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The last period I was working together with Emil for the EU:

### European Commission

#### **Progress, challenges and priorities for further action on childhood immunization**

was demanded by the European Commission DG SANCO (Health & Consumers )  
at the Conference on childhood immunization hold in October 2012 in Luxembourg;

Reinforce education and training of health professionals and other relevant experts on childhood immunization is the future demand. Healthcare professionals, espec primary care Pediatricians have a key role in advocating immunization

The **conference web page** has now been updated with all **presentations** made by the various speakers: [http://ec.europa.eu/health/vaccination/events/ev\\_20121016\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/vaccination/events/ev_20121016_en.htm)

Than I have joined as the EAP delegate to the **ESWI** (European Scientific Working group on Influenza ) the last meetings in May and June, where I represent the European pediatricians : The aim of the ESWI meeting is to bring together all influenza stakeholder organizations and to provide them with a platform to discuss influenza prevention strategies, to exchange good practices and to initiate concrete actions.

The conferences have a focus on science. In addition, government representatives and opinion leaders in health care are invited to the meeting to attend separate, tailor-made programme-tracks. After all, the fight against the impact of influenza can only be won when all parties involved are well informed and ready to collaborate.

All presentation are now on the ESWI website (<http://www.flusummit.org/engine/> and <http://www.pgeu.eu/en/events/details/195.html> )

Because **the vaccination coverage rates in general remains low** for most routinely recommended vaccines and well below the WHO recommendations in many countries I was asked according to the EU commissioners demand at our and the EAP vaccination group to work on **“Improving vaccination training”** which will be also a main task at the ECPCP congress under my supervision in July in Tel Aviv:

It should be a MUST in the future **to provide training opportunities** not only for students but also for graduates and also for CME (the **Austrian University Trainings- Program** : Prof Ursula Kunze has worked out an University lectures program by module system with mandatory immunisation / vaccination – questions at the final examination ).

Than I want to tell you that I have become the chair together with Elke for the **common trunk training program** / EAP to get finally a handsome reasonable brochure.

In Austria we have to work on a **new specialist training program** which is a demand of the health minister.

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