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**Minutes from the Meeting of the ESP Advisory Council, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011,  
13.00h. until 15.00hrs. Helsinki**

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**Agenda:**

1. Opening and welcome
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Minutes from the meeting in February 2011
4. New members of the ESP AC.
5. ESP relations with National Societies and IAP
6. Collective membership of national societies in the ESP
7. Proposals for new Escop courses.
8. ECP 2012 Prague
9. Any other business

## Decisions Made:

1. As from September 2011 the ESP Advisory Council will be chaired by Prof. Fred Bosman.
2. Problems on national level:
  - ESCOP:
    - Russia requests ESCOP to be organised in St Petersburg: the country should develop a program proposal on ESCOP and submit to the Education Committee for approval.
    - Prof. Bosman to develop guidelines/offer on how to establish ESCOP in Russia (separate from the existing SOPs for ESCOP).
    - There is an existing concept on the organization of ESCOP in the form of SOPs developed by the ESP office: to be used as a general concept that could be transferred on every national level.
    - There is a need to create local branches of ESCOP.
    - There is a necessity to plan well the ESCOP dates in order to avoid coincidences of courses in Europe.
    - ESCOP will be a base to harmonise the relationship of the ESP with the National Societies of Pathology.
    - ESCOP can also be the starting point in harmonising the educational systems of EU and US.
    - In a future to create "ESCOP network" controlled by 5-6 professors in the key ESCOP branches in Europe.
    - In a future to start developing EU guidelines on education. This should be initiated by the ESP.
  - Lack of visibility of the ESP to members in Europe:  
Proposal from Spain:
    - To establish links between ESP WGs and WGs on national levels.
    - To foresee sponsorships for members of National Societies.
    - To foresee scholarships for members of National Societies.
  - Lack of interest in trainees to be trained in molecular pathology: UK.
    - Possible solution: to start courses in molecular pathology in UK. To link them with the ESP.
    - To engage trainees in specific projects related to molecular pathology.

- Collective membership:
  - Some National Societies are not aware how to implement the collective membership initiative on national level. Solution: the ESP administrator will circulate the action plan on the implementation of the collective membership
  - The ESP office will provide the necessary administrative help in order to start the project of collective membership in every national society that is willing to join the ESP collectively.
  
- 3. Projects for creating networks for exchange of residents: proposal from the Italian Society of Pathology:
  - The Italian Society of Pathology will make a detailed proposal on creating stable European network represented by the ESP for exchanging of residents in pathology for participating in different education projects. One purpose of this initiative will be to translate in reality the existing practices in pathology and harmonise them. The ESP could present the completed project proposal to the European Commission and apply for funds.
  
- 4. Relations with IAP:
  - There is a need to harmonise the relations between the ESP and the EU IAP divisions. Solution: ESP is in negotiation with the German division of the IAP to organise a joint congress in pathology in Koln, Germany in 2016. The site visit of the ESP officers is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.
  
- 5. The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be held in Brussels in January 2012.