

**28th Meeting
Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe**

**Paris, France
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Attendees

Sebastien Coston, Association Nationale des Puéricultrices Diplômées et des Etudiants [Host][SC]
Madeleine Collombier, Association Nationale des Puéricultrices Diplômées et des Etudiants [MC][Host]
Elisa Guises, Association Nationale des Puéricultrices Diplômées et des Etudiants [EG][Host]
Alix Haentjens, Association Nationale des Puéricultrices Diplômées et des Etudiants [AH][Host]
Caoralie Cadene Pereira, Association Nationale des Puéricultrices Diplômées et des Etudiants [CCP][Host]
Kristina Kuznik, Croatian Nurses Association of Paediatric Nursing Society [KK]
Dragica Beštak, Croatian Nurses Association of Paediatric Nursing Society [DB]
Jorunn Tunby, Norwegian Paediatric Nurses Association [JT]
Ayse Ferda Ocakci, Turkey [AFO]
Karin Bundgaard, Paediatric Nursing Association, Denmark [KB]
Conni Andersen, Paediatric Nursing Association, Denmark [CA]
Helena Wigert, Swedish Pediatric Nurses Association, Sweden [HW]
Frauke Leupold, Berufsverband Kinderkrankenpflege, Germany [FL]
Vasiliki Matziou, President Hellenic Paediatric Nursing Association [VM]
Barbara Boutopoulou, General Secretary Hellenic Paediatric Nursing Association [BB]
Jitka Voříšková, Head of the Pediatric section of the Czech Nurses Association [JV]
Ivona Mikulenková, vice President, Pediatric section of the Czech Nurses Association [IM]
Katrin De Winter, Paediatric Nurses Association, Belgium [KDW]
Karen Vansteenkiste, Paediatric Nurses Association, Belgium [KV]
Caroline Roberts-Quast, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [CRQ]
Corry van den Hoed-Heerschop, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [CvH]
Lina Pereira President of the Professional Specialty College of Infant Health and Paediatrics Nursing, Ordem dos Enfermeiros, Portugal [LP]
Mrs Sofia Abreu Secretary of the Professional Specialty College of Infant Health and Paediatrics Nursing, Ordem dos Enfermeiros, Portugal [SA]
Dr Eleni Kyritsi-Koukoulari, President Hellenic National Nurses Association (HNNA) & Advisor Paediatric Nurses Sector [EKK]
Mrs. Mania Kasnaktsoglou, General Secretary of President Hellenic National Nurses Association (HNNA) [MK]
Mrs. Fragkoula Efstratiou, President of Paediatric Nurses Sector of HNNA [FE]
Orsola Gawroski on behalf of Italian Nurses Association [OG]
Wendy Nicholson, Public Health England, United Kingdom [WN]
Fiona Smith, Royal College of Nursing, United Kingdom [FS]

Apologies

Jane Coad, Royal College of Nursing, United Kingdom [JC]
Martha Böhm, Paediatric Nurses Association, Austria [MB]
Ulli Barborik, Paediatric Nurses Association, Austria [UB]
Ingrid Hankes Drielsma, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [IHD]
Anna-Barbara Schlüer, Switzerland [ABS]
Catherine Sheridan, Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation – INMO, Ireland [CS]

1. **Welcome/introductions**

Madeleine Collombier welcomed attendees to the meeting and to Paris

Attendees introduced themselves to each other.

2. **Update of Paediatric Nursing in France**

Sebastien Colson provided a brief update and data about paediatric nursing in France (see attached slides).

There are 66.6 million people in France of whom 16.4 million are under the age of 20, with 800,000 births per annum. There are some densely populated areas and some areas which are sparsely populated. It was noted that there has been a decrease in ambulatory paediatricians, with parents/families preference to attend hospitals.

There are different types of nurses: Generalist nurse, paediatric nurse, nurse manager, anaesthetist nurse, operating room nurse and advanced practice nurse. There are numerous challenges facing paediatric nursing/paediatric nurses in France arising from the Bologna process and a lack of recognition of the need for specific nurses to care for children. It was noted that the generalist nurse programme no longer includes specific practice experience and competencies in relation to the care of children. The current state diploma programme to be registered as a paediatric nurse dates back to 1983. ANPDE hope to establish paediatric nursing as advanced nursing practice. It was noted that medical staff have considerable power base and there is no nurse in the Ministry of Health in France.

