



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (EADPH)
Minutes of the General Assembly
held in Tromso, Norway on Friday, September 4th, 2009

Chair: Eino Honkala
Present: Zdenek Broukal, Kenneth Eaton, Marc Van Steenkiste, Andreas Schulte, Klaus Pieper, Dominique Declerck, Colwyn Jones, Rebecca Harris, Corneliu Amariei, Harald Eriksen, Jacques Vanobbergen, Björn Söderfeldt, Stefano Petti, Jana Duskova, Iva Stamatova, Ioana Moga, Radu Chifor, Elias Casals, Sven Ordell, Tommy Johansson, Eeva Widström, Luc De Visschere, Nigel Thomas, Mikhail Pastbin, Paul Tramini, Stela Carmen Hanganu, Magnus Hakeberg, Anna-Lena Östeberg, Robert Eichler, Ioan Danila, Iliia Jipa, Ioan Danila, Alice Murariu, Roos Leroy.

Agenda:

- Opening and Welcome
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the EADPH General Assembly 2008 in Heidelberg
- Officers of the Executive Board, their tasks and short reports
 - o The President (Eino Honkala)
 - o The Vice-President (Zdenek Broukal)
 - o The Secretary (Roos Leroy)
 - o The Treasurer (Marc Van Steenkiste)
 - o The Auditors (Klaus Pieper & Andreas Schulte)
 - o The Associate Editor (Dominique Declerck)
 - o Executive Officer: Membership (Zdenek Broukal)
 - o Executive Officer: Communication (Roos Leroy)
 - o Executive Officer: Special Interest Groups (Andreas Schulte)
- Abstract writing workshop
 - o in Prague (November 6-8, 2008) – report
 - o in Constanta September 2010?
- Links with other organisations
 - o British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry
 - o European Public Health Association
 - o Council of Executive Chief Dental Officers
- New website – suggestions?
- Membership issues
 - o Corporate membership
 - o Membership campaign (country representatives)
- Election of the members of the Executive Board
 - Vice-President

- Co-President (meeting 2009)
- ☐ Future Meetings
 - 2010: Constantia (Romania), September 9-11
 - 2011: Rome
- ☐ Any other business:
- ☐ Closure

1. Opening and Welcome

Eino Honkala opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

2. Agenda

The agenda, which the members received prior to the congress, was approved by all.

3. Minutes General Assembly - Heidelberg 2008

The minutes of the Annual business meeting Heidelberg 2008 were approved by all.

4. Report of the President (Eino Honkala)

- The president first acknowledged all board members for their efforts for the association.
- The EADPH membership dues were adjusted to the GDP of the country of our members (75/35 €). This way EADPH is actually subsidizing the dues of the members of the countries with low economy.
- GABA and Borrow Foundation are supporting our budget and financing keynote speakers to our annual conferences.
- In addition, Gaba (two) and Borrow Foundation (ten) are donating travel grants of 500 € each to our young researchers for this conference.
- Community Dental Health has been a joint membership journal of BASCD and EADPH. The Editor-in-Chief has been appointed by BASCD and the Associate Editor by EADPH. We have agreed to share the costs of the journal based on the numbers of members in both associations.
- We coordinated some response to the EU concerning the water fluoridation issue. EADPH also worked together with BASCD for arranging an Oral Health Event for the new EU Parliament members in autumn 2009.

5. Report of the Vice-President (Zdenek Broukal)

- The duties of the vice-president covered the assistance to the president in managing outer and inner affairs of the organization and to cooperate with the other members of the Executive Board.
- The vice-President continued the negotiations with the representatives of Johnson&Johnson concerning the corporate membership in EADPH.
- The vice-President was heavily involved in the preparations of the Abstract Writing Workshop (Prague, November 6-8, 2008), an initiative to help our junior colleagues in their practical work in writing their abstracts for EADPH congresses. The workshop was kindly supported by GABA Int.
- The vice-President attended the Spring Meeting of CECD0, Riga, Latvia, 21.-23. May 2009
- The vice-President was as lecturer involved in the Scientific Papers Writing Workshop (Constanta, 28-30 May, 2009). The workshop was kindly supported by GABA Int.

6. Report of the Secretary (Roos Leroy)

- The secretary wrote the minutes of the 2008 extended board meeting and general assembly and sent them out to the EADPH members by e-mail. On behalf of the board, thanking letters were sent to the organisers of the 13th annual EADPH meeting in Heidelberg and to the Officers resigning from their jobs.
- The secretary took care of the update of the website, since the new website is established.
- She prepared the agenda and invitation of the 2009 extended board meeting and general assembly and sent them out to the respective members.
- She has been in touch with Harald Eriksen regarding the preparation of the annual meeting in Tromso.
- The secretary prepared guidelines for our EADPH conference arrangements.
- The secretary was involved as lecturer in the Abstract Writing Workshop (Prague, November 6-8, 2008) and the Scientific Papers Writing Workshop (Constanta, 28-30 May, 2009).

