



Honorary Secretary: Bjørn Gjelsvik

Minutes from Wonca Europe Executive Committee Meeting

Held at the Royal College of General Practitioners June 9, 2002, London, England

Present

President	Dr Philip Evans
Vice President	Professor Igor Svab
Hon. Treasurer	Dr Vaclav Benes
Hon Secretary	Dr Bjørn Gjelsvik
EURACT	Dr Justin Allen
EQuIP	Dr Luis Pisco
EGPRW	Professor Christos Lionis
Secretariat	Ms Helene Flottorp

1) Welcome by President

Philip Evans opened the meeting expressing a special welcome to the meeting in London at the Royal College of General Practitioners.

2) Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

3) Approval of Minutes of meeting in Trondheim, February 2 – 3, 2002

Minutes were approved with the following comments:

Item 16 – Christos Lionis advised that he is co-author of the draft for the Ten Targets Strategy.

4) Matters arising from the minutes

a) Nordic proposals for Bylaw changes

The President reported from a meeting with the Presidents of the Nordic Colleges held the same day. The Nordic Colleges wish to start a discussion/process within Wonca Europe in this matter, which should lead to a decision within 2 years time.

Justin Allen emphasized that within EURACT there is a strong reaction to the Nordic proposals for Bylaw changes.

Christos Lionis on behalf of EGPRW also expressed their concern regarding this matter.

b) Video Conferencing

Igor Svab gave a brief report. The Executive decided that video conferencing was not necessary at present.

ACTION: Wonca Europe should not invest in this equipment for the time being.

c) Conflict of interest paper

The Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Paper should be signed by the Executive Members. To be put on the agenda for the Executive Meeting in September.

d) Research Policy

Wonca World is arranging an invitational conference in Canada, March 8 – 12, 2003. Christos Lionis and Igor Svab are invited. EGPRW has accepted the commission to prepare a document on general practice research in Europe.

e) Hippokrates Award

The President reported that Hippokrates Verlag has been informed that the Executive Committee has decided to end the assignment of the Hippokrates award.

f) Future awards

Wonca World has established a new award – the “5 star Doctor”. Nominations are to be sent from the National Colleges to WONCA Europe forwarded to World Wonca. The various Wonca regions should appoint their prize candidate, and then all regional candidates will compete on a world level to win the award. The first “5 Star Doctor” will be awarded in Orlando 2004. More information will follow from Wonca World during the next 6-8 weeks.

g) Sponsorship guidelines

Justin Allen presented a discussion paper. World WONCA to be asked for their views.

ACTION: The item to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Executive Members should e-mail comments to Justin Allen.

h) New Leaflet

The Administrative Secretary reported that a new WONCA leaflet had been printed and was due to arrive in London in time for the conference.

i) Ten target questionnaire

To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

5) President's report

Philip Evans gave a report from the Wonca World Executive meeting held in London, 6-8 June 2002.

a) It is proposed to develop online diplomas on the WONCA World website.

b) Fifteen new members from Central and South America have been accepted for WONCA membership forming a new Ibero-American Region. Countries outside the region (eg Spain and Portugal) who earlier have collaborated with the South American countries, can continue their collaborative work but remain members of the European region.

c) Membership questions

- Bosnia and Kazakstan have applied for membership.

- Kirgistan has been accepted as a new member organisation.

- Turkey and Kosovo have applied for membership in Wonca Europe. The Wonca Europe

Membership Committee is considering this application.

- The World Executive has discussed the possibility of creating a new Middle East region.
- The Wonca World CEO and the Chair of the Membership Committee are considering the possibility of a conference in Kazakstan in order to develop a Central Asian region.

- d) Reduced conference registration fees for retired members will be developed.
- e) Rural Health Conference in Australia
Details of the resolutions from this conference will be sent to the WONCA Europe Executive members. ACTION
- f) A new guidebook made through a collaborative project of the World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca) and the World Health Organization (WHO): “Improving health systems: the contribution of family medicine” was presented. The book will be presented at the Open Meeting at the conference in London.

6) Treasurer's report

The report was tabled.

ACTION: Wonca Europe will request quarterly transfers of money from World WONCA. The Treasurer will discuss with Dr Alfred Loh.

7) Reports from the Network Organisations

The three reports from EGPRW, EQuIP and EURACT were tabled.

8) New European Definition of General Practice/Family Medicine

The documents have been finalised and are published in a booklet to be available at the London Conference. The summary of the new definition is published in the June edition of the British Journal of General Practice. They will also be published in Wonca News and the full text will be available both the Wonca Europe and the Global Family Doctor websites. The booklet will be available free of charge to National Organisations, to Wonca Regional Organisations and National Organisations outside Europe and to the Network Organisations. Copies can be ordered from the Wonca Europe Secretariat. The postage for sending the booklets will be paid by the recipient.

A summary of implementation proposals will be presented to the WONCA Europe Council meeting. Implementation will also be considered at the next Executive meeting.

9) European Journal of General Practice

Philip Evans gave a report on the recent meeting with Mediselect. The issue was fully discussed. A decision will be made after the next meeting with Mediselect on June 11, 2002.

10) Future conferences

- a) London 2002
 - i) Between 1600 and 2000 delegates are anticipated
 - ii) Council meeting agenda
The issue of the reform of the EU Directives were discussed. The President will propose to the Council that the Executive consider this matter further and report back.
- b) Ljubljana 2003
 - i) Letter from the organiser asking for levy reduction for doctors from Central and Eastern Europe, and for one-day-participants from Slovenia and Croatia, and for not having to pay levies for a few registered participants who will be admitted without fee (students).
ACTION: It was agreed that there would be a levy reduction for one day participants and no levy for those who are admitted to the conference free. President to respond to

conference organisers.

- c) Amsterdam 2004
No further reports. Contract to be signed during the London conference.
- d) Athens 2005
The liason person (Dr Philip Evans) will meet with the conference organisers in Athens on Sunday, September 22, 2002 following the next Executive Committee meeting in Crete.
- e) Firenze 2006
The organiser is established.
- f) Bids for 2007
Bids had been received from France and Norway. Although neither of the bids indicated conference fees and costings, it was agreed to take them to the European Council and for the Council to decide whether or not they wish to make a ACTION or obtain further information. ACTIONACTION

11) Collaborative relations

From time to time several organisations ask for collaboration with WE. The organisations show a wide variation in themes, membership, structure and financial framework/sponsoring. ACTION It is necessary to develop a more thorough policy with regard to this question. A discussion paper will be prepared for the next Executive Committee.

ACTION: The President

12) Report from Belgrade

Igor Svab's report was tabled and discussed.

ACTION: We will have further discussions with the College in Yugoslavia with a view to arranging an Executive meeting in Belgrade in the autumn of 2003.

13) Next meeting in Crete, September 20 – 22, 2002

The meeting will start Friday 20 at 1700 p.m., ending on Saturday evening. Sunday is free for travelling home. Helene Flottorp will organise the logistics together with Christos Lionis.

14) Any other business

- a) Future meetings: Executive Meeting February 1 – 2, 2003.
To be held in Turkey? Dr Christos Lionis will enquire with the Turkish National College whether it will be possible and appropriate to hold this meeting in Turkey.
- b) A short Executive Committee Meeting in towards the end of the conference in London was scheduled June 12 at 0800 at the Royal Thistle Horseguard Hotel.