



**Minutes of the Wonca Europe Council Meeting
Cancun, 15 May 2010 (14.00 – 17.30)**

Meeting venue: **Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel
Room Coral Garden**

Members present:

Delegates:

1. Ilse Hellemann - Austrian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine
2. Carl Steylaerts - Belgian Society of General Practitioners/Family Physicians
3. Bohumil Seifert – Czech Society of General Practice
4. Roar Maagaard - The Danish College of General Practitioners (DSAM)
5. Paula Vainiomäki – Vice.chair Of Finnish Association for GP
6. Brnard Gay – French National College
7. Eva Hummers Pradier – Germany, also member EB (EGPRN)
8. Bodossakis Prodromos Merkouris - Greek Association of Gen. Practitioners (ELEGEIA)
9. Ernesto Mola - ASSIMEFAC
10. Gisele Roksund - President of the Norwegian College of Gen. Practitioners
11. Tomasik Tomasz – The College of Family Physician in Poland
12. Joao Sequeira Carlos – President of the Portugese Association of GP
13. Mirjana Mojovic - Serbian Medical Association/ Section of General Practice
14. Janko Kersnik – Slovenian Family Medicine Society
15. Josep Basora Gallisa - Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (SEMFYC)
16. Bruno Kissling - Swiss Society of General Medicine
17. Arno Timmermans - Dutch College of General Practitioners
18. Tony Mathie - Royal College GP, UK, also Hon Treasurer Wonca Europe

Proxy:

1. The Iceland College of General Practitioners appointed Gisle Roksund from the Norwegian College to be the proxy and to vote on their behalf.
2. TAHUD appointed Bodossakis Merkouris from the Greek College to be the proxy and to vote on their behalf.

Observers:

1. Manfred Maier - Austrian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine
2. Tina Eriksson – National College of GP, Denmark
3. Suvi Vainiomäki – Finland
4. Giorgio Visentin - Csermeg, Italy
5. Antonios Batikas - Greece
6. Anna Stavdal - Norwegian College of Gen. Practitioners
7. Alexandre Gouveia - Portugese Association of GP
8. Mateja Bulc - Slovenian Family Medicine Society
9. José Miguel Bueno Ortiz - Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (semFYC)

From The Wonca Europe Executive Board and Wonca Europe Office:

10. Igor Svab – President of Wonca Europe
11. Job F. M. Metsemakers – Hon. Secretary of Wonca Europe
12. Marianne Samuelson – member EB (EquiP)
13. Egle Zebiene – member EB (EURACT)
14. Polona Miselj – Wonca Europe Secretariat
15. Barbara Toplek – Wonca Europe Secretariat

AGENDA

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2. Approval of the Agenda
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 - Memorandum of understanding
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 - UEMO
 - ICOH
9. One European GP Website - Carl Steylaerts
10. Wonca Europe Policy – Arno Timmermans

11. Proposing research themes for the next EU funding program - Eva Hummers-Pradier
12. European Journal of General Practice
13. Past and Future Conferences:
 - WW 2010 Cancun, Mexico, 19 – 23 May
 - Wonca Europe EB Election
 - Scientific program - presentation from Wonca, EURACT, EGPRN, EQUIP
 - WE 2010 Malaga, Spain (7 – 9 October)
 - 2011 Warszawa, Poland (8 – 11 September)
 - 2012 Vienna, Austria
14. Any other business
 - Special project funding
15. Announcement of the next EB Meeting: *Malaga, Spain*

Minutes

1. Welcome by the President

Igor Švab opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the council.

Bodossakis Merkouris informed the council that the Greek College nominates from the floor Dr. Christos Lionis as a Greek candidate for a Vice President. A supporting letter has been send according to him.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the Council Minutes, Basel, September 2009

Minutes were approved.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

- 5 Star Doctor Award 2010: Tony Mathie reported. The nominating committee (Jan de Maeseneer, Tony Mathie and Toni Dedeu) received three nominations. Tony Mathie has been the only member from the committee who responded. The Executive Board concluded that none of the three candidates met the criteria of the 5 Star Award. When this decision was communicated to Council there was some surprise. As a result an ad hoc Committee of Manfred Maier, Egle Zebiene and Paula Vainiomäki will review the applications. (After careful consideration they agreed with the decision of the Executive that no Award be made.)

For the 5 Star Doctor Award 2011 The new nominating committee was appointed: Igor Švab, Marianne Samuelson and Sam Everington. The nominating committee will stress the importance of excellence and innovation in practice work , when inviting nominations

- Wonca Europe Policy - a proposal from Arno Timmermans: Wonca Europe should define its strategy and goals for the coming years. The Wonca Europe Executive was asked to prepare a discussion paper for the council. Unfortunately that was not done. Job Metsemakers apologized

in the name of the Executive Board. This will be a matter on the agenda for the council meeting in Malaga in October.

- EUOPREV statement: the council accepted this document as official Wonca Europe document. The council welcomed the initiative of Gisle Roksund to send this document to the Wonca World to be accepted as an official Wonca World paper.
- Gender equity issue in Wonca World By laws: Wonca Europe Council supports the European response – a joint proposal from the Dutch College and the Royal College to be presented to the Wonca World Council for acceptance.

