

**20th Meeting
Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe**

Notes 8th and 9th November 2012

Attendees

Ingrid Hankes Drielsma, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [IHD] [Host]
Corry van den Hoed-Heerschop, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [CvH]
Jacobien Wagemaker, President, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [JW]
Conny van Velden, Board member of Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [CvV]
Ellen Ider Gulik-Hutter, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [EIGH]
Caroline Roberts Quast, Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands [CRQ]
Frauke Leupold, Berufsverband Kinderkrankenflege, Germany [FL]
Anne-Marie Bangels, President Paediatric Nurses Association, Belgium [AMB]
Dragica Bestak, President Croatia Nurses Association of Paediatric Nursing Society [DB]
Kristina Kuzuik, Vice President Croatia Nurses Association of Paediatric Nursing Society [KK]
Immacolata Dall'Oglio on behalf of Italian Nurses Association [ID]
Simona Calza'll on behalf of Italian Nurses Association [SC]
Siw Fossan, Norweigen Paediatric Nurses Association [SF]
Beate Harvik, Norweigen Paediatric Nurses Association [BH]
Britt Marie Ygge, Swedish Pediatric Nurses Association, Sweden [BMY]
Claus Sixtus Jensen, Paediatric Nursing Association, Denmark [CSJ]
Karin Bundgaard, Paediatric Nursing Association, [KB]
Fiona Smith, Royal College of Nursing, United Kingdom [FS]

Apologies

Dijana Otasevic, President, Pediatric Section of Serbian Nursing Association [OD]
Orsola Gawronski, on behalf of Italian Nurses Association [OG] (orsola.gawronski@opbg.net)
Martha Böhm, Paediatric Nurses Association, Austria [MB]
Ulrike Vujasin, Vice President, Paediatric Nurses Association, Austria [UV]
Majda Oštir, Pediatric Nurses Association of Slovenia, Slovenia [MO]
Agnes Van den Hoogen, President Nursing section of ESPNIC [AvH]
Pantelis Pedikaris, President Pediatric Nurses Sector of Hellenic Nurses Association [PP]
Anna Barbara Schlueter, Switzerland [ABS]
Sébastien COLSON, France [SC]
Lusik Ter-Astvatsatryan (the vice-president of the association of nurses of the Republic of Armenia) [LTA]

1. Welcome/introductions

IHD welcomed attendees to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Attendees introduced themselves to each other. FS advised that several colleagues had planned to attend but due to illness, family bereavement or other competing demands such as congress commitments were unable to do so.

2. Update of Paediatric Nursing in the Netherlands

JW/CvV presented V&VN Kinderverpleegkunde providing an introduction and history to paediatric nursing and The Dutch Association of Paediatric Nursing. In 1921 nursing education was recognised law, with paediatric nursing being recognised in 1928 (see presentation slides). In 2006 and 2011 various associations merged. In 2012 V&VN exists of 44 wards and platforms and over 44,000 members.

In the Netherlands there are 2000-2,500 paediatric beds and 900-1500 neonatology beds. 5800-8000 paediatric nurses. In youth health nursing there are

400-500. Population in the Netherlands is 16.7M. On the health care professionals register there are 400,000 professionals. Since 2003 the CZO Board of Hospital Education has 16 teaching programmes. Accreditation of nursing studies – there are 12 training schools and 91 hospitals that have paediatric accreditation. There is also quality accreditation of hospital wards as per EACH charter including neonates. Also baby friendly hospital accreditation and parents associations accreditation of newborns/neonatology wards.

Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses guidelines including for example in relation to nutrition, pain, early years and approach to care. There is a Dutch Association magazine for Paediatric Nurses. They are currently reviewing how to communicate with members. Website for members endeavouring to expand for paediatric nurses. There is an annual congress for paediatric nurses, theme day for active members and workshops for members.

There are links with relevant associations for fertility, obstetrics and gynaecology, public health youth, NICU, PICU and IC. Many issues related to prevention of illness and diseases, as well as symptoms. International network includes PNAE/IAPN, EACH Foundation for children in hospitals, Netherlands Board of Hospital Education, The Health Care Inspectorate, college of perinatal care, Foundation for parents of incubator children and Paediatric Association of the Netherlands.

Work is in progress to develop nursing indicators. There is a quality register of nurses and re-registration of paediatric nurses is planned in 2014. Titles of nurse and nurse practitioner are protected.

Issues for the Dutch Association of paediatric nurses include professional profiles, establishment of hospital network of paediatric nurses, digital network for managers on the paediatric wards, rewriting guidelines, drafting basic indicators for nursing in paediatrics, development of e-learning and assessment in practice linked to quality registration, and collaboration with other associations nationwide.

The overall trends in the Netherlands are focused on moving from community health to a market approach in health care and from non-profit to profit. Hospitals promoting – in 80 years. Trends include:

- Concentration of care in fewer hospitals, particularly in neonates, ICU and paediatrics.
- Decentralisation of care in public health
- Quality of care – accreditation
- Safety rule programmes nation wide
- Nurses are recognised on the political agenda
- Abuse children nationwide programme followed by domestic violence programme
- Patient and family matters in health care
- Patients and family are to be involved in care on all levels of the organisation – self management is an important topic

Family centred (developmental) care. Change from supply orientated to demand-orientated care. Ward areas moving to single rooms rather than bays with up to 4 beds. In maternity services moving from separate areas for labour, post partum etc combined into one area.

3. Matters arising from notes of meeting March 2012

3.1 *Written updates for website*

http://www.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. Some countries had yet to advise of relevant website links, or the named contact for the website and for communication.

