

CONTRACT

Whereas the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) and the European Society of Pediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology (ESPACI) wish to merge ESPACI with the EAACI Section on Pediatrics, both parties agree that:

- 1.) All present members of ESPACI should be transferred to the Section on Pediatrics. Future membership of the Section will be governed by the by-laws for EAACI Sections, as amended from time to time according to the constitution of EAACI.
- 2.) The chairman of the Section on Pediatrics is automatically a member of the Executive Committee of EAACI with full voting rights. The Executive Committee will rely on the Section on Pediatrics for advice on matters related to Pediatric Allergy.
- 3.) The Section on Pediatrics is expected to collaborate with other Pediatric societies/organizations and to organize independent meetings. These meetings should not compete directly with the annual congresses of EAACI. The Section should inform the EAACI executive committee about such meetings, but the EAACI Executive Committee will not interfere in the programme or planning of such joint meetings.
- 4.) The Journal "Pediatric Allergy and Immunology" will continue as an independent Pediatric journal and will become the official journal of the Section on Pediatrics. All EAACI members will be able to receive PAI either

in addition to “Allergy” (European Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology) or as an alternative, subject to financial agreement with the publishers Munksgaard.

- 5.) The Section on Pediatrics will take over the assets of ESPACI and will continue to have full responsibility for its separate accounts and finances. The Section on Pediatrics may seek independent sponsors for Pediatric activities. Approaches to sponsors for financial support should be discussed with the EAACI president. A financial balance sheet will be prepared annually and presented to the Section at their annual Business Meeting, and to the EAACI Executive Committee.
- 6.) The Section on Pediatrics will safeguard the interests of the UEMS approved subspeciality of “Pediatric Allergology”. EAACI supports the concept that Pediatric Allergology should be a Subspeciality within Pediatrics, and agrees that the Section on Pediatrics handles Pediatric problems in relation to authorities and related societies.
- 7.) The Section on Pediatrics has the right to form Working Groups to consider Pediatric and related issues.
- 8.) EAACI position papers and policy statements are created through Task Forces. The Section on Pediatrics has the right to propose the formation of Task Forces on Pediatric and related issues, subject to the by-laws in force at the time.
- 9.) The Section on Pediatrics has the right to be represented in EAACI Task Forces that concern pediatric allergologic issues. Under current EAACI by-laws, all Task Force members have to be approved by the EAACI executive committee. The Pediatric Section chairman is ex officio a member of the

EAACI executive committee and will therefore be informed of all new Task Forces. Pediatric representatives should be proposed by the Section chairman, on the advice of the Section board.

10.) In the case of difficulties, both EAACI and the Section on Pediatrics undertake to seek resolution by negotiation.

11.) In the event of unbridgeable difficulties, members of the Section on Pediatrics may choose to demerge and reform ESPACI as an independent entity. Such a decision requires the approval of a simple majority of the members of the Paediatric Section.

12.) In this event, EAACI undertakes that the assets of the Section on Pediatric will be divided, in order to return to the reconstituted ESPACI such sum as shall be agreed to represent the financial contribution of ESPACI at the time of the merger, with appropriate adjustment according to the financial activities of the merged Section during its period of activity.

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One original of this agreement will be kept by the Secretaries.