The Section on Pediatrics-EAACI has currently 951 members with voting rights. The Section has been concentrating its efforts on activities of education, research and scientific meetings collaborating with other interest groups / sections / sister societies.

The Education and Training Committee in Pediatric Allergy (ETC-PA) has continued to evaluate pediatric allergists in order to harmonize standards according to the Training Syllabus for European Pediatric Allergists. All applications are made through national delegates, a list of which is available from Jose Lopes Dos Santos, the Secretary of ETC-PA. To this end the Section is participating in the accreditation activity established by the former Confederation of European Pediatric Societies (CESP), which is now renamed to EAP, which evaluates and approves training centers for pediatric allergy in Europe. The process has started in Spain where at present five European Centres has been certified according to the “European Visitation Programme of Centres in Paediatric Allergology” and more than 200 colleagues in Europe are certified. We strongly encourage pediatric allergists from other European countries to apply for certification. Application should be made through their national delegates at the Educational and Training Committee.

The Syllabus is going to be revised by Arne Høst, Phillipe Eigenmann and Antonella Muraro, but national delegates at the ETC-PA are welcome to participate in this work.

At the Annual 2009 Congress in Warsaw many pediatric sessions covering a broad spectrum of pediatric allergology drug allergy and food allergy was organized successfully.

PAPRICA is an ongoing initiative from the Section to Promote Pediatric Allergy in Europe Primary Care Physicians. The last meeting in Serbia was very successful and well attended. Further Paprika Symposia were held in Hungary 20th June 2009, Russia July 2009 and Malta September 2009. Countries willing to participate in this allergy programme for General Pediatricians and General Practitioners can contact the Section on Pediatrics and Philippe Eigenmann who will continue to coordinate it.

“Food Allergy Training Course” 13-16th November 2008 in Castelbrando, Italy was organized by the section in conjunction with Section on Dermatology and Food Allergy interest group. The last meeting in Serbia was very successful and well-attended with 140 attendants and speakers, some of whom came from outside Europe, including colleagues from the US and India.

The “EAACI-Clemens von Pirquet Foundation” was established with the assests remaining from the former ESPACI. The Foundation aims to support Education and Research in Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, in close collaboration with the EAACI Section on Pediatrics. An International Consortium for Promotion of Research in Pediatric Allergy
(iPAC) was formed as a joint initiative between the SP EAACI and AAAI. The iPAC aim is to provide a research platform for promoting specific research project in the field of pediatric allergy (see also EAACI – Clemens von Pirquet Foundation Report from Philippe Eigenmann).

**Section’s Task Forces**

The **Task Force on “Anaphylaxis in Children”** published the position paper in *Allergy* (August 2007). The task force is still open for implementation activities. Members of the Section or National Pediatric Societies who are willing to host such sessions are welcome to contact the Chair or the Secretary of the Section.

The **Task Force on “The Allergic Child in the School”** is an activity in collaboration with GA2LEN. The aim is to provide guidelines for dealing with the allergic child at school in a position paper to be published at the beginning of 2009. A successful symposium of the Task Force with the aim to involve all the stakeholders e.g. Pediatric allergists, Section members, national representatives from several European countries, teachers and patient’s organization, as well as EU Commission officers in implementation was held in Venice, February 2009. It has been decided to publish in Allergy due to a long delay with PAI. The Section plans to implement the recommendations across Europe with the help of the members of the Section on Pediatrics.

**Food Allergy Clinical Practice Guidelines:** The task force is an activity jointly with Food Allergy interest Group and the Section on Dermatology with the aim to develop guidelines that provide guidance to medical practitioners and that can be used for to guide allergists, dermatologists, gastroenterologists, pulmonologists, emergency physicians, dermaticians, family practitioners, intensivists and other professional and lay organizations to assist the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of food allergy and related diseases. The task force is in progress, it is approved by ExCom, it is launched Tuesday 9.06.09 and the planned duration is 2 yrs.

**Collaboration with Sister Pediatric Societies**

The Section has had the following activities in collaboration with Sister Pediatric Societies:

**European Academy of Pediatrics.** Congress in Nice October 24-26th 2008. The Section organized a Pediatric Allergy course sponsored by Mead Johnson

**Pediatric Allergy Sessions at the National Meeting of the Lithuanian Allergy Society,** April 2009: The Section organized a session on Anaphylaxis and food allergy.

**Spanish Pediatric Allergy Society:** In association with this meeting the Section on Pediatrics has organized a symposium on Anaphylaxis. Palma de Mallorca, May 2009

**ESPGHAN a** collaboration lecture was organized in Budapest June 5th 2009

At the **Business Meeting** in Warsaw the introductory lecture was very much appreciated. Jonathan Spergel (USA) gave a very interesting and comprehensive keynote lecture: Eosinophilic Oesophagitis. A call for the involvement of Section members in the activity of the Board and for future initiatives has been launched. Members can send their requests to the new chair Susanne Halken and secretary Graham Roberts.

**Pediatric Allergy and Asthma Meeting (PAAM) is organized and will be in Venice, November 12–14th, 2009.** The meeting has focus on pediatric asthma, food allergy and
specific immunotherapy, and joint symposia with ERS and ESPGHAN have been organised. The final scientific program is at the website www.eaicipediatrics-venice2009.org.

Priorities of the SP EAACI Board are enhancing visibility of EAACI as leading scientific society in Europe and increasing membership, and to establish and improve educational activities in pediatric allergology at all levels. For these purposes collaboration with societies of General Pediatricians, Primary Care Physicians and Emergency Physicians has been initiated. All Board members are committed to a team working to achieve these goals.

Susanne Halken, Chairman
Section on Pediatrics, EAACI

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