



EPA-UNEPSA 2019 Activities Report at the annual 2020 meeting of the International Pediatric Association (IPA)

In 2019 throughout 2020 EPA-UNEPSA further implemented its constitutional mission, which among the main goals includes the provision of a common platform for all general paediatricians in Europe. Through this strategic platform, the Union of European Pediatric Societies aims at promoting child's rights to health, equity and social justice by science, research, public healthcare and education (Table 1). EPA-UNEPSA is in fact strongly committed to offer the European general paediatricians with scientific information useful to be up-to-date and feel empowered to achieve their personal professional endeavours. Along the lines of its consolidated longstanding strategic operational approach, this goal was pursued in 2019 with the close collaboration of its 48 national member societies (Table 2)

EPA-UNEPSA is strongly convinced that an effective cooperation among European countries is based on the acknowledgement that diversity is a factor of strength, and not an element of weakness, and that such factor may create the premises of an effective cooperation in all fields of public interest. In particular, EPA-UNEPSA has worked since its foundation in 1975 to improve child healthcare and to strength the cooperation of children's caretakers in Europe. The activities that EPA-UNEPSA performed in 2019 were conducted along the lines of this vision, in the belief that contributing to the efforts of creating an effective platform for cooperation and a multidisciplinary approach to common issues in public health may reduce fragmentation of paediatrics and tackle the legal, economic, and organizational challenges of child health care in Europe (1).

Educational scientific activity in 2019: the EUROPAEDIATRICS biannual scientific event

In the most recent years EPA-UNEPSA focused on adapting to the new era in pediatrics by establishing continuous communication with those societies and associations offering health care to children (eg, general practitioners, family physicians, specialists, nurses, psychologists, parents' organizations) and inviting them to the EUROPAEDIATRICS congresses (the flagship biannual international congress of EPA-UNEPSA) for active exchanges of ideas.

The event that was held in Dublin in 2019, was developed in close collaboration and with the support of the Royal college of Physicians of Ireland. Europaediatrics is a key element of the EPA-UNEPSA efforts to promote pediatric health care in Europe, and provide information on the provision of adequate, affordable, accessible, available diagnostic, and therapeutic care, as well as equity, efficacy, and efficiency of pediatric care for all pediatricians in Europe (1).

One of the most recent challenges has turned out to be the provision of a basis for rational use of essential drugs, their safety and distribution, as well as the use of high-tech medicine. This educational topic was specifically pursued by the program developed in 2019 by EPA-UNEPSA in Dublin. Europaediatrics 2019 aimed at providing a panel for discussions for pediatricians to provide evidence-based practice guidelines that are based on scientific findings. However, EPA-UNEPSA is well aware that their national application may depend on country-specific priorities influencing appropriate use and updating and it was constantly working with its members during 2019 in order to minimize the risk of care fragmentation due to the different national approaches to healthcare.

The concept of diversity and the promotion of joint efforts to improve child health in Europe: the 2019 Study of EPA-UNEPSA on "Diversity of Child Health Care in Europe: A Study of the European Paediatric Association/Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations"

Disparity is increasing according to the latest figures on the gradient in European societies. In addition, nationalistic ideas are becoming more socially acceptable. These developments will in particular need a strong coherence and solidarity among all European pediatricians to advocate for all children and for high-quality, cross-border care, as many of the smaller European countries can neither build up their own centers, nor will they have the volume of cases to conduct sound research in many areas of pediatrics and adolescent medicine.

The European Paediatric Association, Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations (EPA-UNEPSA) has promoted a study on child health care in Europe, in collaboration with its member national societies of paediatrics, with the aim to explore the local diversities and collective potentials of the various European public health services.

Gathering, sharing and exchanging valuable information regarding the different European health care systems is a key element to best develop appropriate and adequate health care programs at European level. To help the process, EPA-UNEPSA in collaboration with the Journal of Pediatrics, has recently promoted a study on the diversity of Child Health Care in Europe (2). Experts belonging to all EPA-UNEPSA member societies contributed to the editorial projects of EPA-UNEPSA during the

year 2019 to complete such effort by developing the second Volume of the EPA-UNEPSA International Study on the Diversity of Child healthcare in Europe. The Volume will be published in 2020 and it will complete the first part of the Study which was published in 2016 (1).

