SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE

Strategic Pediatric Alliance for the Future Health of Children in Europe.

and “A New Pediatrics. Now.”

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

PRAGUE Czech Republic - May 10-12, 2012
The STRATEGIC PEDIATRIC ALLIANCE initiative.

The consortium, open to the major International and National European Pediatric Societies/Associations, was established in Vienna during “Europediatrics 2011” with the objective of promoting strong advocacy and political intervention in order to ensure the delivery of high quality health care to children throughout Europe. Following the productive discussion that the founding participants had during the “Strategic Alliance” (SA) meeting in Vienna, the Oversight Committee was unanimously empowered to pursue the initial, agreed upon, activities of the Alliance (ie, writing a letter of appeal to be sent to the presidents of National European Pediatric Societies/Associations defending pediatric primary care and, the design of a Questionnaire on pediatric education and delivery of health care).

In Prague the results of the Strategic Pediatric Alliance Questionnaire, initially discussed during the First International Congress in Tel Aviv, will be presented. The Questionnaire has the aim of understanding, in an depth manner, the new responsibilities that the international pediatrics community must assume towards children living in a society undergoing profound and constant changes where, among other things, the primary care pediatrician is at risk of progressively disappearing.

The results from the questionnaire will be instrumental in delineating Special “Actions” that will be needed in order to create strong and effective political interventions and advocacy for children in Europe.

Due to the long and productive experience of many of the consortium’s participating organizations at the political level (using effective intervention of media), it is strongly recommended that the build up of advocacy for children and political interventions, through effective media support, be closely guided by the Strategic Alliance in collaboration with any other national paediatric primary care association that can and wants to contribute to this end.

In conclusion, the initiative of the Strategic Pediatric Alliance has been promoted to emphasize the importance of unifying, and thereby strengthening, the collective efforts addressed by professional health-care providers (Associations, Societies and Confederations) in order to positively influence the opinions of governmental administrators, politicians and relevant EU Institutions (European Parliament, Council of Europe, etc).

European national societies that participated in the meeting of the Strategic Pediatric Alliance held in Istanbul in December 2011 agreed to take an active part in this project. Their presence in Prague is welcomed as well as that of EPA representatives and the primary care delegates and representatives of EAP and ECPCP.

A NEW PEDIATRICS. NOW.

A New Pediatrics. Now is a project launched with the aim of deeply understanding the new responsibilities international pediatrics must assume toward children who are included in a society that is in profound and constant change.

As discussed in Tel Aviv during the first conference, this project continues to pursue a widespread participation by introducing a perspective that has guided us in the realization of these events: the desire to start a new and important season, a season of projects in pediatrics.

If it is true that the reality we live in is in constant change, our profession should get deep into that change, trying to live it as a protagonist and the project New Pediatrics, Now, will try to fulfill such needs.

What we have in mind is not one of those old actions made of great intentions but poor results we hear about from time to time, but rather an essential and clear path: an analysis of the pediatric systems in contact with the change of social fabrics, an analysis conceived as the “picture” of a changing world. The results of this analysis, together with practical topics of strategic importance for primary care, will then be presented and discussed during the conference in Prague.

May 10, 2012 - Afternoon 2.30 pm - 05.00 pm
Round Table
The equivalent drug and the system sustainability: international experiences in comparison.
Press Conference

May 11, 2012
Dietary Risk assessment in toddlers: an opportunity for prevention? - Niamh Rice
Prevention of minor gastroenterological disorders - regurgitation, colic, constipation, functional abdominal pain - Flavia Indrio
Role of Lactobacillus Reuteri and role of vitamin D3 in the stimulation of the immune system - Michele Miraglia del Giudice
A low-carbohydrate diet: a possible solution for obese children? - Maria Rosaria Filograna
Discussion