



European Association of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology

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Dear European PAG Practitioners,
Dear friends,

First of all, I would like to express my happiness to contact you again, through the 3rd issue of the EURAPAG Newsletter.

As the 12th EURAPAG Congress, (26th-29th May 2011), in Plovdiv, Bulgaria belongs already to the history, we are glad to present you few key points of the Congress.

The aim of this newsletter is dual: to remind to those who were present, some of the most important moments of the Congress, as well as, to give the opportunity to those who were not able to participate, to get a small “taste” of it. It is a common belief that, the scientific standards were of high level and the organization was excellent. It was a nice opportunity for the participants to exchange ideas, share knowledge, meet old friends and establish new collaborations. For all the above, we would like to thank Prof Milko Sirakov, President of the Organizing Committee, for his efforts.

Dear all, it is a pleasure for us to present you the 3rd issue of the EURAPAG Newsletter and to invite your imagination to travel back to Plovdiv.

Enjoy the trip...

Cordially,
Panagiotis Christopoulos
Editor



Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,

It is an honor to welcome you, as the President in the recent EURAPAG newsletter. As most of you are aware that EURAPAG was founded three years ago, on 15th April 2008, and registered in Prague, Czech Republic. It was decided on a meeting of 19 representatives coming from 13 European countries during the 15th World Congress on PAG in Sao Paulo in 2007, that a European organization on PAG should be established with the name of EURAPAG in order to strengthen PAG in Europe. The existence of EURAPAG was confirmed on the first Delegate Assembly of EURAPAG which was held during the 11th European Congress on PAG on 12th of June 2008 in St. Petersburg. 40 delegates from 14 European countries, representing altogether 2808 specialists on PAG accepted the Statutes of EURAPAG and legitimized the organization.



EURAPAG started to develop like a fallible newborn and took its first steps towards adulthood under the leadership of our first President, Professor Jan Horejsi from Prague, Czech Republic. Furthermore, I have to add that it became a strong and accepted organization during its first three years and established close cooperation with FIGIJ and EBCOG as well. I am also proud of the fact that we have several hardworking and difficult years behind us which resulted, that EURAPAG is not a newborn any more, but a strong and healthy little child. Nevertheless, we all have to do our bests together in order to help EURAPAG develop further and grow up in the forthcoming years. And whose responsibility is it if not ours: we all – specialists on PAG – should take care of the health of this developing little young girl! This is our job!

Currently, EURAPAG is beyond its first organized congress which was the 12th European Congress on PAG between 25th and 28th of May 2011 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. We all can conclude that it was great success: more than 140 participants registered from over 20 countries and 26 invited speakers attended the congress from 12 countries; 38 oral presentations and 29 posters were presented. New Member Countries and Individual Members joined EURAPAG which has a membership of 2923 specialists on PAG from 23 European countries now. The second Delegate Assembly of EURAPAG took place in Plovdiv as well. 44 delegates of 17 European countries elected the new Executive Board; Also the venue of the upcoming 13th European Congress was decided upon, which would be held in London, England in 2014.

Finally, it is our further task to work hard for EURAPAG and for the gynecological health of young girls and adolescents especially, in order to make EURAPAG even stronger and to reduce the diseases affecting the growing new female generation significantly. Therefore, I ask for all the help and strong cooperation of yours kindly to achieve these titled goals!

Tamas Csermely
President of EURAPAG

Years ago, Professor George Creatsas had the idea for the establishment of IFEPAG, the International Diploma of recognition, for those physicians of different specialities, who practice Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology.

In Plovdiv, on the 25th of May, the XVIIth IFEPAG examination took place. Three new colleagues had the opportunity to obtain the IFEPAG Diploma, after passing a written and oral exam. We would like to congratulate them and wish them all the best!!!



12TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT GYNAECOLOGY



MAY 25 – 28, 2011 PLOVDIV, BULGARIA



EURAPAG has established two awards, for Trainees:

a) the best PAG-related article, published on a PubMed Journal, with a Trainee as first author,
b) the best presentation during the EURAPAG Congresses, with a Trainee as first author. The winners of the Prizes will receive free accommodation and registration for the next EURAPAG Congress.