These two Volumes includes the contribution describing the current situation and main issues of pediatric healthcare in the majority of the European nations.

The Volume developed in 2019 will therefore complete the debate on the issue of Diversity, which means understanding that each individual or nation is unique and recognizing this individual or national difference. These variations can manifest themselves in the dimensions of mentality, ethnicity, sex, culture, socioeconomic status, religious beliefs, political beliefs, and medical care. The medical field of pediatrics is characterized by the diversities, variations, and heterogeneities of child health care services provided in 53 European countries with more than 200 million children below 18 years of age. The report published in 2020 provides information on geography, history, demography, economy, technology, and most importantly, the behavior and culture of other people and nations. Identifying, comparing and interpreting differences in the infrastructure of countries and the variations in processes affecting lifestyles and healthcare, may lead to overcome problems by developing appropriate solutions.

The Educational Editorial activity of EPA-UNEPSA dedicated to the promotion of good practice in pediatrics: 2019 activity

The longstanding formal Collaboration with "The Journal of Pediatrics" was confirmed in 2019.

Such key and solid collaboration started In 2012, when EPA/UNEPSA established a formal affiliation with The Journal and became a Scientific Society officially affiliated to it. The affiliation and close collaboration with this journal are key factors in fulfilling the EPA/UNEPSA educational mission, as the society fully embraces the mission of The Journal, contributing its efforts to improve the quality of the health and care of infants, children, and adolescents. Through a series of commentaries published monthly in the EPA section of The Journal, authors provide information on new technologies and debate current issues in public health, bringing attention to major health problems to a diverse audience of pediatric healthcare professionals. From the articles published in this section, the pediatric community around the world also can read about new EPA/UNEPSA initiatives and the progress of its ongoing, long-term projects. Important organizational changes were periodically announced in 2019, and members could follow the Society's current thinking on how to further improve European pediatrics and receive updates on the educational efforts of the society.

EPA/UNEPSA believes in empowering general pediatricians with the best-available information on research in the field so that they can make informed decisions for individual patients, a vision that is shared with The Journal.

Over 20 educational Commentaries on child health care topics were published during the past 2 years, 4 educational articles on child Nutrition and best practice were published in Major scientific Journals, and a special issue dedicated to the “Diversity of child care in Europe” was developed during the year 2019 and published in 2020. (Table 3)

The European Pediatricians speaking with one voice initiative: achievements in 2019

In 2017 EPA-UNEPSA promoted and started the “European Pediatricians speaking with one voice initiative”. EPA-UNEPSA exclusively funded and organized a dedicated meeting in Vienna (Austria) with the scientific contribution of the local national Society. In 2019 EPA-UNEPSA continued to pursue the objective of the initiative by gathering the national European pediatric societies in dedicated meeting and involving in the initiative the other two main European pediatric organizations (European Confederation of Primary Care Pediatricians, and European Academy of Paediatrics). This initiative has reached a high level of international communication, cooperation, and consensus to further the pediatric care of children.

EPA-UNEPSA felt that it was important to continue further supporting this initiative in 2019. In fact, despite frequent public statements regarding the importance of adequately supporting child healthcare, in reality pediatric care in Europe is traditionally not sufficiently prioritized by national authorities involved in the key decisional processes related to children's health. Consequently, the responsibility for children's primary care is frequently transferred to health care professionals other than pediatricians who have received limited pediatric training. Key decisions regarding this important aspect of child health are based on changing political visions and policies of single nations and frequently are impacted by economic contingencies. This is despite the evidence that primary pediatric care provided by pediatricians achieves important public health goals, such as less hospitalization of children, higher vaccination rates, and reduced prescription of antibiotics.