7. Report of the Treasurer (Marc Van Steenkiste)

- Financial situation of EADPH:
On 1st January 2008, the account balance was 7010.54 €.
In 2008 we had the following total income: 74771.08€ and the total expenses were 77508.21 €.
On 31th December 2008, the account balance was 4273.41 €.
- The invoice sent by BASCD regarding the payment of CDH dues does not contain enough details (e.g. no description of the incomes, only costs are given). Marc will contact BASCD and ask for more details.
- From the 2010 meeting on following financial arrangements for the annual EADPH meeting will be made:
 - The local organisers will cover the costs of registration, transportation and accommodation of one chair person per working group.
 - If there is a positive balance after the congress, 50% will be forwarded to the EADPH account.
 - If there is a negative balance, EADPH will pay the debit.
 - The local organisers are encouraged to keep the registration fee as low as possible.

8. Report of the Auditors (Andreas Schulte and Klaus Pieper)

- The auditors reviewed the account of EADPH and declare that the finances have been handled correctly and recommend the board to approve the organisation's account for the year 2008.

- The reports of the Treasurer and of the Auditors were approved by the General Assembly.

9. Report of the Co-Editor (Dominique Declerck)

- The co-editor chaired the Abstract Review Committee of the 14th EADPH Congress and processed together with its members the abstracts for poster presentations.
 - The members of the Abstract Review Committee for the 2009 Tromsø meeting were: Zdenek Broukal, Dominique Declerck, Ken Eaton, Colwyn Jones, Roos Leroy and Andreas Schulte.

- For the 2009 meeting, 66 abstracts were submitted (2008 meeting: 41 abstracts).
 - From submitted contributions:
 - 2 abstracts were accepted without modifications
 - 5 abstracts were rejected (1 because two abstracts were submitted by the same author, others were not within scope of dental public health)
 - 3 abstracts were withdrawn by the authors themselves
 - the remaining abstracts needed minor or major modifications.
 - finally, 58 abstracts were accepted.
 - Main problems with submitted abstracts were methodological issues. The abstract writing workshop certainly was helpful for some of the authors.
 - In addition to this task, the Abstract Review Committee prepared a proposal for the EADPH Travel Grants. The selection was based on the submitted abstracts.
- From the Constanta meeting on:
 - Abstract submission will go through the EADPH website.
 - Instructions (together with an example) will be posted on the EADPH website.
 - Abstracts that are not written conform the guidelines will be returned to the authors and revision will be requested.
 - A new category of abstracts and posters will be accepted from 2010 on: "communications of interest to dental/oral public health"
 - also case reports will be accepted
 - "field workers" will be encouraged to share their experience
- The Associate Editor attended the Editorial Board meeting of **Community Dental Health** on November 11th in London. Following issues were discussed:
 - Of papers that were accepted between November 2007 and October 2008, only 15% came from UK (1st author). The proportion of papers coming from outside UK is becoming larger!
 - The delay between acceptance and publication of papers remains extremely high (Electronic publication: 18 months! (this

should diminish in the coming months by applying stricter rules for the publication) and print publication: 21.5 months)

- The associate editor is asked to suggest names for the following positions:
 - o Editor: Denis O'Mullane ends his position in 2010 and would like to know his successor by the end of 2009.
 - o Board members
 - o Deputy editor

10. Report of the Officer for Membership (Zdenek Broukal)

- In 2009 the membership register contains 197 members of EADPH (not taking into account the joint EADPH-BASCD members). Since 2008, 41 EADPH members arrived; the membership of all new applicants was approved. EADPH members come from 37 states.
- There is still a problem in obtaining detailed information on joint EADPH-BASCD members (74 members?).
- Following companies are corporate members:
 - o GABA (
 - o Colgate
 - o Johnson & Johnson
 - o Borrow foundation (supporting organisational member)

11. Report of the Officer for Communication (Roos Leroy)

- The collaboration with Henrik Kropp (webmaster) is evaluated as very positive. All suggested items appear on the website within 24 hours time.
- All members are kindly asked to forward their suggestions to the website to roos.leroy@med.kuleuven.be.

12. Report of the Officer for Special Interest Groups (Andreas)

- The working groups started in Heidelberg, continued in Tromso and will further continue their work in Constanta.

13. Abstract writing workshop in Prague

- 15 participants attended the workshop in Prague;

- they were offered lectures (presented by Ken Eaton, Roos Leroy, Robert Eichler, Zdenek Broukal and Erika Lencova) and 3 sessions in working groups (where following assignments were performed: analyses of bad abstracts, revisions; preparation of abstracts from own/provided data)
- GABA International A.G. and 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague supported the work shop financially.
- A lot of positive comments from the participants were received.

14. Elections

The following members of the Association were re-elected to the Board:

President: Zdenek Broukal

Vice-President: Ken Eaton

Auditor 1: Andreas Schulte

Auditor 2: Klaus Pieper

Co-President 2010: Corneliu Amariei

Officer of Membership: Marc Van Steenkiste

15. Future meetings

- 2010: Constanta (Romania), September 9-11, 2010
- 2011: Rome (Italy) – dates to be discussed with the local organisers and ADEE and FDI. (school starts in Italy in the middle of September).
- 2012: Edinburgh (UK) – Colwin Jones will ask if BASCD is interested in organising a joint EADPH-BASCD meeting

Closure

The president thanked for attention and discussion and closed the meeting.

Report:

Roos Leroy, EADPH secretary