

**Joint meeting of the Executive committees of
Standing Liaison Committee of E.U. Speech and Language Therapists of Speech and
Language Therapists and Logopedists (CPLOL),
European Region-World Confederation for Physical Therapy (ER-WCPT) and
Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries (COTEC)**

London , January 16, 2009

Present:

CPLOL	Birgitta Rosen-Gustafsson, President Bent Kjaer, Vice President Joe Reynolds, Treasurer Aileen Patterson, General Secretary Maria Christopoulou, Vice President
ER-WCPT	Sarah Bazin, 1st Vice Chairman
COTEC	Maria Skouroliakos, President Pip Higman, Vice President Vera Krähenbühl, Treasurer Anu Söderström, Honorary Secretary

Welcome

Maria Skouroliakos welcomed everyone to the first joint meeting of the three organisations and everyone present introduced themselves.

Presentation of the organisations

Maria Skouroliakos made a short presentation of COTEC's history, organisation, achievements and current activities.

Sarah Bazin distributed a handout about WCPTs and ER-WCPTs organisation and spoke about European projects.

Birgitta Rosen-Gustafsson presented the history and organisation of CPLOL, current and future activities

Discussion during the presentations was lively and there were many questions asked. Many common features of the work of the organisations were noted. All three organisations have similar aims and objectives and work with similar projects, also mutual challenges were recognised.

Future communication and collaboration

Rationale and ways of future communication and collaboration were discussed.

It was agreed that the three organisations should communicate on a regular basis and work together on specific projects.

It was agreed to share experience about the TUNING project, which physio- and occupational therapists have already finished and CPLOL is about to start.

Common participation on the EU Green paper consultations was considered important.

Sarah Bazin brought up the item of the Common platform as described in Directive 2005/36/EC. A joint statement should be written. Sarah Bazin will circulate more information on this.

Patient safety and Cross border practice were also identified as areas of common interest.

First joint project was decided: All three organisations will make a statement separately on the Green Paper on the European Workforce for Health by February 28, and a joint statement will then be formulated and published.

It was agreed that a statement of this first joint meeting will be published on all organisations' websites.

Conclusion

As conclusion it was decided to meet annually. A joint meeting of the Executive Committees could for instance be organised if the organisations' interim meetings would take place at the same time in the same city. This option should be negotiated in good time.

Maria Skouroliakos concluded the meeting and thanked for an informative and productive meeting.