Today's children and families live in a period of rapid social change. During the last few years important cultural trends and social-economic factors have affected the provision of pediatric health care in Europe, including changes in the pediatric patient population, pediatrician workforce, and nature of pediatric practice. The increasing demand from the National European paediatric organizations is that European Paediatrics will become able to speak with one voice, advocating

properly for European children's health. Such important request by their members, has become urgent and unavoidable for the European paediatric organizations.

To this regard important progresses have been made by EPA-UNEPSA toward establishing one joint European organization able to unifying the efforts of the European pediatricians. In fact, key talks have been initially promoted by EPA-UNEPSA, that financed the important first meeting in Vienna which gathered the presidents of the European paediatric societies, to discuss the topic of speaking with one voice to advocate for the European children. Currently, useful talks are in progress on this topic among the three main European paediatric organizations: EPA-UNEPSA, the European Academy of Pediatrics (EAP) and the European Confederation of Primary Care Paediatricians (ECPCP). During recent months, the three organizations effectively discussed the importance for European pediatricians to speak with one voice on behalf of children and advocate for their health and wellbeing. Most importantly: a seminal achievement has been reach between two of them. In fact, in May 2019 EPA/UNEPSA and the European Confederation of Primary Care Paediatricians (ECPCP), representing 22 Primary Care paediatric societies of 18 different European Nations and over 30.000 European pediatricians signed a fundamental partnership memorandum of understanding (2) and an agreement, which marks an important step for European pediatricians toward the goal of speaking with one voice (Table 4). These two European pediatric societies together represent more than 200 000 European pediatricians working in primary, secondary, and tertiary pediatric care and their agreement represents a key step toward the goal of unifying the voice of European pediatricians and their ability to advocate for children and their needs.

Table 1.

EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION, THE UNION OF NATIONAL EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS (EPA-UNEPSA): OBJECTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To encourage scientific co-operation between not-for-profit National Paediatric Societies/Associations in Europe and between European paediatricians working in primary, secondary and tertiary paediatric care in Europe, in order to promote child health and comprehensive paediatric care.• To promote education of patients, families and care givers by translating special knowledge to generalists.• To promote research in child health care services in Europe by charitable measures, by no-profit making projects and by activities of benefit to the public.• To improve the quality of paediatric patient care in all European countries including both member and non-member states of the European Union by adequate clinical research and by implementing research into practice. EPA pursues a Pan-European approach to reduce diversity of child health care and to improve quality of care.• To promote the exchange of national experiences in the various fields of patient care and make national practices and science known to others. To obtain information about paediatrics from national societies and associations, and to make it available to EPA-UNEPSA members.• To co-operate scientifically with other not-for-profit paediatric associations worldwide, the World Health Organisation (WHO), UNICEF, the World Bank, and any other national and international organizations, foundations or other statutory corporations and institutions operating in the field of public health care.• To organize and arrange congresses for its members and meetings of the President of European National Paediatric Societies/Associations to improve paediatric education.• To implement any policy that promotes paediatric health care that may be laid down by the General Assembly, e.g. forming ad hoc expert committees to study and make recommendations on important issues of paediatric interest in Europe.• To represent European paediatricians in relation to the International Paediatric Association (IPA), in continuity with the representative function previously performed by UNEPSA.