During the 12th EURAPAG Congress, **winners** of the two prizes were:

a) for the best PAG-related article, Dr McGreal, a UK trainee, for her publication entitled “A study of paediatric and adolescent gynaecology services in a British district general hospital”,

b) for the best presentation during the 12th EURAPAG Congress, Dr Kedikova, a Bulgarian trainee, for her presentation, entitled “Metformin therapy – effective or not for the treatment of pcos in adolescence”.

Congratulations!!!

Do you want to make the activities of your Society more public???

Tell us about it ! Contact:

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President speech to Assembly of Delegates - Plovdiv 2011

EURAPAG was established in 2008 during the XII. European congress of PAG; in St. Petersburg, there the first executive board took place. On start, it had **13** National groups and **4** individual members, in total about 2.500 doctors. During the first (and foundational) Assembly of Delegates in St. Petersburg 40 delegates approved EURAPAG Statutes and thus, EURAPAG was established. During congress in St. Petersburg also elections of Executive board took place and Executive committee works as follows:

- Jan Hořejší – Czech Republic - President
- Tamas Csermely – Hungary -President elect
- Makis Deligeoroglou - Greece - Vicepresident
- Milko Sirakov – Bulgaria - Secretary General
- Žana Bumbuliene – Lithuania - deputy Secretary general
- Zuzana Nižňanská – Slovakia – Treasurer
- Marlene Heinz – Germany
- Gabriele Tridenti - Italy
- Elena Uvarova – Russia

As EURAPAG should be registered as organization, we decided to register in Czech Republic by Czech Ministry of Interior with the official address Praha 4 Motol, V Úvalu84, Czech Republic. After registration we have also opened bank account (Komerzbank Praha) and started normal life for such type of organization.

During 3 years of our functioning etape some new members joined EURAPAG: Belgium, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Kazakhstan and 1 individual member from France.

Contemporary EURAPAG registers approx. 3.000 members from 22 European countries. We feel absence of Scandinavian states and France, event when we have some individual members from those countries.

One of the first and very important matter of EURAPAG Executive board was to promote EURAPAG for system of postgraduate medical training in EBCOG. EBCOG recognises four subspecialities of Of/Gyn: Perinatology, Oncogynaecology, Urogynaecology and Reproductive medicine. After establishing EURAPAG, we have written to EBCOG President and introduce EURAPAG to him and to EBCOG Board. Soo after it, I with Prof. Csermely were invited to participate in **EBCOG Board and Council** meeting in Budapest. We have spoken about PAG history and have introduced EURAPAG and its ideas and its intentions for future development and activities, mainly in postgraduate training of young doctors. Even though EBCOG didn't want to recognise PAG as fifth Ob/Gyn subspecialization, recognized it **as FIELD OF SPECIAL INTEREST.**

EURAPAG was invited to organize one plenary meeting of EURAPAG for the European Congress of Gyn/Obs in Antwerpen. Additionally, we also prepared a workshop, about congenital malformations and surgical correction of them. Both were very successful.

Later, I was invited to **SCAT meeting** in Buxelles. First time, I have introduced EURAPAG and its plans to SCAT. After discussion, we were asked to prepare a list of topics, which are important in PAG and are not included into Ob/Gyn Logbooks. We have done it and send it to SCAT. I was invited and visited SCAT meeting repeatedly. Unfortunately, in the last meeting of SCAT there were only 3 members present and so no outlet was done. Nevertheless, we remain in contacts with it and EURAPAG Representatives are invited routinely to participate in meetings of SCAT.

Just after birth of EURAPAG, the Department of Trainees was established and Dr. Panagiotis Christopoulos was nominated its director. He established the link between EURAPAG's and ENTOG's web-pages and prepared the competition for EURAPAG Prize for best communication and the best poster in ECCOG in Plovdiv.

I think, the most important for promotion and recognising of PAG as important and special interest subject is **publishing**. It is our big task for future to write and publish the results from our scientific activities and research. It would recommend PAG to EBCOG and to all scientific organizations in Europe. This only could help PAG for recognition and I think, we have much to do in this field!! Such activities, as our European and world congresses are, are the very important impulses for it.

During this Assembly of Delegates, the new executive board will be elected. You will elect also President Elect, who start his active presidency after three years. My presidency ends and President elect Prof. Csermely will start his presidency without voting.

It is my duty and privilege to thank very much all board members for their activities. I wish to Prof. Csermely and to whole newly elected Executive Board all the best for their not easy future activities.

