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**Multidisciplinary Joint Committee Paediatric Urology**  
**UEMS**

**1. Definition**

- 1.1 The Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Paediatric Urology, herein after called JCPU is a Committee set up by the UEMS specialist sections of Urology and Paediatric surgery and functions within the framework of their respective statutes and bylaws. through their boards, both sections have invited the European Society for Paediatric Urology to participate in this Multidisciplinary Joint Committee.

**2. Objectives**

- 2.1 The main objective is to guarantee the highest standards of care in the field of Paediatric Urology in the countries of the European Union and associated European countries, by ensuring that the training in paediatric urology is raised to the optimal level.

This shall be achieved by the following means:

- 2.1.1 The JCPU shall make proposals for the quality of training and for the syllabus for paediatric Urology (upon recommendations of the European Academy of Paediatric Urology (definition in point 10 of the bylaws)).
- 2.1.2 The JCPU shall make recommendations on the standards required for the training of paediatric urologists and on the maintenance of such standards.
- 2.1.3 The JCPU shall recommend the criteria to which the training centres of paediatric urology should conform.
- 2.1.4 The JCPU shall examine the real content and quality of training in the different countries of the EU, and associated countries.
- 2.1.5 The JCPU shall set up a system for recognition of quality in Paediatric Urology.
- 2.1.6 The JCPU shall promote Continuous Medical Education and Continuous Professional Development.
- 2.1.7 The JCPU shall facilitate the exchange of trainees in paediatric urology between training centres of the various countries of the EU and associated countries to ensure a better harmonisation and quality of training.
- 2.1.8 The JCPU shall recommend standards to facilitate the free movement of paediatric urologists throughout the EU and associated countries.

- 3.1. **3. Relationship JCPU and UEMS** The JCPU shall report to the Executive Bureau of UEMS.

- 3.2 The Executive Bureau of UEMS shall be entrusted with communicating all

opinions issuing from the JCPU and the European Boards to the Standing Committee of European Doctors and the European Academy for Medical Training for opinion and submission to the EU Commission.

3.3 The Executive Bureau of UEMS shall officially communicate with the JCPU and the European Board of Urology and Paediatric Surgery on behalf of EU bodies.

- 3.4 The JCPU shall submit the bylaws to the UEMS, to ensure cohesion between the various medical specialities.

#### **4. Functions of JCPU**

- 4.1. The JCPU shall recommend the content of training programmes, the access for training and technical knowledge and skills for paediatric urology

- 4.2. The JCPU may issue a certificate of recognition of quality of the training programme

- 4.3. Only fully trained urologists or paediatric surgeons being accredited as such by their responsible national organisation in the EU member state or associated country may apply for assessment and recognition by the JCPU

- 4.4. Successful candidates will be awarded on behalf of the JCPU the title of "Fellow of the European Academy of Paediatric Urology"

4.5. It is desirable to reach agreement that the Authorities shall consider obtaining this recognition as proof of the quality and relative equivalence of the content of training.

- 4.6. Within the EU this recognition of quality should foster the free movement of Paediatric Urologists.

- 4.7. The Commission is invited to approve this initiative and consider it as a factor in achieving free movement.

#### **5. Composition of the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Paediatric Urology**

- 5.1 The European Board of Urology, the European Board of Paediatric Surgery and the European Society of Paediatric Urology have equal representation in the JCPU. Each has 2 representatives. Other Boards having a direct interest in the training of Paediatric Urologists may apply for representation through the UEMS Executive Bureau or through the European Boards of Urology and/or Paediatric Surgery. These representatives will have consultative status.

- 5.2 Representatives from the EBU, the EBPS and the ESPU have a mandate to negotiate on behalf of their Executive Boards and shall report to their Boards.

- 5.3. The JCPU may invite experts and observers, who shall have consultative status.

- 5.4. A President, a Secretary and a Treasurer shall administer the JCPU: the Secretary and Treasurer may be the same individual.

- 5.5. The JCPU may form working committees.

#### **6. Members of the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Paediatric Urology**

- 6.1 All members shall be appointed for a period of 4 years and may be re-elected.