Table. 2

<h2 style="text-align: center;">EPA-UNEPSA Membership: 48 European Paediatric Societies and Associations</h2>		
<p>Albania Albanian Pediatric Society Website: www.aps.al</p> <p>Armenia Armenian Association of Pediatrics Website: www.arabkirjmc.am</p> <p>Austria Austrian Society of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine Österreichische Gesellschaft für Kinder- und Jugendheilkunde (ÖGKJ) Website: www.docs4you.at</p> <p>Azerbaijan Azerbaijan Pediatric Society</p> <p>Belgium Soci�t� Belge de P�diatrie/ Belgische Vereniging voor Kindergeneeskunde Website: www.bvksbp.be</p> <p>Bosnia and Herzegovina Pediatric Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina Website: www.upubih.org</p> <p>Bulgaria Bulgarian Pediatric Association Website: www.pediatria-bg.eu</p> <p>Croatia (updated March 2011) Croatian Pediatric Society Website: www.hpd.com.hr</p> <p>Cyprus Cyprus Paediatric Society Website: www.child.org.cy</p> <p>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Pediatric Association of Macedonia Website: www.zpm.org.mk</p> <p>Georgia Georgian Pediatric Association Website: www.acadpediatr.ge</p>	<p>France French Society of Pediatrics Soci�t� Fran�aise de P�diatrie (SFP) Website: www.sfpediatrie.com</p> <p>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Pediatric Association of Macedonia Website: www.zpm.org.mk</p> <p>Georgia Georgian Pediatric Association Website: www.acadpediatr.ge</p> <p>Greece Hellenic Paediatric Society Website: www.e-child.gr</p> <p>Hungary Hungarian Pediatric Association Website: www.gyermekorvostarsasag.hu</p> <p>Ireland Royal College of Physician of Ireland Website: www.rcpi.ie</p> <p>Israel Israel Pediatric Association Website: www.pediatrics.org.il</p> <p>Italy Italian Federation of Primary Care Pediatricians Website: www.fimp.pro</p> <p>Italy Societa Italiana di Pediatria (SIP) Website: www.sip.it</p> <p>Italy Societ� Italiana di Ricerca Pediatrica (SIRP) Italian Society of Pediatric Research (SIRP)</p> <p>Kazakhstan National Pediatric Society of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Kyrgyz Republic – Kyrgyzstan Society of pediatricians of Kyrgyzstan Bishkek</p> <p>Latvia Latvijas PEDIATRU ASOCIACIJA Website: www.lpa.lv</p>	<p>Portugal Portuguese Society of Pediatrics Sociedade Portuguesa de Pediatria (SPP) Website: www.spp.pt</p> <p>Romania Romanian Society of Pediatrics Societatea Romana de Pediatrie Website: www.sped.ro</p> <p>Romania Societatea Romana de Pediatrie Sociala Website: www.pediatriesociala.ro</p> <p>Russia Russian Public Academy of Pediatrics 119991, Moscow, Russia</p> <p>Serbia Paediatric Association of Serbia Website: udruzenjepedijatara.rs</p> <p>Slovakia Slovakian Paediatric Society Website: www.sls-sps.sk</p> <p>Slovenia Slovenian Paediatric Society Website: www.zzp.si</p> <p>Spain Spanish Association of Pediatrics Asociacion Espanola de Pediatria Website: www.aeped.es</p> <p>Sweden Swedish Paediatric Society Svenska Barnl�karforeningen Website: www.blf.net</p> <p>Tajikistan Pediatric Society of Tajikistan Dushanbe, Tajikistan</p> <p>Turkey Turkish Pediatric Association Website: www.turkpediatri.org.tr</p> <p>Turkey Turkish National Pediatric Society Website: www.millipediatri.org.tr</p> <p>Ukraine Ukraine Pediatric Association</p> <p>United Kingdom Royal College of Paediatrics and Child</p>

