



**Minutes**  
**of the Meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee**  
held in Dublin, at the offices of Children in Hospital Ireland

Part I: Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 2 – 6 p.m. Part II: Thursday, June 17, 2010, 9 – 12 a.m.

**Present:**

Czech Republic: Jiri Kralovec, Klicek Foundation  
Finland: Teija Schröder, Suomen Nobab  
France: Sylvie Rosenberg, APACHE  
Ireland: Mary O'Connor, Children in Hospital Ireland CHI  
Portugal: Ana Lourenço, IAC – Sector de Humanização  
Switzerland: Hanne Sieber, Child & Hospital  
United Kingdom: Peg Belson, Action for Sick Children  
Japan: Kaname Yanagisawa, NPHC

**Represented:**

The following associations appointed as their proxies for the Committee meeting:

KiB Austria: Hanne Sieber  
Nobab Sweden: Teija Schröder

**Guests:**

Margreet van Bergen, EACH Consultant  
Gwen Garner, Action for Sick Children Scotland  
Marketta Kralovcova, Klicek Foundation  
Claude Laurens, Apache France

**Excused:**

Belgium: HU – Association HU  
Germany: AKIK  
Iceland: Umhyggja  
Netherlands: Kind en Ziekenhuis  
Giuliana Filippazzi, EACH Consultant

**Agenda**

## **1. Minutes of the Committee meeting held in Paris November 7&8, 2009**

The Minutes were approved.

## **2. Report of the Co-ordinator**

The written report for 2009/10 by the Co-ordinator Sylvie Rosenberg was approved.

## **3. Reports by EACH Members**

All member associations had been requested before the meeting to submit a written report on activities since Helsinki. Mary O'Connor combined all reports delivered in time in a folder which was distributed to all participants.

### **3.1 HPH**

Giuliana Filippazzi has rendered her report on the status of the HPH project in advance by mail.

### **3.2 NGO Group for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Geneva**

Hanne Sieber cannot report anything new, because the annual assembly was postponed due to the Iceland volcano ashes. It will take place only at the end of June.

### **3.3. EACH Website**

Margreet van Bergen discussed at length the status of our Website and the Intranet with our webmaster Paul Kleingeld. We do not use the possibilities of our website and we should put much more contents on our website.

It is suggested to put

- All members' reports on the Intranet (members who have forgotten their password can contact Margreet, E-Mail: margreetvb@hotmail.com)
- News from our members for the public
- Information on forthcoming congresses and conferences of common interest
- Conference reports from our own conferences or other important conferences attended by EACH members
- Articles/publications with new information, e.g. "Children talking fro themselves" by the Royal College of Paediatrics
- All available translations of the EACH Charter & Annotations
- Special information for people from Eastern European countries also on the CRC (links)
- Paul Kleingeld pointed out that many inquiries relate to specific medical problems. As this is not within the scope of our activities, such inquiries can at best be transferred to the Co-ordinator or to the Delegate of the respective country who might be able to indicate addresses.
- Paul Kleingeld is asked to prepare a statistic of the visitors of our website (e.g. Google Analytics).

## **4. Financial statements 2008/2009 and Auditor's report / Members' fees**

Copies of the financial statements are distributed to the Delegates.

For the year 2008 the surplus amounted to € 1'383.59 and for 2009 to € 798.78.

As of December 31, 2009 the balance on the bank account amounted to € 10'205.87.

As of that same date, unpaid membership fees amounted to € 1'665.—.

The financial statements are unanimously approved.

The auditor's report was read to the meeting and also approved.

The meeting agrees to keep the members' fees unchanged for 2010 and 2011: €175 for full members, €145 for associate membership.

## **5. Restraint: a new subject for EACH**

See Minutes of the General Assembly.

## **6. Membership in Brussels based European association**

As Euronet is no longer active, EACH has lost direct information channels on the European level. On the other hand, it is one of the main goals of EACH that the EACH Charter should be introduced and implemented in all European countries, particularly in countries where the EACH Charter and child centred care is still not common practice. Financially we are not in a position to build up a network in Brussels on our own.

