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Dear WONCA Executive Board,

On behalf of VdGM executive group we hereby send you a report on VdGM activities during the previous year, including a business plan for 2009 onwards.

We thank you for the financial and other support this year, which made it possible for the executive group to meet in London in February 2010, facilitate the pre-conference in Cancun in May 2010 and for the Europe Council representatives to meet during the Preconference in Malaga.

We are very happy with the activities and involvement of VdGM members all over Europe and on the WONCA world level so far and we are proud of our achievements thus far.

**Preconference , WONCA Europe, Basel 2009., WONCA world,Cancun 2010.**

The Executive Group (with the assistance of our 2009 Preconference manager, Monika Reber Feissli) prepared the Preconference in collaboration with the 2009 HOC . VdGM organised four workshops for the WONCA Europe conference 2009 and our members actively participated in the keynote lectures of the network organisations and as active members of other networks and WONCA Europe's Special Interest Groups. VdGM organised a day and half long workshop/preconference prior to the WONCA World Cancun conference to help establish another WONCA region junior organisation similar to VdGM. Three workshops during the main conference in Cancun were organised and conducted by VdGM members as well.

After having established a solid network in Europe and helping in establishing Ibero-America network, VdGM recently made contact with juniors from Australia, India and Canada.

We believe worldwide meeting for junior doctors during this conference, would be an wonderful occasion to launch a worldwide network for GP trainees and young GP s.

## **Executive Group**

In Basel 2009 the VdGM Europe Council conducted elections for Executive Group membership and the new Executive is listed below (new elected are in bold) :

Andrea Poppelier, France (Chairperson)

Darach O Ciardha, Ireland (Vice chairperson)

Jasna Vučak, Croatia ( Secretary)

Lidia Amini , Sweden (Treasurer)

**Luisa Pettigrew, UK (member-liaison on exchange)**

**Ishay Lev , Israel (member-liaison on research)**

and according VdGM constitution preconference managers are appointed from HOC :

Sara del Olmo Fernandez, Spain (preconference manager 2010)

Magda Moszumanska , Poland (preconference manager 2011)

## **VdGM Europe Council**

Twenty-three members (those who have been confirmed by their national organisation as junior doctor representative) of the VdGM Europe Council accepted our invitation to engage actively in the Preconference and main conference Basel 2009.

## **Theme groups**

VdGM members are organised into various Theme Groups, comprised of the Executive Group, Europe Council and ordinary members. Each Theme Group focuses on specific areas of activity and report to the Europe Council via their liaison person.

The theme group on **Education and Training** (liaison – Magda Moszumanska) continues to work on a joint project with EURACT and EGPRN on the Evaluation of the Educational Agenda. A questionnaire was produced and recruitment of participant countries

is underway (you can find more information on <http://vdgm-questionnaire.competence-base.net/> ).

The theme group on **Research** (liaison – Ishay Lev) has been working in close collaboration with EGPRN to propose workshops during the WONCA conferences about research in primary care. They are working actively on JRA (Junior Research Award) and proposals are expected in Malaga.

The theme group on **Exchange** (liaison – Luisa Pettigrew) so far has 19 countries with hosting practices participating on the Hippokrates programme. New templates have been developed to create a more structured exchange process whereby participants outline their learning objectives and reflect on these after the exchange, a gold standard educational programme has been devised and all participants are expected to write a report at the end of the exchange for publication on the website. Progress has been made across Europe applying for EU Leonardo funds. This year the UK and Slovenia have secured a grant to support the exchange programme.

The theme group on **Image** (liaison – Darach O Charda) has developed our website [www.vdgm.eu](http://www.vdgm.eu) and they developed part for the Hippokrates program.

## **Other activities**

VdGM has now a leadership role in the functioning of the Hippokrates exchange programme. The Exchange and Image theme groups have been collaborating to develop the VdGM website to facilitate the registration of host practices, interested participants and allow the coordination and certification of these exchanges. Therefore we aim to provide a platform for coordinated, standardised and certifiable exchanges all over Europe. Currently this new structure is being tried out, and if successful the aim is to invest in an online system that will keep record of all the exchanges and guide people through the exchange process. VdGM established close connections and collaborative work with other WONCA networks on certain projects. With EURIPA on 9th Rural Health World Conference regarding GP rural training programs across Europe, with EURACT on ongoing survey regarding satisfaction with GP training across Europe.

VdGM has played a role in facilitating, participating and networking in the following international exchanges and conferences:

Dubrovnik and Plovdiv EGPRN meeting

United Kingdom, RCGP conference, Glasgow 2009 (19 European trainees),  
LOVAH/WES Exchange, Den Haag May 2010 ( 33 European trainees),

VdGM has had a role in facilitating the establishing a new national network for GPs in the Italy, with particular regard to developing their European links.

### **Business plan 2010 – 2013.**

To achieve our main objectives of creating an effective and professional forum for exchange, networking and development of Family Medicine for young and future General Practitioners we applied for funding of 15,000 dollars annually for the next 3 years. The 2010-2013 Business plan is in separate document (see attachment) .

This funding will cover several items including:

- 1) Executive Group meeting – the purpose of this meeting, usually held in January, is to plan activities for the coming year, with particular reference to the VdGM Preconference/Conference at WONCA Europe.
- 2) Informal Europe Council meeting – this meeting is crucial for informing all the Europe Council representatives of ongoing activity and renewing our focus between conferences.
- 3) Ongoing running and development costs related to the VdGM website.
- 4) Projected expenses for the development of the Hippokrates project as outlined previously

Each VdGM member works without salary and all travel expenses and conference fees are paid for personally or by the national college. We cannot underestimate the substantial commitment to this project displayed by members of our Executive and Europe Council.

Thank you to all members of WONCA Executive Board for support financially and otherwise.

Kind regards,  
Executive group VdGM