

**6th Meeting
Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe**

Notes 1st October 2005, Copenhagen

Attendees

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Corry van den Hoed-Heerschop, President Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [CvH]
Anne-Marie Bangels, President Paediatric Nurses Association, Belgium [AMB]
Mary Godfrey, Department of Health and Children, Republic of Ireland [MG]
Dousis Evangelos, Vice President Paediatric Nurses Association of Greek Nurses Association [ED]
Marie Edwinson Mansson, Vice-President, Swedish Paediatric Nurses Association [MEM]
Fiona Smith, Advisor in Paediatric Nursing, Royal College of Nursing, UK [FS]

Apologies

Anne Casey, Editor and Adviser, Royal College of Nursing, UK [AC]
Immaculata Dall'Oglio on behalf of Italian Nurses Association [ID]
Ingrid Hankes Drielsma, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [IHD]
Eva Lundberg, Swedish Paediatric Nurses Association [EL]
Dragica Bestak, President Croatia Nurses Association of Paediatric Nursing Society [DB]
Beisa Zabkar, Paediatric Nurses Association of Slovenia [BZ]
Nevija Ojo, Paediatric Nurses Association of Slovenia [NO]
Paul De Raeve, General Secretary PCN
Dr Ocakci, Turkey
Gabriela Bocec, Asociatia De Nursing Din Romania
Jitka Vorišková, Czech Association of Nurses
Joseph Cachia, Malta Union of Midwives & Nurses, Malta
Bogumila Rozycka/Krystyna Piskorz, Polish Association of Paediatric Nurses
Aldona Liociene, President Lithuanian Nurses' Organisation
Elina Reva, Estonian Paediatric Nurses Association [ER]
Josette Mulheims-Hoffmann, Luxembourg Paediatric Nurses
Magdalena Hadacova, Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives

1. Welcome/introductions

CSJ welcomed attendees. Apologies as noted above.

Danish Association of Paediatric Nurses

- An Association under the Danish Nurses Organization [must be a member of this first 1,200DK]
- 900 members of DAPN
- Membership fee for DAPN [250DK per year]
- Established in 1981 [includes nurses working with children in any setting]
- Publish: Paediatric Nursing Journal 4 x a year; a magazine with articles from and to the paediatric nurses in Denmark; information about the latest new book titles
- Nationwide conference: organizes a 3 day nationwide conference with different themes e.g. long-term and chronically ill children and their family, Sitophobia - eating disorder and the family of nowadays [60-70 attendees]
- Courses- organizes several 1 day courses every year, trying to bring subjects or problems from the paediatric nurses everyday into focus i.e. enuresis
- Give grants to members in order for them to participate in courses and conferences etc

- Have 2 interest groups who work with neonatal nursing and children exposed to failing care
- Are involved in a European and Nordic co-operation about Paediatric Nursing
- Involved in development of website and preparatory tools for children going to hospital
- Education of nurses: recognised specialities: intensive care [generic], psychiatry, infection control and anaesthesia [administering anaesthesia]
- DPNA lobbying to establish recognised paediatric nurse education. Programme outline developed. Issues related to finance. Local programmes delivered but minimal access.
- Children up to 15 admitted to 'paediatric ward'; admissions have to be referred by doctor [general practitioner] unless emergency – go to ER; no set national standards as to where admitted – local arrangements; no specific parent organisation lobbying for care of children in hospital. Nobab

Action:

- Send information re: EACH to member representatives - **FS**
- Identify links with Nobab and EACH - **MEM**

2. Matters arising from notes of meeting April 2005

2.1 Glossary of abbreviations

- Amendments from MG added. Website address to be included.
- Information then to be placed on website

Action:

- Add website addresses to glossary items – **AC**
- Glossary to be added to website following above - **FS**

2.2 Communication update

- Website area live and links provided on agenda. Further information to be added to website.

Action:

- Email to check if member countries/representatives are willing for name and contact information to be placed on website and information – **FS**
- Country/professional association representatives to add PNAE website link to their Professional Nursing Association website – **ALL**
- Send communication update to all Nursing Associations, EFN and ICN, including indicative content for education of paediatric nurses and minimum staffing levels across Europe - **FS**

2.3 Outline of education programmes

- Information received from Denmark, Slovenia, Greece, UK, Ireland, Sweden, Belgium

Action

- Information to received to date to be placed on PNAE website – **FS**
- Representatives who have not already done so to prepare a brief outline of paediatric nursing in their country [include details of education preparation]. **To be sent to FS by 30th November 2005 – ALL**
- Representatives to include in brief an outline of specialist paediatric post registration programmes available in their country i.e. paediatric intensive care, paediatric oncology **To be sent to FS by 30th November 2005**
- Representatives to provide additional contacts with other countries – **ALL**
- Summary information to be collated – **MG/FS**