The following two European associations are discussed as possible partners for EACH:

- Eurochild ([www.eurochild.org](http://www.eurochild.org))
- European Public Health Alliance ([www.ephpa.org](http://www.ephpa.org))

Eurochild, comprised of relatively small organisations is concerned for the needs and rights of children. EPHA, besides being very expensive, would not necessarily advantage EACH. EPHA has a very large membership, mainly of large organisations and handles topics on a much wider remit than those involved with children's rights. After thorough discussion of the pros and cons, it is decided to apply for membership with Eurochild. This also in view of the fact that Eurochild offers the possibility to organize working groups on special issues (in our case e.g. the child's right to health).

Margreet van Bergen and/or Sylvie Rosenberg will attend the meetings of Eurochild in Brussels on behalf of EACH.

## **7. Election of officers**

The tenures of all three officers (Co-ordinator, Secretary, Treasurer) have elapsed.

Before the meeting possible candidates have been contacted who would be willing to take over. The following persons tentatively agreed to be elected as successors at the next conference and act in the meantime as trainees:

- Elisabeth Schausberger, as Treasurer
- Jiri Kralovec, as Secretary
- Camilla Nordström, as Co-ordinator.

The present officers will therefore remain in post until the next Conference.

The meeting agrees to this proposal.

## **8. New membership applications**

Prof. Kaname Yanagisawa informed the Co-ordinator that NPCH Japan is no longer active and would like to discontinue its membership in EACH. He is attending an EACH meeting for the last time. He is suggesting as new member HPS Japan, an association that is organizing the training of Hospital Play Specialists. He describes the activities of HPS Japan, but unfortunately their representative Chika Matudaira did not come to this meeting and the required documentation was delivered only after the meeting.

Two Croatian associations have applied for membership in Helsinki, but at the time could not deliver the required documentation.

In the meantime the Croatian association "Together to health" for children with chronic diseases has delivered all documents.

With regard to the second association, Croatian Association for Children's Wellbeing in Hospital, it turned out that this is not an independent association but part of a big umbrella association for many different children's issue. It was proposed to their representative Milka Valpotic that a confirmation is given (similar to IAC Portugal) that her department for Children's Wellbeing in Hospital can act independently from the umbrella association and become an EACH member in its own right. At the very last moment their registration for Dublin was, however, cancelled.

As none of the representatives of the three associations applying for membership have come to the Committee meeting, the decision to accept these associations as new associate members had to be postponed until Saturday (see Minutes of the General Assembly).

## **9. Future activities of EACH / Strategy**

The need for a forward strategy, already on the agenda of the meeting in Paris, was again discussed. The following decision was taken: As all members still have not yet secured the universal implementation of the EACH Charter & Annotations, member organisations should concentrate on ensuring such implementation throughout all areas where sick children and young people are cared for, both in hospital and in the community. Given the different situation

and very specific conditions in every European country, all EACH members have to decide on their own national agenda and action plans. Likewise, EACH members are requested to work on the Resolutions taken at the EACH Conferences.

#### **10. Resolution of the 10<sup>th</sup> EACH European Conference Dublin**

See Minutes of the General Assembly.

#### **11. Next meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee / next European Conference**

The Committee has received an invitation by KiB Austria to hold the next meeting in Vienna at the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The meeting starts on Friday, November 18, 2011 with an official reception where the presence of all Committee members is requested. The Committee will work on its agenda on Saturday & Sunday morning, November 19/20, 2011.

Gwen Garner will clarify whether a conference in Scotland is possible. Other offers to host the conference were received from the UK and the Czech Republic.

#### **12. Any other business**

12.1 As requested in Paris, Sylvie Rosenberg tried to find a producer for a pen with a movable banner on which the EACH Charter could be printed. She has received an offer for € -.80 per pen for a minimum quantity of 1'000 pens. Sylvie will contact all our members in order to find out who of our members would be interested to join this promotion campaign.

The Committee expresses its sincere thanks to Mary for the organization of this Conference and acknowledges the huge amount of work connected with it. We are all looking forward to the Public Day and the social events still ahead.

For the Minutes:

Hanne Sieber & Peg Belson