

ESN Business Meeting Copenhagen, 25th October 2010**MINUTES**

The meeting was attended by 28 members including council.

- 1- Mats Blennow (president) referred the minutes of last year's meeting in Hamburg. *The minutes were approved.*
- 2- M. Blennow gave the president's report of council activities during the last year.
 - a. The council have had 5 scheduled telephone-conference meetings. This means of having meetings have been very successful and besides saving the environment, also they are very time and cost-effective.
 - b. Main activities of the council have been to create web-based instruments for report of national training programs in neonatology, self-reports of training units throughout Europe, supporting educational efforts i.e. the pre-congress training courses, partnership with the NOTE project of virtual learning and improving the website.
 - c. The council have also had several discussions with other societies interested in the improvement of neonatal care throughout Europe. Importantly, contacts with the Union for European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies (UENPS) have been taken.

The meeting decided to enter into a partnership with UENPS and gave the council the task to write a letter of intent about this. It also decided that UENPS can announce this on their web-site, including the logo of ESN. In return, ESN will similarly include this on our web-site.

Other societies that have been interested in collaboration are EFCNI (European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants, organization for parental organizations throughout Europe) and ENN (euro Neo Network) creating a European quality assessment database.

- 3- Marta Thio, officer for education reported on the pre-congress courses given last year in Hamburg, and this year in Copenhagen. The courses have been well attended, and participants' evaluations are very positive. An area of improvement was identified in the need for the course to split in smaller groups during workshops. The pre-congress courses have been approved by EACCME with 12 ECME credits per year.

The pre-congress courses primary target group are neonatologists in training, and the content should follow the ESN curriculum. On a three/year basis the courses cover neonatal ventilation, circulation, gastroenterology and nutrition, infections, neurology and stabilization/resuscitation.

- 4- Mike Hall informed about the successful NOTE courses financed by the Leonardo initiative. One module was successfully finished in the spring, the second is currently running and the third is due spring 2011.
- 5- Gorm Greisen and Morten Breindahl reported on the work with tools for accreditation and evaluation on the website. It is imperative that even more training facilities enter their institutions on the ESN self-report website for accreditation, and that this is done before the EAP/EBP meeting in Brussels Dec 10 this year.
- 6- At the ESPR business meeting later today, it will be suggested to institute a separate membership in ESN for doctors in neonatology or under training to become neonatologists. The suggested membership fee will be 30 Euros. Application and payment will be automatic via the web-site.
- 7- Mathias Keller informed briefly about the EFCNI (see above), and Adolf Valls-i-Soller informed about ENN.

The meeting approved that the council continue to work aiming to improve the relations with these organizations.

- 8- All current council members were elected in 2008. All present council members term is thus due 2011. The members were encouraged to consider appropriate candidates for the council/elections to take place in Newcastle 2011.

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