



## European Academy of Paediatrics EAPRASnet

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### **EAP Research in Ambulatory Settings Network**

The EAPRASnet and the Vaccination working group had a joint meeting this year at the venue.

After the audience was welcomed by Stefano del Torso (Italy), Zachi Grossman (Israel) announced, that the 2015 survey on ‘Child health inequalities among migrant children’ was published in Child: care, health and development. He characterized the take home message from the experience of publishing this as the best is to try to match the survey issue with the journal’s areas of interest as close as possible. He also added, that ISSOP Budapest Declaration on the rights, health, well-being of children and youth on the move, being also published in this journal, might have effected successful approval and acceptance for publication of the EAPRASnet survey results on the same topic.

Adamos Hadjipanayis (Cyprus) indicated, that the manuscript of the former EAPRASnet survey on oral health was already sent a month ago for approval to the European Journal of Pediatrics.

Stefano followed by describing the history of EAPRASnet from as early as 2008, as a course with milestones of continuous development and high value scientific results as there has been no surveys left aside without successful publications in selected journals.

Adamos introduced the new name of the upcoming vaccine confidence EAPRASnet study, as changed the word for hesitancy to confidence for a better meaning and image. He thanked and expressed full gratitude to the steering committee behind this almost ready to launch survey, and passed on to Diego van Esso (Spain). Diego welcomed renaming the project and emphasised the rule of the national coordinators, who did a great job until now translating the survey which is already uploaded in EAPRASnet web page and getting it through the Ethic Committees of their countries or regions. He sees this survey uniqueness as it aims families and not paediatricians, and needs ethic committees approval, both issues no EAPRASnet studies ever had to face before. Besides the translation into own national language to get a higher response rates has been quite complex but successfully managed.

Having almost all participating countries ready to launch the survey, the next huge step it to create national teams of 20 paediatricians. They should recruit 15-20 patients each. That would mean aprox 300-400 replies per country. In case in a given country there are less than 20 paediatricians they could recruit more families to achieve the goal.

Diego highly recommended that national coordinators should invite the local team to go through the web survey very thoroughly, just beforehand. It is a must, that national coordinators have to be sure tha all team members fully understand the procedure.





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Other preparations were needed in the meanwhile: since full anonymity is needed throughout the project, a code-system of 6 digits (2 letters + 2 numbers identifying team members + 2 numbers identifying the respondent) was developed and will be used.

To reach the number of participants needed for a successful run of the project, paediatricians need to recruit approx. 4-5 families per week. National team members will get Excel-sheets to easily follow response rate and give a feedback to their team.

Zachi added that all these precautions steps were made in order to fulfil the needs of the final reviewer when results issued as manuscript; when planning and even throughout the project one of the most important issues is to try and get a representative data from the convenient sampler, avoiding bias as much as possible. He also emphasized the importance of implementing the code system, thriving towards a reasonable response in one hand, while preserving the by all means the principle of anonymity

Questionnaire would be filled both at home and the clinic with a tablet, when applicable and feasible. However, it might be better to give parents the instruction letter, then they go home and respond the answers.

Ana Neves (Portugal) raised the question of reciprocity on ethic issues, that is a hospital ethic committee's approval will definitely only applies locally, nor regionally, neither at national level.

Peter Altorjai (Hungary) described, that he would just run for the approval of the survey by the Hungarian ethic committee this December and would debrief the steering committee as soon as possible.

Diego closed the meeting by presenting, that the questionnaire would be launched around mid-February, and not before because of the flu season and possible winter work overload. The web-based forms will be open for 12 weeks after launching.

**EAPRASnet EC is deeply indebted to Peter Altorjai for his precious, precise and timely preparation of the minutes**

Stefano del Torso, Zachi Grossman, Diego Van Esso, Adamos Hadijpanayis

