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EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF GENERAL PRACTICE/FAMILY MEDICINE

- WONCA REGION EUROPE

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

5 JULY 2000, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

MINUTES

Present

President:	Professor C Van Weel
Vice President:	Dr Juan Mendive
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Philip Evans
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Vaclav Benes
EGPRW:	Dr Igor Svab
EURACT:	Professor Jan Heyrman
EQuiP:	Professor Frede Olesen
Secretariat:	Ms Hanne Kjaergaard

1. Joint Meeting with UEMO in Florence

Copies of the presentations will be obtained from UEMO and discussed with the Editor of the European Journal of General Practice for possible publication.

ACTION: THE SECRETARY

With regard to further action in relation to the European Union, discussions would be held with UEMO regarding future lobbying.

ACTION: THE SECRETARY

Following the Open meeting and the presentation by Mr Hübel, the President would write to request membership of the European Health Forum for the Society.

ACTION: THE PRESIDENT

Comments would be sought from each of the Executive members on the European Health Policy document and forwarded to the President.

ACTION: ALL MEMBERS

Future European Commission activities with regard to research would be discussed with EGPRW and the other Network Organisations.

ACTION: THE PRESIDENT

The Secretariat would send the Health Policy document to all Executive Committee members.

2. Belgian Proposals on Primary Care

The Secretary confirmed that there had been an approach from the Belgian Government for the society to provide details of possible new initiatives in primary care that the Belgian Government might wish to pursue during its presidency of the European Union in the second half of 2000. It was agreed that members of the Executive would consider these proposals and bring them to the next meeting of the Executive.

ACTION: ALL MEMBERS

3. EURESCO

Communication had been received from Josip Hendekovic advising the Society of the third call for conference proposals issued by the European Science Foundation within the frame of its EURESCO programme, European Research Conferences. The invitation was for a new conference series with the first event scheduled from 2002 onwards. Submission deadline for

proposals was 15 September 2000. The Executive considered it appropriate to apply for scientific meetings for primary healthcare and suggested general practice topics, particularly in relation to research. It would be appropriate to consider a mix of young, senior and experts to attend such a conference. Details would be sent to the three Network Organisations and the information collated by the end of August by the President and Dr Igor Svab.

4. Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2002

A request had been made by the organisers of the conference for speakers from the European region. Suggestions for names and topics for presentations would be made by the President and the Secretary.

5. Executive Meeting in Sarajevo, Bosnia/Herzegovina

It was confirmed that the Executive meeting will be held in Sarajevo from the evening of Friday to Sunday, 6-8 October 2000. A joint meeting with representatives of family medicine within Bosnia would be held.

ACTION: PRESIDENT, DR IGOR SVAB

It was also confirmed that the following meeting of the Executive Committee would take place in Paris on 2-4 February 2001.

6. Issues Following the European Council Meeting

(a) It was confirmed that the Norwegian delegation would take the lead on providing names to WHO for the preparation of Hypertension Guidelines. A brief report on the progress of the guidelines would be requested from the Norwegian delegation for information to the Executive Committee.

(b) Inventory of Expertise

It was considered appropriate to consider preparing a questionnaire to be sent to all member organisations for names and contact details for individual family doctors and their areas of expertise. A paper would be prepared with regard to this for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

ACTION: THE PRESIDENT

(c) European Journal of General Practice

The outcome of the Editorial Board meeting was discussed.

ACTION: THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIAISE WITH THE EDITOR

7. Membership within Europe

It was confirmed that Poland is a member of the European Society, Hungary has not yet sought membership. The Treasurer would approach them to discuss this. Discussion was once again held on the boundaries of the European region of WONCA. It was confirmed that since its inception, the Society's boundaries were the same as for the WHO region of Europe.

ACTION: THE SECRETARY WOULD DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH THE WONCA WORLD CEO AND IT WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8. Conflict of Interest Proposals

The preparation of World WONCA conflict of interest proposals was noted. Modification for its use in the European region would be considered at the next meeting.

ACTION: THE SECRETARY

9. European Primary Care Cardiovascular Society

Prof Richard Hobbs, Chairman of this new group had raised the question of possible collaboration between the Group and the Society. This issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee following discussions with Prof Hobbs.

ACTION: THE SECRETARY

10. Core Content Conference, Barcelona 2001

It was confirmed that US\$5000 would be available from World WONCA towards this conference. It would be appropriate to invite 3-5 people from UEMO.

ACTION: THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY WOULD LIAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT OF UEMO AND PROF HEYRMAN WOULD DISCUSS WITH PETER MORTENSEN

A meeting to prepare the outline of the conference would be held in London on 14 or 15 September, the following would be present:

The President
The Secretary
Prof Heyrman
Prof Olesen
Representative from UEMO

ACTION: THE SECRETARY

11. Elections for Executive Committee 20001

This matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

12. Any Other Business

(a) Estonia

It was confirmed that the unpaid fees from Estonia held within that country would be used to send the Society's representative to the WHO meeting in Belarus.

(b) Tampere Conference 2001

It was confirmed that day registration would be appropriate for Finnish delegates to the conference. A reduction of US\$10 in the levy would be applied for day registrations.

**Dr Philip R Evans
Honorary Secretary ESGP/FM**