



Minutes of the EAT Board Meeting, held on October 16, 2015 at the KEKS Haus, Stuttgart

Present:

JoAnne Fruithof (Vice-Chair)
Graham Slater (Chair)
Evelyn Svoboda (Secretary)
Anke Widenmann-Grolig (Treasurer)
Bernard Warner
Dorle Feldmeier (by invitation)

Apologies:

Frédéric Armand

1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all members and passed on Frederic's apologies. The minutes of the last board meeting held April 26, 2015 in Hannover were accepted.

2. Financial report

Due to the lack of time available for the Board meeting, this item was deferred. **Action: Anke** to provide a summary of our position at the end of the year.

3. Events and Projects

3.1 Sydney:



- We need Funding for the flights: **Action everybody**

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Planned Stay: 10. – 17.09.2016 (possible representatives for EAT: Graham, John Pearce (?), Anke, Evelyn, Bernard)

After-meeting note: Please also refer to Anke's email of October 22 regarding funding for flights

To Do for Sydney:

- Translation of medical terminology (medical glossary for OA)
Action: Graham to co-ordinate this activity
Spanish translation. **Action: JoAnne**
Approach new Turkish support group for Turkish translation.
Action: Anke
- New Banner **Action: Graham** to prepare the text
- Consider submitting a poster for the poster display
- **Action: Graham** to discuss with OARA about the EAT presentation at Sydney

3.2 The 8th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products (ECRD 2016 Edinburgh)

This EURORDIS conference takes place from 26 to 28 May 2016 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, UK. Agreed in principle that Anke and Graham will attend.

3.3 The European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN)



It was agreed that we should attend if possible. **Action: Bernard** to confirm if he could be our delegate, **Action: Graham** to inform ESPGHAN that we hope to attend.

3.4 2014 PROM

It was agreed that we should still try to make some more statistical analysis from the PROM results. **Action: JoAnne** to seek help from Rotterdam (Dr Hannecke Ijsselstijn).

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4. New member associations

Graham noted that new member associations must be formally approved by the General Assembly, so new organisations can only join us *provisionally* until then. He reported that (i) there is a new group in Turkey (TROAD), and in Belgium (ABeFAO - Association Belge Francophone de l'Atresie de l'Œsophage). **Action: Graham** to (i) confirm their details before the General Assembly, (ii) to issue their contact details and (iii) organise an update of the website concerning these provisional members.

It was further noted that we have heard nothing further from Poland or Spain about the possible groups there.

5. Dates for future board meetings/teleconferences

Next board meeting and General Assembly will be held on Sunday April 24th at the Charité Universitätsmedizin, Berlin (where, that weekend, KEKS will hold its Bundestreffen).

We will have a skype conference last Tuesday in November 2015 at 20:00 CET

6. Any other business

As discussed in the earlier meeting with the EAT Medical Advisory Committee, ESPGHAN (Gottrand) will send their new guidelines for EA by end of November to EAT for review.

After-meeting note: Graham advised that the TOFS conference will be held near Leeds on Saturday May 14th, 2016, when it is intended to launch the new edition of the TOFS Book. (NB: it will have a different title - **not** 'The TOF Child')

Evelyn Svoboda
Secretary, EAT Board

Graham Slater
Chairman, EAT Board

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