

Outcome: Approved

9.3 Proposal for Honorary Membership of Academy (Byelaws Chapter I Section1)

Proposal: Election of the following as Honorary Members of the Academy:

Professor Elisha Ben-Zur, Professor Guiliano Falcolini, Professor Goran Koch, Professor Gisela Hetzer, Professor Walter Kunzel and Professor Thomas Marthaler

Outcome: Approved

9.4 **Behaviour Guideline**

Behaviour Guideline Development History

1. First draft of Guideline developed following Interim Seminar, Cologne, March 2005.
2. Hellenic Document tabled March 2007 at Council meeting in Winterthur.
2. Further comments to be received by 31st May 2007.
3. New draft of Guideline posted on website 31st July 2007.
4. No comments received by 30th Sept 2007.
5. Final draft posted on website November 2007.
6. For approval at General Assembly Dubrovnik.

Proposal:

Approval of EAPD Guideline on Behaviour Management in Paediatric Dentistry

Outcome: Proposal withdrawn

Constantine Oulis (Greece) advised against approval of this guideline as it was not acceptable to paediatric dentists in Greece. He stated that the proposals in the Hellenic component's document, tabled at the Council meeting in Winterthur in March 2007, had not been included in the updated draft guideline and that the Hellenic component of EAPD had not received correspondence from the author/s of the guideline. Jaap Veerkamp (Netherlands) disagreed and stated that he had sent replies to all those who had sent comments concerning the guideline, explaining the changes that were made. The president, Richard Welbury (UK), noted that there was no consensus at this General Assembly of members and that guidelines were developed to help all members of EAPD. He was therefore withdrawing the proposal and would ask the Clinical Affairs Committee to review the Guideline.

9.5 **Upgrading of Membership (Byelaws Chapter I Section 2 D 5)**

Proposal: Current upgrading of Associate Membership to Active Membership under Chapter I, Section 2 D 5 should cease in 2010. All applications for upgrading prior to this date should be current Associate Members on 31st May 2008.

Applications will be considered by the Credentials Committee in accordance with the Byelaws (above).

Outcome: Approved

9.6 **Education and Training Programmes Committee Composition (Byelaws VIII D)**

Current: 7 members. 1 University based advanced Education Programmes
2 Hospital based advanced Education Programmes
2 Private Practice Sector of Paediatric Dentistry
2 Members of the Council
President shall designate the Chair

Proposal: 7 members. 4 University based advanced Education Programmes
1 Hospital or Public Community Dental Service
2 Members from Specialty Paediatric Practice
President shall designate the Chair

Outcome: Approved

9.7 **Undergraduate Education Guideline**

Undergraduate Education Guideline Development History

- 1 Presented in Barcelona 2004
- 2 Interim Workshop Winterthur 2007
- 3 Updated draft to be posted on website June 2008
- 4 Comments to be received by 31st September 2008
- 5 Final draft to Board for approval 7th November 2008
- 6 Guideline to be adopted and posted on website November 2008

Proposal: To progress with approval of guideline as outlined

Outcome: Approved

10. Chain of Office

Martin Curzon discussed the newly acquired chain of office. The commissioning of a chain of office for the Academy had been proposed by the Board and approved by Council. The cost of the chain has come in somewhat under the estimated price of €9000 (£6,703.37 i.e. €8459.65). An elegant box to contain the chain of office is still to be constructed and this is covered in the price. The chain of office will need to be insured on the President's home insurance.

11. Next General Assembly

The next general Assembly will take place in Harrogate in June 2010 during the Congress.

**Paddy Fleming,
Secretary, EAPD**