Important will be also election of venue of future XIVth ECPAG. I hope you will elect such one, which attracts participants and helps to international activities and awareness about EURAPAG.

I wish you and I wish to EURAPAG the best future!

Jan Horejsi

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Agenda

EURAPAG Assembly of Delegates

Plovdiv, 26th of May, 2011.

Hotel Novotel-Plovdiv, Hall Plovdiv I.

Chair: Jan Horejsi President and Tamas Csermely President-Elect

Greetings of EURAPAG President	Horejsi
Membership Application and Delegates registration	Niznanska, Tridenti,
Member Countries & Members of EURAPAG Introduction (simultaneous)	Bumbuliene
Report of EURAPAG President	Horejsi
Election of the members of voting committee	Csermely
Names of candidates for the new Board – new suggestions	Csermely
Presentation of candidates for new Board election	Each candidate 1-2 minutes
Board election – secret ballot	Voting committee
Treasurers report	Niznanska
Applications for the XIII. EURAPAG Congress in 2014.	Each candidate 10-15 minutes

Coffee break

15-20 minutes

Announce of new Executive Board (in case of vote equality new voting)	Voting Committee
Names of candidates for President-Elect and Vice-President	Csermely
Election of President Elect – Vice President	Voting Committee
Election of the host of XIII. EURAPAG Congress in 2014. (Secret ballot)	Voting Committee
Report of the Chair of the Trainees Department	Christopoulos
Proposals and other future activities	
Miscellaneous	
Announce of new President-Elect, Vice-President & host of XIII. EURAPAG Congress 2014	Voting Committee
Closing words of the new President	Csermely

**Minutes of the
2nd Delegate Assembly of the
European Association on Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology
(EURAPAG)**

Date: May the 26th 2011. from 4:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Congress Hall, Hotel Novotel-Plovdiv, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Present: 43 delegates of 15 European countries – see attendance list, enclosed.

1. The President of EURAPAG Jan Horejsi [Czech Republic] and President-Elect Tamas Csermely [Hungary] chaired the Assembly. President Horejsi welcomed the Delegates and expressed his wish for a successful meeting. The President-Elect Tamas Csermely (who automatically becomes the President after the Delegate Assembly) presented the Agenda of the Assembly (see attached document). Key points of this Agenda were the President's, Treasurer's and the "Trainees Department" Director's reports, elections for the next Executive Board, as well as for the post of new President-Elect and Vice President, and voting for the EURAPAG 2014 Congress hosting.

2. All delegates registered and personally signed the attendance list (enclosed) on individual basis and received a voting card. As 43 out of 50 nominated delegates presented themselves, the Delegate Assembly was considered to be valid. Simultaneously a presentation of EURAPAG Member Countries prepared by Zana Bumbuliene was shown.

3. President Jan Horejsi report (see attached). At the end of his report Jan Horejsi expressed his thanks for all members of the Executive Committee 2008-2011 of EURAPAG for working hard, and for all members of EURAPAG, resigned of his presidency and relinquished the post of President to the former President-Elect Tamas Csermely wishing him great success during his work between 2011 and 2014.

4. Nomination and election of the voting committee: Past-President Jan Horejsi proposed Panagiotis Christopoulos (Greece) as President of the Voting Committee and Hana Kosova (Czech Republic) and also Irisz Balint (Hungary) as members. The proposal has been accepted unanimously by the Delegates.

5. President Tamas Csermely presented the candidatures for the new Executive Committee and asked the candidates (nominated by the National Societies) to introduce themselves personally, in brief. The candidates presented themselves as follows: Milko Sirakov (Bulgaria), Jan Horejsi (Czech Republic), Ivonne Bedei (Germany), Efthimios Deligeoroglou (Greece), Gabriele Tridenti (Italy), Zana Bumbuliene (Lithuania), Zoran Stankovich (Serbia), Zuzana Niznanska (Slovak Republic), Paul Wood (United Kingdom) and Iryna Tuchkina (Ukraine). The Voting Committee distributed and recollected the voting sheets following a procedure of a secret ballot.

