Minutes Meeting 2nd June 2013 on the 20th Congress of the International Confederation of Otorhinolaryngological Societies and email exchange between 2nd and 17th June 2013

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Topic: Plan of UEP to found a European Academy of Phoniatrics EAP

1. The Presidents of CE ORL-HNS, EAORL-HNS and the ENT Section of U.E.M.S. are very pleased that UEP aims to found a European Academy of Phoniatrics (EAP). The EAP will be a subsidiary of UEP. For CE ORL-HNS, EAORL-HNS and the ENT Section of U.E.M.S. UEP and EAP are considered as twin. On General Assemblies of CEORL-HNS, the 2 major bodies EAORL-HNS and the European Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies (EUFOS) will have 15 votes each. To reach this number, some organizations, had to be grouped together. UEP-EAP will share a vote with the European Group for Functional Laryngectomy.
(EGFL). UEP-EAP and EGFL along with every other member society of CEORL-HNS can have up to two delegates. UEP-EAP "share" a voting delegate ("Eligible Voter"). Ideally, the person selected stays in that position until the next General Assembly of CEORL-HNS. However, UEP-EAP can send a replacement if he/she is unable to attend. If EAORL-HNS would hold a General Assembly independently from EUFOS, then UEP-EAP will share one vote.

2. The new constitution of CEORL-HNS involves direct membership of each individual society. In case of UEP-EAP, the twin organization will become a member. UEP-EAP will receive a request for application from Mrs. Balcar.

3. Presently, UEP-EAP doesn't have a direct representation in the Presidential Council of CEORL-HNS. But this could be possible in the future if one representative of UEP-EAP would be elected to this position.

4. EAP is free to develop its by-laws. Extra-European phoniatric societies and comparable organisations can become a regular member of EAP but concerning specific European decisions, a passage in the by-laws should ensure that the extra-European members cannot dominate the vote of the Annual General Assembly of EAP.

5. The certification of phoniatric training centres has no priority at present. But Manuel Bernal Sprekelsen should get a list of these centres as soon as possible by Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube and Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen.

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