3. **WHO Nursing & Midwifery public health collaborating Centre**

Wendy Nicholson, National Lead Nurse: Children, Young People and Families, Public Health England highlighted the role of Public Health England and presented information about the recently established WHO Nursing & Midwifery Public Health collaborating centre (see attached). Briefing also circulated (see attached). Draft action plan shared with attendees. WN seeking partners and information. Keen to link with organisations across the globe, including academic institutions. Important to draw upon economic evaluation and return on investment arguments to evidence the need for funding preventative initiatives.

Action:

- Contact WN if you have ideas, information to share, wish to be a partner organisation or academic friend - **All**

4. **Matters arising from notes of meeting May 2016**

4.1 *Written updates for website*

[\[http://www2.rcn.org.uk/development/communities/specialisms/children_and_young_people/forums/other_forums_and_groups/paediatric_nursing_associations_of_europe\]](http://www2.rcn.org.uk/development/communities/specialisms/children_and_young_people/forums/other_forums_and_groups/paediatric_nursing_associations_of_europe)

FS advised that some information had been received. If other countries could look at the website and advise of relevant website links, or the named contact for the website and for communication. The name of each Associations name in own language to be placed on PNAE webpage if provided and also contact email addresses if advised

Please note: A new RCN website is being developed. Information about PNAE will transfer to the new webpages in due course. In the meantime please access via the amended link above. New information will be placed here <https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-involved/forums/children-and-young-people-professional-issues-forum/children-and-young-people-professional-issues-forum-home/paediatric-nursing-associations-of-europe>

Action:

- Each country to email FS the name and email address for the key contact as above and the weblink for their association – **All**
- Key contacts and weblinks to be placed on PNAE website when received – **FS**
- Key contact to cascade information, agenda's and papers within their own country/Association as required - **All**

4.2 Congress in 2016 and Congress 31st May and 1st June 2018 in Athens

Feedback received from Congress in Porto in May 2016: 120 participants over 2 days from 19 countries. 100 abstracts were submitted. Feedback from attendees highlighted that the conference was a very successful event.

Clarification noted by attendees that the organisation of the congress as outlined in Porto is being undertaken by Hellenic Association Paediatric Nursing and University of Athens and not in partnership with Hellenic Nurses Association Paediatric Sector.

BB reported that a conference organising company would be recruited in the next few months and that the intention was to have as low fees as possible, with early bird rate and student rate in line with a potential stream for students.

It was noted that Maria do Ceu Barbieri, Chair of 2016 PNAE scientific committee would participate in 2018 scientific committee and Sandra Cruz would participate in overarching Organising committee for 2018 PNAE congress

Action

- Notify FS when congress website live - **VM & BP**
- Identify additional PNAE representatives for scientific committee and overarching organising committee - **FS**

4.3 RN4CAST, recruitment and competence of nurses

No update provided by HW. FS had circulated a recent paper published in the BMJ 'Nursing skill-mix in European hospitals: cross-sectional study of the association with mortality, patient ratings and quality of care.

Action:

- Circulate details of neonatal workforce study recently published by Neil Marlow and colleagues – **FS**

- Highlight the need for similar workforce study in paediatrics to researchers in each country - **All**

4.4 *Promoting collaborative children's nursing research*

Further information expected from France in February 2017. To be recirculated once additional content added. Noted PNAE's role is to facilitate and encourage research in key priority areas.

Action:

- Cascade completed list once finalised - **FS**
- To cascade to lead nursing researchers in each country once received –**All**

5. **Palliative care**

FL presented initial findings (see attached). Many countries have not yet responded. It was noted that there was considerable variation and differences across countries and within countries. There are some good areas but there is a mixed picture overall. . Key issues related to resources, funding and networks.

Action:

- Re-send survey to countries that have not yet responded – **FS**
- Countries to respond within set timeline – **All**
- Send summary text in collation to each country for confirmation - **FS**
- Collate additional responses and send to FL - **FS**
- Present final findings and outline position statement at next meeting - **FL**

6. **Caring for sick children and young people at home and in the community –**

FL presented the PowerPoint slides highlighting final findings (see attached) and an outline position statement. The draft position statement discussed and amendments suggested.

Action:

- Revise draft position statement in view of discussion points – **FS**
- Finalise and agree position statement at next PNAE meeting - **All**

7. **Home ventilation for children across Europe**

IM presented final findings (see attached). It was noted that more countries had responded. Particular issues noted in respect of support and information for families, financial support and the need for short breaks.

Action

- Additional recommendation to be added to position statement concerning the care of children in the community – **FS**

8. **Registration and regulation of nurses**

IM reported that policy makers in the Czech Republic were of the view that nurses did not need a register or to be regulated. It was noted that there was a need for a register and robust regulatory system so as to protect the public, for the safety of

children and young people, and in order to plan the future workforce and education and training needs.