6. During the counting of votes, the treasurer Zuzana Niznanska reported about the financial state of EURAPAG. The deposit of EURAPAG up to 26 May 2011 was 7537.45 Euros. Positive balance was coming only from the membership and in 2008 from FIGIJ annual budget –total: 13179.61€. Total expenses 2008-2011 were 5642.16€: for foundation of EURAPAG (1817€), web page (1828€), EBCOG council travel expenses for president 2x (400€), diplomas - award for Plovdiv (130€), audit (40€), bank account foundation and fees (1348€). All Member countries participating in this voting procedure had no financial obligations.

7. The Voting Committee announced the results of the voting procedure for the new Executive Committee: 42 voting sheets were valid. Voting results: Gabriele Tridenti (Italy) and Zuzana Niznanska (Slovak Republic) received 25 votes each; Milko Sirakov (Bulgaria) 23 votes; Zana Bumbuliene (Lithuania) 21 votes; Paul Wood (United Kingdom) 20 votes; Zoran Stankovich (Serbia) 19 votes; Efthimios Deligeoroglou (Greece), Jan Horejsi (Czech Republic) and Ivonne Bedei (Germany) reached to an equality in votes with 18 votes each. As Iryna Tuchkina (Ukraine) received 12 votes has been assigned as 10th in the voting ranking. Thus, 6 candidates received valid ballots: G.Tridenti, Z.Niznanska, M.Sirakov, Z.Bumbuliene, P.Wood and Z.Stankovich. 3 candidates Efthimios Deligeoroglou (Greece), Jan Horejsi (Czech Republic), and Ivonne Bedei (Germany) were candidates for the 7th and 8th places. Therefore a second round of secret voting had to be performed. At the end of this second secret voting 40 voting sheets were valid. Jan Horejsi (Czech Republic) and Efthimios Deligeoroglou (Greece) received 22 votes each, and Ivonne Bedei (Germany) received 18, J.Horejsi occupied the 7th post and E. Deligeoroglou received the last post of the new Executive Committee.

8. The new President informed the Delegates, on the applications received for organizing the next XIIIth European PAG Congress. The first application was from Greece, and a second one from the United Kingdom. The President asked the representatives of the two Countries to present their candidatures. Efthimios Deligeoroglou (Greece) gave a video presentation regarding the brilliant facilities for organizing the next Congress in Athens. Paul Wood (United Kingdom) gave a presentation on features and financial issues regarding the Congress if hosted in London. After secret ballot, the Voting Committee announced that 43 votes were valid and the Voting results were: UK 29 voices and Greece 10 votes (4 blank votes). Therefore, the country responsible to organize the XIIIth European Congress on PAG in 2014 is the United Kingdom.

9. The members of the newly elected Executive Committee proposed two candidates for the post of next President-Elect: Milko Sirakov (Bulgaria) and Efthimios Deligeoroglou (Greece), and proposed Gabriele Tridenti (Italy) for the task of Vice-President. No further proposals arrived. After secret ballot the Voting Committee announced the results of the voting procedure for the two posts: 43 voting sheets were valid. Voting results: for the post of next President-Elect of EURAPAG has been elected Milko Sirakov (Bulgaria) who received 22, while Efthimios Deligeoroglou (Greece) 19 and 2 blank votes. The new Vice-President became Gabriele Tridenti (Italy) who received 31 positive votes and 12 blank votes.

10. (See agenda point 15.) Report of the Director of the Trainees Department Panagiotis Christopoulos (Greece) was very informative, as included all the activities of the Department for the last three years, such as establishing the Best Publication and the Best Presentation Prize for Trainees ect. In addition, he reported on activities such as Publishing the EURAPAG newsletter and coordinating the EURAPAG website.

11. There were no further proposals, activities or additional issues for discussion. The Delegate Assembly has been adjourned.

Plovdiv, 26th of May, 2011.

Tamas Csermely
Zana Bumbuliene

President
Deputy Secretary General



EURAPAG Executive Committee 2011-2014

From left to right

Standing: **Z.Stankovich** (Serbia, EC Member), **P.Wood** (UK, EC Member), **P. Christopoulos** (Greece, Director of Dept), **J.Horejsi** (Czech Rep, Treasurer), **M.Sirakov** (Bulgaria, President Elect), **E.Deligeoroglou** (Greece, Secretary General).

Sitted: **Z.Bumbuliene** (Lithuania, Deputy Secretary General), **G.Tridenti** (Italy, Vice President), **T.Csermely** (Hungary, President), **Z.Niznanska** (Slovakia, EC Member)