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**

3.2 *Links with ESPNIC & Competency Framework development- communication and feedback from new president*

Amendments made as identified by ESPNIC. Re-circulated to all PNAE members and the president of ESPNIC. Revised version placed on website.

3.3 *PNAE congress, Glasgow in 2013*

Scientific and local organising committee established. Website also established and call for abstracts. FS reported on further progress to date, highlighting invited speakers approached. Responses were awaited from several of those approached. The membership of the scientific committee and local organising committee were noted, in addition to the overall organising committee. It was noted that invited speakers' travel, accommodation and conference registration fee was covered. The registration fee would also be covered for members of the scientific committee, local organising committee and overall congress organising committee. Principles were agreed for future PNAE congresses. Dates to note are listed in the accompanying presentation. A conference place to be allocated to Denmark

Action:

- Keep PNAE members updated on progress and discussions – **FS**
- Email countries not present to check if they planned on attending the 2013 congress in Glasgow so as to identify number of PNAE country representatives in respect of available conference registrations – **FS**
- Check with Professor Jane Coad responses to invited speakers and contacts with scientific committee members from Europe - **FS**
- Identify lead paediatrician for Europaediatrics 2015 in Rome and advise OG - **FS**

4. **Position statement to specify specific recruitment, selection and training for support roles within neonatal and paediatric areas**

FS highlighted findings from responses received so far (see attached). Many countries have yet to submit responses.

Action:

- Draft preliminary position statement as discussed for review at next meeting - **FS**

- Present findings at the next meeting in June 2013 - **FS**

5. **Draft PNAE constitution**

The proposal to pursue the establishment of a formal association as opposed to a network was discussed, along with the draft constitution previously circulated. The potential benefits and consequences of formally establishing a European Paediatric Nursing Association were considered in-depth. Attendees had significant concerns about potential bureaucracy and financial consequences of doing so. It was agreed that the establishment of a formal association and constitution would not be taken forward at this point in time. The current PNAE operating procedures would be reviewed and updated

Action:

- Review current PNAE operating procedures via email – **CvH, AMB, BMY, SF**
- Revised PNAE operating procedures to be sent to FS by **30th January 2013** - **CvH**
- Revised PNAE operating procedures to be sent to PNAE members - **FS**
- Revised operating procedures to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for formal approval– **FS**

6. **ESNO**

FS reported on communication received from Ber Oomen on behalf of ESNO. The issue of membership and a membership fee was discussed. It was agreed that FS would communicate with ESNO on behalf of PNAE to advise that PNAE would be happy to assist and provide advice to ESNO but was not in a position to pay a membership fee as the network did not have any dedicated resources available to do so.

Action:

- Email Ber Oomen to advise of PNAE's decision - **FS**

7. **Pan Europe Infection Control Nurses network**

FS reported that initial conversation held with colleague but further contact needed to be made to connect with AMB as discussed in Hannover. Further discussions to take place at the next meeting about uniforms and infection control policies.

Action:

- Write to raise issues formally with EUNETIPS and to explore potential collaborative working, highlighting good examples such as work undertaken in respect of milk kitchen in Leuven, Belgium – **FS**
- Uniforms and infection control policies to be placed on next meeting agenda - **FS**

8. **Centralisation of specialist children's services**

CvH outlined the rationale and steps taken towards centralisation of paediatric oncology services in the Netherlands (see attached). Issues related to service reconfiguration and the importance of training and education of staff discussed

Action:

- CvH to keep PNAE members updated about progress - **CvH**

9. **Family Centred Care**
IOD presented issues related to FCC (see attached).
- Action:**
- Draft survey to be compiled – **IOD**
 - Draft survey to be sent to **FS by 30th January 2013 – IOD**
 - Draft survey to be sent to attendees at meeting in Amsterdam for consideration – **FS**
 - Draft survey to be discussed at next meeting in Glasgow - **FS**
10. **Family Paediatric Nursing**
FL highlighted the new role being established in Germany in response to the need for support for new parents, along with a focus on prevention as well as in respect of to child protection concerns (see attached)
11. **Any other business**
- FS reported on the establishment of the South Asia and Pacific Paediatric Nursing Association
 - FS highlighted several summits being held in Madrid and thanked those who had been contacted to nominate a paediatric nurse to attend
 - FS raised the issue of guidance for new host countries.
- Action**
- Draft a checklist to assist host countries – **IHD/CvH**
 - Draft to be sent to FS by 30th January 2013 – **CvH**
 - Draft checklist to be sent to attendees at meeting for agreement - **FS**
 - IHD enquired about dates of future meetings and proposed changing the month for future meetings in light of PNAE congresses to be held in June. FS to check with conference organisers timing of future Europaediatric congresses.
12. **Future meeting dates/venues and locations**
Attendees discussed future venues and agreed that where possible meetings should be held in different countries to those that have already held a meeting. It was agreed that FS would email all to seek interest.
- 6th June 2013 **Glasgow, UK** (linked to PNAE congress 7th and 8th June 2013 as part of Europaediatrics)
 - Winter 2013 – **Czech Republic, Prague – dates to be confirmed (1st week November?)**
 - April 2014 – **Norway** (dates and location to be confirmed)
 - Winter 2014 - **host to be identified** ?Switzerland ?Portugal ? Spain
 - June 2015 **Rome, Italy** (linked to PNAE congress as part of Europaediatrics – dates to be confirmed)
 - Winter 2015/January 2016 - **host to be identified**
- Action:**
Hosts sought for the following meetings
- Winter 2014
 - Winter 2015/January 2016
- 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

16.00 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.***