At this point the Council were pleased to receive the World president Prof Chris van Weel, the President Designate Dr Richard Roberts and the CEO Dr Alfred Loh.

4. President's Report

The report was accepted.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Tony Mathie reported (see appendix 1).

Tony Mathie informed Council that the EB will set up an Anniversary Fund. More details to be provided in Malaga

6. Reports from the Network Organisations

- European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN)
The report was accepted.
- European Academy of Teachers in General Practice (EURACT)
The report was accepted.
- European Association for Quality in General Practice /Family Medicine (EQuiP)
The report was accepted.

7. Wonca Europe/ Wonca World Matters

Memorandum of understanding between Wonca World and Wonca Europe cannot be achieved because of fundamental differences. Wonca World believes in a very centralized organization, while Wonca Europe believes in a strong regional structure. Wonca World might ask for an opinion from another lawyer. For Wonca Europe the matter is closed.

A bid for the new Wonca World Secretariat and CEO: There has been no official call for tenders yet. Wonca World Council will define the procedure and Wonca World Executive Board will make the final decision. The Royal College of GPs will probably bid for the secretariat.

8. Other collaborations

- WPA: Igor Švab reported from a joint meeting with the representatives of the Wonca Working party on Mental Health (Gabby Ivbijaro) and the representatives of the Psychiatric Association. They proposed a draft memorandum of understanding between the two organisations that would strengthen our cooperation, especially by organising joint conferences.
Decision: This is a matter of Wonca World since the working party on Mental Health is the working party of Wonca World. Wonca Europe cannot be a partner and cannot sign this memorandum.

- UEMO: There has been no progress since our last meeting in Basel. Wonca Europe should be more aggressive. EB should appoint a new liaison person for UEMO as the new EB has been chosen .
- ICOH: no news to report.

9. One European GP Website

Carl Steylaerts gave a presentation of his proposal to make one European GP website where every association has its place.

Decision: The Wonca Europe website needs to be improved. The Executive Board will try to find the way how to include Carl's proposal in to renovation of the existing website.

11. Proposing research themes for the next EU funding program

Eva Hummers-Pradier reported. Each year, the European Commission issues calls for theme proposals to be included in its upcoming funding programmes. These calls are primarily sent to "National contact points", who then address them further and collect and pre-structure the theme proposals to be sent to the EC. So far, research in family practice is not sufficiently addressed in EU funding programmes, and underrepresented in EU funded research. Joint actions or similar theme proposals submitted by several colleges and countries may have the potential to change this and to obtain better funding possibilities. Invitation to the council: to visit the website shown in the presentation to see if a national contact point exists in the member's country or to find out how the procedure is run there.

Cordis.europa.eu/fb7/ncp_en.html

12. European Journal of General Practice

Jelle Stoffers, the editor sent his report. The editorial process is on track. Comments from the council: To push the journal through the libraries not just individually. We should encourage our colleges to subscribe to the journal. Jelle Stoffers will give more information in Malaga. The publisher should send its report as well.

Several suggestions were made:

- send an e mail to Colleges if a new issue is published
- promote the EJGP more to members
- start debate on the EJGP as open journal.

13. Future Conferences:

WW 2010 Cancun, Mexico, 19 – 23 May: Contribution of Wonca Europe to the Scientific Program – a presentation from WE, the networks and VdGM (Igor Švab, Egle Zebiene, Marianne Samuelson, Eva Hummers Pradier and Andrea Poppelier).

Wonca Europe bursary winners reception will be held on May 20, at 17.00 (Room Tulum II)

- WE 2010 Malaga, Spain (7 – 9 October): Jose Miguel Bueno reported.
- WE 2011 Warszawa, Poland (8 – 11 September): Tomasz Tomasik reported.
- WE 2012 Vienna, Austria: Manfred Maier reported.

Joao Seguiera Carlos informed the council that Portugal will make an official bid in Malaga to host the Wonca Europe 2014 conference. The council saluted this initiative with applause.

14. Any other business

Special project funding: Eva Hummers Pradier reported.

15. Elections and Announcement of the next EB Meeting: *Malaga, Spain*

The Iceland College of General Practitioners appointed Gisle Roksund from the Norwegian College to be the proxy and to vote on their behalf.

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Wonca Europe Executive Board for the period 2010-2013 was elected:

- President: Tony Mathie, UK, elected by acclamation
- Vice President:

Two nominations were received, one from the floor. Both candidates, Anna Stavdal and Christos Lionis, received 10 votes. Since the bylaws do not foresee this situation, Council decided that the elections for the vice president had to be postponed until Malaga Council meeting. No new candidates will be allowed to candidate for this position.

- Honorary Secretary: Job Metsemakers, The Netherlands
- Honorary Treasurer: Carl Steylaerts, Belgium

Representatives from Network Organizations in Wonca Europe Executive Board:

- Janko Kersnik, Slovenia for EURACT
- Mehmed Ungan, Turkey for EGPRN
- Tina Eriksson, Denmark for EQuIP

The president closed the meeting.