- 2.4 List of children's hospitals in each country
- Item discussed. Not to be developed further. Information to be placed on each Associations website

Action

- Brief information about PNAE and web link to be prepared and sent to representatives for inclusion on other websites – **FS**

- 2.5 Regulation position statement
- Item discussed and agreed

Action:

- Additional information to be forwarded for inclusion in footnote 3 – **MG**
- Final version to be placed on PNAE webpage - **FS**
- Letter and regulation position to be sent to EFN, EACH, ICN, IPA, WHO regional committee, Council of Europe Health Secretariat [MG to provide contact information] - **FS**
- Draft covering letter to be sent to all professional association leads to send with regulation position statement to Country members of the European Parliament, Countries Nursing Association and parent/consumer Associations – **FS**
- Information as above to be distributed by Country/professional association representatives during January - **ALL**

3. IPA/IPAN Congress in Greece 2007
DE provided update.

- Invitation from CvH to be placed on Congress website within 2 weeks.
- 26-27th August 2007– Scientific programme for Nurses, Athens, Greece [opening ceremony 25th August 2007; IPA – 25th -30th August 2007]
- Congress fee for Congress as per the website www.icp2007.gr
- Greek Scientific Committee, Local organisation committee
- Suggested title: Children and Young People's Nursing: Looking Forward, themes for nursing programme – 1. Meeting the best interests of the child: [PNAE Definition of Paediatric Nurse, PNAE Regulation of Paediatric Nurses,], 2. Communicating with children, young people and their families [information for children and young people, preparation for admission, feedback from CYP]; 3. Providing safe care for children, young people and their family [protection of child, protocols, evidence-based practice, care in child friendly settings, quality assurance]; 4. Paediatric Nursing: Learning from each other [Primary/community care, innovations in nursing practice, different country perspectives] 5. Ethical issues in Paediatric Nursing
- Plenary speakers to be identified
- Abstracts to be submitted electronically – Nursing abstracts to be reviewed by Nursing Scientific Committee. Names and contacts submitted from PNAE. Additional names to be identified from Greek Nurses Association.
- Criteria for abstracts to be agreed.

Action:

- Information re: website to be circulated to PNAE members/IAPN – **FS**
- Check ability to invite plenary speakers – suggest one to be invited from Greek Nurses Association and one identified from PNAE – **DE**
- Outline template for abstract submissions and criteria for abstract selection to be sent to DE – **FS**
- Update to be provided following next planning committee meeting - **DE**

4. Recruitment & retention of Paediatric Nurses

- DE outlined key issues in Greece. Entrants in Greece tend to be mature [over 40 years]. Nursing student places filled. No choice as to which nursing school they attend. Most complete nursing studies but then do not work as a nurse after completion. Some undertake further studies i.e. psychology, law and then leave to pursue a career in those fields. Issues related to reward and recognition if functioning at higher level.

Action:

- Information about campaigns in other countries to raise the profile of nursing to be sent to DE [i.e. posters, video's, other marketing materials] - **ALL**
- Information about reward and recognition schemes to be sent to DE - **ALL**

5. Any other business

5.1 Bologna Process discussed

Action:

- Representatives to investigate leads involved in this process/discussion within own country – **ALL**
- Request update from EFN re: Bologna Process – **FS**

5.2 Staffing levels discussed

- AMB outlined staffing levels paper for Belgium.
- Defining staffing levels in children's and young people's services for the UK available on the RCN CYP zone

Action:

- Any information to be sent to AMB – **ALL**
- Quality indicators used for comparison in Belgium to be identified - **AMB**
- Quality satisfaction tools used in other countries to be shared - **ALL**
- Future agenda item to agree minimum paediatric nurse staffing level position - **FS**

5.3 Code for paediatric nursing practice

- Item discussed. Information circulated with papers but unable to locate European Code for Midwifery Practice and ICN Code for Nurses.

Action:

- Representatives to identify specifics - **ALL**

6. Dates of meetings for 2006/7

- 17th March 2006, Athens, Greece
- 20th October 2006, Rome, Italy
- 16th March 2007, Dublin, Eire
- 25th PNAE meeting [26-27th – Scientific programme for Nurses] August 2007, Athens, Greece

NOTE

- If documents are circulated with request for comment/agreement and no response is received it will be assumed that there is agreement.
- Please ensure receipt of emails is confirmed.

Meeting closed