- 6.2. The members should be members of, or be appointed by the Executive Boards of the EBU, EBPS or ESPU.

- 6.3. The members should retire from office by the age of 70, or earlier if they have not been active in clinical work for 5 years.
- 6.4. All members should be involved in training.
- 6.5. All members should have been practising as a paediatric surgeon or urologist for at least 5 years.
- 6.6. If a member is unable to attend two consecutive meetings, the respective Executive Board will be asked to appoint a replacement.

## **7. Voting rights**

- 7.1 Each member of the JCPU has the right to vote.
- 7.2. Experts and observers have no right to vote.
- 7.3. Only issues that have been presented in writing 2 weeks prior to a meeting of the JCPU are eligible for voting.
- 7.4. A member who cannot be present at a meeting, may notify the President in writing (letter, fax or email), or may be represented by any other member of the JCPU.
- 7.5. In case of equality of votes, the President has the deciding vote.

## **8. Executive of the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Paediatric Urology**

- 8.1 The members of the JCPU shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer from amongst its members. The secretary and the treasurer can be the same person. The President must be a representative of the EBPS or EBU and should alternate every 4 years.
- 8.2 The term of office of the President is 4 years, not to be renewed. The other executives can be re-appointed every 4 years.
- 8.3 President and Secretary shall not be the official representative of the same parental organisation.
- 8.4 The Executive shall establish the rules of procedure to be communicated to the General Secretary of UEMS as well as the EBU, EBPS and ESPU.
- 8.5 The Executive shall undertake the organisation of meetings, executions of decisions etc.
- 8.6 The Secretary shall be responsible for making records of the meetings and forward these to the Executives of the EBU, EBPS and ESPU as well as the General Secretary of UEMS. All changes of membership, Executive Committee, bylaws etc will be communicated to the UEMS.
- 8.7 The JCPU shall meet at least once a year.

## **9. Finances**

- 9.1 The activities of the JCPU will be financed through the ESPU, until otherwise decided by the ESPU Board.
- 9.2 The Treasurer of the JCPU shall make an annual financial review and budget, which will be presented to the Treasurer of the ESPU for approval.
- 9.3 All income from activities undertaken by the JCPU or EAPU will be part of the budget.
- 9.4 The ESPU or its representative will pay the expenses of the JCPU

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- Reimbursement of expenses for members with consultative status will have to be through their parental organisation.
- 9.6 Members will only be reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses, based on economy and/or APEX fares.

## **10. European Academy of Paediatric Urology**

- 10.1 In order to execute the objectives described in article 2, the JCPU has decided to form the European Academy of Paediatric Urology (EAPU).
- 10.2 The EAPU functions as a Working Committee of the JCPU and functions within its framework.
- 10.3 The members of the EAPU will be appointed by the JCPU upon nomination from ESPU, EBU and EBPS.
- 10.4 The members of the JCPU are also members of the EAPU
- 10.5 The EAPU has an Executive Board with a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who are appointed by the JCPU for a period of 4 years. The Executive Board is responsible for the running of the EAPU: the chairman is responsible for defining the rules of procedure, which have to be approved by the Executive of the JCPU.
- 10.6 The EAPU reports to the Executive of the JCPU.
- 10.7 The main responsibilities of EAPU will be to:
- 10.7.1 define and update the syllabus
  - 10.7.2 examine the content and quality of training in the different countries of the EU, and associated countries
  - 10.7.3 create and maintain a pool of examination questions on paediatric urology
- 10.8 The JCPU may delegate other tasks to the EAPU, such as the organisation of quality assessment (examinations and site visits of centers seeking accreditation).
- 10.9 The ultimate responsibility of any task performed by the EAPU remains with the JCPU.

## **11. Composition of the Joint Committee on Paediatric Urology (2006)**

President	Yves Agrain
Secretary	Christian Radmayr
Treasurer	Guy Bogaert
Members	Eamonn Kiely
	Rien Nijman
	David Thomas
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## Structure of the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Paediatric Urology UEMS