Action

- Letter to be drafted to support the need for regulation– **FS**
- Add footnote to define ‘practice’ on PNAE position statement ‘re-registration and continuing professional development requirements of Paediatric Nurses in Europe - **FS**

9. Pain management and assessment

It was noted that pain management and assessment were issues that had been addressed in many countries across Europe. Belgium for example had national guidelines, organised education and assessed children’s pain three times a day. Similarly in Greece Pain management and assessment was encompassed within nurse education, with surveys concerning pain and discomfort conducted in specialist areas such as PICU. Germany reported that there were national standards for all, while in Denmark a number of tools were used. KB highlighted the ‘One Voice’ approach in Denmark and the importance of parental involvement. Information circulated to attendees. KK reported that in Croatia there is a society for pain management in adults and that the paediatric nursing association had held symposiums on the topic. In France there is an internet website that encompasses tools – ‘pediadol.org’. Portugal highlighted that there are a range of assessment tools and that pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches were used to manage pain and discomfort. JT highlighted recent articles and the importance of pain management as an alternative to restraint. CvH enquired whether pain histories and assessments were routinely undertaken as part of the admission process. IM highlighted ‘Buzzy’

Action

- Share pain management resources and assessment tools in use in your country
- **all**

10. Climate change

FS had circulated editorial published recently about the impact of climate change. OG highlighted issues and concerns. It was noted that nurses needed to act as role models and professional nursing associations had a role in increasing awareness amongst their membership

11. Any other business

KK advised that the 12th Neuroscience congress is to be held in Croatia in September 2017. One day will be focused on paediatrics. Flyers circulated to attendees. More information available at www.wfnn2017croatia.com and info@wfnn2017croatia.com

MK reported that there was a new team in the Paediatric sector in the Hellenic Nurses Association.

ESNO

FS reported that there was an opportunity to attend ESNO meeting as observer. Meetings usually held in Brussels.

Action:

- KdW to consider attending on behalf of PNAE if able.

Nursing Children and Young People Journal

FS reported that the editor Chris Walker is keen to receive articles from European/International authors. Copies of journal and information circulated.

Website – <https://rcni.com/nursing-children-and-young-people>

Email: chris.walker@rcni.com

Action:

- Contact Chris Walker if interested in writing an article – **all**

Venues for future meetings

Attendees discussed and agreed not to hold the March meeting in Turkey due to current situation. Agreed to hold meeting in Turkey at a later date. FL advised there may be the possibility of hosting the March 2017 meeting in Germany on 23rd and 24th March 2017.

FS advised she was awaiting confirmation of dates for the meeting in Iceland.

Action:

- Advise FS asap if the March 2017 meeting can be held in Germany - **FL**
- Advise PNAE representatives asap of change in venue and meeting date – **FS**
- Assistance requested from HW to secure confirmation from Iceland - **HW**

Post meeting note

FL advised the March 2017 meeting could not be arranged in Germany. OG exploring whether the meeting could be held in Naples. The dates may change to April 2017 instead of March 2017. FS to advise representatives as soon as communication received from OG

Future agenda items

- The health of child immigrants – **KdW/CRQ**

Notification and responding to emails within requested timeline

FS asked for all PNAE representatives to keep to set timelines for responses and notifications. It was noted that information is required by hosts well in advance so as to aid planning and preparation

Action

- PNAE members to respond to requests, notifications and to return information within set timeline - **All**

12. Future meeting dates/venues and locations

- 30th and 31st March 2017 or dates in April in Naples – **awaiting confirmation from OG**

- Mid-end October 2017 – Reykjavik, Iceland – **dates to be confirmed**
- 31st May & 1st June 2018 including 2 day Congress – Athens, Greece
- Autumn/Winter 2018 – Czech Republic
- Spring 2019 – Naples, Italy
- Autumn/Winter 2019 – Croatia
- TBC Spring 2020 including 2 day congress – Estonia
- Belgium

Action:

- Discuss venues and dates of future meetings at March 2017 meeting - **All**
- Advise FS of attendance at the 2017 meetings- **All**

Please advise FS if you are interested in hosting a meeting - all

PNAE meetings are held in different venues/countries to enable as many representatives from Paediatric Nursing Associations/National Nursing Associations to attend and participate in activities. We appreciate that financial implications of travel and accommodation may prevent several members from attending PNAE meetings. If your country has not yet attended a PNAE meeting but you would be interested in hosting a meeting in your Nursing Association/Country please contact Fiona Smith – Fiona.smith@rcn.org.uk ASAP

15.35 Meeting closed.

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.***