

**Protocol from business meeting at the 10th European Craniofacial Congress in Gothenburg, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

1. Presentation and voting for next ECC 2019.

Two candidates for the 11<sup>th</sup> European Craniofacial Congress was presented. The first candidate and presentation were Radu Spartaru, Maria Sklodowska Curie” (MSC) Children’s Hospital, Bucharest, Romania and the second were Corstiaan Breugem, Division Surgical Specialties, Plastic- Reconstructive and Hand Surgery, Wilhelmina Children’s Hospital, University Medical Center Utrecht, Netherlands.

A voting procedure was performed and a majority of the assembly voted for the candidate, Corstiaan Breugem, Wilhelmina Children’s Hospital, University Medical Center Utrecht, Netherlands to host and organize the 11<sup>th</sup> European Craniofacial Congress, 2019.

2. Founding – The European Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, ECPCA

The president of the 10<sup>th</sup> European Craniofacial Congress, Dr Hans Mark gave a background to previously discussions among European colleagues about the need to initiate the foundation of a European Cleft Palate - Craniofacial Association at the 10th European Craniofacial Congress in Gothenburg.

An European Cleft-Craniofacial Association could be an important tool to not only increasing interaction within the craniofacial teams but also between European countries as well as other countries around the world. The ECPCA could also be an authority for collaboration in research as well as important clinical issues to improve the cleft palate and craniofacial treatment in Europe.

Not many countries had representatives from a national association in Gothenburg and therefore the assembly agreed on the proposed voting procedure: one vote for each person attending the business meeting.

**A voting procedure were performed and a unanimous assembly agreed on founding, The European Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, ECPCA.**

3. A unanimous assembly then agreed on that the first board of **ECPCA** is the organizing committee of the next congress meeting 2019. The assembly had previously during the meeting voted for University Medical Center Utrecht to organize the next congress 2019 and the president will be Corstiaan Breugem. The 2019 congress organization and President Corstiaan Breugem will therefore be the first board of **ECPCA** and therefore have the legally mandate of steering and develop **ECPCA** until 2019.

4. A unanimous assembly also agreed on that the proposed constitution for ECPCA that previously was sent out to all participants and also linked to the website of the congress is accepted. The assembly also agreed on that the board of ECPCA can work on changes in this draft and changes can be made at the next meeting 2019.

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