<p>Czech Republic Czech Pediatric Society Web: www.cpsjep.cz</p> <p>Denmark Danish Paediatric Society Dansk PaediatriskSelskab Website: www.paediatri.dk</p> <p>Estonia Estonian Paediatric Association Website: www.elselts.ee</p> <p>France Association Française de Pédiatrie Ambulatoire (AFPA) Website: www.afpa.org</p>	<p>Lithuania Lithuanian Paediatric Association Website: www.pediatrija.org</p> <p>Luxembourg Societe Luxembourgeoise de Pediatrie Luxembourg</p> <p>Moldova Moldovan Pediatric Society Website: www.pediatru.md</p> <p>Montenegro Montenegro Pediatric Assocoation Podgorica, Montenegro</p> <p>Poland Polish Pediatric Society Polskie Towarzystwo Pediatryczne Website: www.ptp.edu.pl</p>	<p>Health Website: www.rcpch.ac.uk</p> <p>Uzbekistan Uzbekistan Pediatric Association Website: http://www.tashpmi.uz/new/index.php</p> <p>Vatican Associated Academic Group for Clinical Research in Pediatrics (AAGCRP) https://www.academicpediatrics.eu/</p>
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EPA-UNEPSA EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES – REPORT
<p><u>The Journal of Pediatrics:</u></p>
<p>Lifelong Negative Influence of School Violence on Children Pietro Ferrara, Giulia Franceschini, Leyla Namazova-Baranova, Mehmet Vural, Julije Mestrovic, Luigi Nigri, Ida Giardino, Tudor Lucian Pop, Michele Sacco, Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani Vol. 215, p287–288.e2</p>
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<p>Diversity of Serotype Replacement After Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Implementation in Europe Corinne Levy, Naim Ouldali, Laurence Caeymaex, François Angoulvant, Emmanuelle Varon, Robert Cohen Vol. 213, p252–253.e3</p>
<p>The Clinician Scientist, a Distinct and Disappearing Entity Ido Somekh, Eli Somekh, Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani, Raz Somech Vol. 212, p252–253.e2</p>
<p>European Pediatricians: Speaking with One Voice to Advocate for Children and Their Health. Leyla Namazova-Baranova, Angel Carrasco-Sanz, Mehmet Vural, Gottfried Huss, Julije Mestrovic, Shimon Barak, Hilary Hoey, Andreas Werner, Mario Schuhmacher, Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani Vol. 211, p227–228</p>
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<p>The State of Children's Health in Europe Paolo Biasci, Angel Carrasco Sanz, Tudor Lucian Pop, Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani, Antonio D'Avino, Luigi Nigri Vol. 209, p260–261.e1</p>
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An Appeal for Implementing Social Assistance and Welfare Programs for European Children Challenged by Parental Loss

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Regulations of Night Shifts of Pediatric Residents: Review of Responses to a European Survey

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How to Calculate the Risk of Shortage and Surplus of Pediatric Workforce?

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Pediatric Healthcare for Refugee Minors in Europe: Steps for Better Insight and Appropriate Treatment

Reinhold Kerbl, Nicole Grois, Christian Popow, Eli Somekh, Jochen Ehrich Vol. 197, p323–324.e1

Never-Ending Stories, the Loop in Pediatrics—How Many Pediatricians Need to be Trained in European Countries to Keep the Pediatric Workforce Stable?

Jochen Ehrich, Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani Vol. 196, p332–333.e3

The Importance of Expert Opinion–Based Data: Lessons from the European Paediatric Association/Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations (EPA/UNEPSA) Research on European Child Healthcare Services

Jochen Ehrich, Eli Somekh, Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani Vol. 195, p310–311.e1

Pediatric Ambulatory and Hospital Networks for Surveillance and Clinical Epidemiology of Community-Acquired Infections

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Pierre-André Michaud, Leyla Namazova-Baranova, Martin Weber, Anne-Emmanuelle Ambresin Vol. 193, p278–279.e1

Diversity of Service Systems in Pediatric Surgery for Fetuses, Neonates, Infants, Children, and Adolescents in Europe Bernd Tillig, Jochen Ehrich, Udo Rolle Vol. 192, p270–271

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Table.4

Joint activities and aims agreed between EPA/UNEPSA and ECPCP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create synergies wherever possible between both organizations and their members.• Exchange and disseminate information on reciprocal activities and projects to their respective networks.• Advertise the periodical conferences/meetings of the 2 organizations.• Work to develop a periodical joint meeting/congress and share its scientific program.• Develop joint educational activities/projects.• Develop joint editorial activities/projects.• Consult and share the texts of future recommendations, guidelines, and statements involving child health and care, before releasing any document, which could be in contrast with the principles of the 2 organizations.• Pursue a common strategy leading to the development of a common unique organization including ECPCP, EPA/UNEPSA, as well as EAP and other major European associations.• Develop an effective format to enable the existing European societies to more effectively and efficiently speak with 1 voice advocating for European children and adolescents, while being respectful of the reciprocal areas of interests, missions, and expertise of the participating organizations.

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