

Annual report for Wonca Europe Council Malaga 2010

ESPCG: European Society for Primary Care Gastroenterology



- Composition Executive :
 - Prof Lars Agréus, Stockholm, Sweden, chairman;
 - Dr Jean WM Muris, Maastricht, the Netherlands, secretary general;
 - Dr Ture Aalander, Uppsala, Sweden, treasurer;
 - Prof Niek de Wit, Utrecht, the Netherlands, educational officer;
 - Prof dr. Greg Rubin, Durham, United Kingdom, research officer.

- Achievements/Projects:
 - The H pylori guidelines published in Family Practice supplement.
 - The GORD systematic review.
 - The IBS diagnostic criteria publication (Family Practice).
 - The IBS Cochrane reviews.
 - The online IBS educational module.
 - E/learning module for IBS.
 - A survey of gastro practice among European GPs.

- Meetings:
 - Involvement of ESPCG in WONCA conferences; having had a tradition in well attended and well evaluated workshops during Wonca meeting, this year the scientific committee of Wonca Malaga did accept our proposal for a workshop. Furthermore the WONCA organisation accepted the organisation of an ESPCG pre-conference CME course. The course is scheduled for October 6, 09.00-16.00 hours. This course is supported by the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF).
 - Executive board meeting in Trondheim 2010. The academic practices and university institutions of departments of General Practice in Trondheim were visited by ESPCG board members. Apart from the meeting a half day research seminar was held with member of the department of general practice in Trondheim to discuss ongoing research projects.
 - For the United European Gastroenterology Week (UEGW) meeting in 2010 in Barcelona several abstracts were sent in by members of the ESPCG, clearly marked as primary care submissions. ESPCG will have a booth at the UEGW.

- Collaborations:

Associate Member of the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF).

- Future plans:
 - Together with the UEGF educational committee ESPCG members are working on a European e/learning initiative aiming at improving the clinical care in gastroenterology, through electronic learning programmes for both primary and

secondary care. This initiative builds on an earlier initiative launched by ESPCG for the implementation of e/learning modules (the IMAGINE project).

- To organise annually a pre WONCA post graduate course on primary care gastroenterology, aiming at teaching the state of the art clinical care in primary care gastroenterology.
- Instalment of Star awards 2010. There are two awards: one for PhD students and one for post doc + 5 years. Age limit for PhD students is 35; age limit for post doc is 45. For the PhD students there is no need for publication of an article. For the post doc publication of an article is needed. The awards are restricted to GP's. Collaboration with other countries is important in the application.

Sponsor policy;

In recent years the ESPCG has become independent from funding from drug companies, through its membership from the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF). We aim at maintaining this independent position, but for specific projects funding might need to be sought elsewhere.

Affiliations:

ESPCG is Associate member of UEGF Wonca Europe Special Interest Group.