



European Headache Federation

Executive Committee Meeting

21st September 2014

8:00 – 9:30

Copenhagen, Denmark

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Attending members: Dr. Jensen, Dr. Osipova, Dr. Martelletti, Dr. Lampl, Dr. Mitsikostas, DR. Siva, Dr. Paemeleire – EHF Council

Excused Members: Dr. Edvinsson

EHF administrative office: Olga Coschina, Marcel Dekker

1. Welcome by the new President

Dimos, in his role as the new president of the EHF welcomed everyone and expressed his gratitude to Rigmor Jensen who has been EHF president for the past 2 years.

2. Future plans

Dimos started the meeting by introducing the future plans to be implemented during his term of office. EHF Administrative office will liaise on behalf of the EHF president with a number of associations in regard to the future collaborations. Such societies are: EHA, LTB, MT, IHS, EFIC, EAN.

- IASP - It was suggested that IASP should be considered as a partner organization even though they do not have headache chapters yet. Rigmor Jensen was appointed as a liaison person to IASP and will contact the organization to suggest a headache program to be included in one of the next IASP congresses.
- EAN – Rigmor will be liaising with the European Academy of Neurology on behalf of the EHF
- EFIC - Paolo Martelletti is EHF contact person with EFIC and will send to them an e-mail to confirm future mutual collaboration.
- IHS - Since EHF is interested in the IHS and its experience with the headache schools, EHF has to initiate collaboration with them in relation to the Headache Academy. Zaza Katsarava will be representing EHF and will send an e-mail to IHS regarding the future collaboration.
- LTB – Rigmor ad Paolo will liaise with LTB on behalf of the EHF



- MT – Dimos will be in communication with MT on behalf of the EHF
- EHA – Dimos will be in communication with EHA on behalf of the EHF

The idea of collaboration with these organizations is to exchange round-table discussions, to be part of their annual meeting and to be part of the scientific program. The possibility of a united approach to the European Parliament should also be discussed with all these partners.

Furthermore Vera Osipova suggested a number of societies that are involved in the orofacial pain which could be contacted as well the future networking and collaboration. Such organization are: European Academy of Craniomandibular Disorders (EACMD), American Academy of Orofacial Pain (AAOP), TMJ and Orofacial Society of America.

It was discussed that non-members of EHF should be approached and advised to apply to become members.

Action: *Rigmor Jensen* – to send an e-mail to IHS as the past president of the EHF

Rigmor Jensen – to send an e-mail to IASP with the request to include

Zaza Katsarava – to send an e-mail to IHS about possible collaborations in relation to Headache Academy.

Admin Office – to find the contact details of the EACMD and AAOP

Dimos - to send an e-mail to EACMD and AAOP to initiate the communication regarding the possibilities of future collaboration with EHF

Admin Office – to research and contact non-EHF country members

3. EHF Initiatives

Dimos notified all about his initiative to organize a headache event in Athens in the autumn of 2015 and asked all for advice and support in attracting industries and partners to sponsor the meeting.

Another interesting development of the EHF would be to initiate an international study in Europe.

Rigmor suggested to collaborate with a patient organization – EHA.

Dimos supported the idea and finds it important to raise everyone's awareness about cluster headache.

The first step toward this direction would be measuring the problem in European countries and therefore starting collaboration with EHA in this respect.

Action: *All EC members* – to reach out to their contacts in the Industries to discuss meeting in Athens

Dimos – to initiate contact with EHA

4. Next EC Meeting

The next meeting is planned for the first week of December 2014. The main topic to be discussed will be the meeting in Athens and its program.