



Honorary Secretary: Bjørn Gjelsvik

Minutes from Wonca Europe Executive Committee Meeting

February 1 – 3, 2002, Trondheim, Norway

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

Christos Lionis and Vaclav Benes left the meeting after item 17.

1. Welcome by President

Philip Evans opened the meeting. He expressed a special welcome to the new Secretary, Helene Flottorp, and the establishment of the new Secretariat in Trondheim.

2. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting in Bury St Edmunds, September 2001

The Minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- The question of the links between representatives to network organisations and national colleges (minutes of council 9 May 2001 item 7).
It was decided not to put the question on the agenda in London.
- Conference scholarships. Paper on table (L. Pisco): A possibility of funding could be a proportion of the surplus. I.e. 5% – in addition to the levy?

Conclusion:

Funding of Conference scholarships is the responsibility of the conference organiser. The number of free applicants should be negotiated with the Executive Committee.

Congress fee

The Executive should review the question of congress fee on the London meeting. Congress fee should be part of the bidding process.

The Executive discussed the purpose of European congresses and success criteria. The question of arranging the conference on a fixed place was raised, but most felt that this would be a major change and the eventual economic gain would not compensate for the loss in influence it will have to arrange the conferences in different parts of Europe.

*Decision: The item should be put on the agenda for next meeting.
Discussion paper: The President.*

- Item:
- 8 Research policy for GPs in Europe. The President informed that Chris van Weel plans an invitational Conference in Canada next year.
 - 12 The President officially to thank the HOC for Tampere 2001. Done.
 - 13 The President to ask WW about their involvement in Slovenia 2003.
Igor Svab informed: No further action should be taken by the Executive.
 - 16 Full submission for the Conference. *WW to be asked for agreement in levy and whether it should be a joint conference*
 - 20 New Dutch award. *For orientation.*
 - 26 Video Conferences. Igor Svab will contact Alfred Low, copy to M. Kidd.
To be put on the agenda for next Executive Meeting.

5. President's report

From World Wonca meeting, Singapore:

- Wonca website is up. Secretariat should send information to the website. Wes Fabb is liason person.
- Guidebook is finished (Mark Rivo) *Copies to Executive Committee members.*
- South America is now an official part of Wonca.
- New Region in Central Asia? Should be decided by the countries themselves. Most of the countries belong to Europe.
Decision: WW should not take decisions on the behalf of the national organisations re. this question.
- New member: Cyprus.
- Strategic targets for WW: paper to follow

Other items:

- Attended meeting in Austria.
- Invited to several national conferences and meetings.
- EQuIP problem in London solved.
- WW want to take a levy on every Regional Conference. President will circulate the Minutes from Singapore for comments of the Executive Committee.

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report

The report for 2001 was presented.

Items discussed:

- a. Some societies pay too late. No paying will mean no voting rights at the Council Meetings. World Wonca has the responsibility for checking the accounts and reimburse the regions.
Decision: When we send out papers for Council Meeting, we should remind the societies to pay their dues.
- b. Transfer of account to Trondheim: There will be 2 accounts in Fokus Bank, a working account and the rest in a reserve fund with about 6% interest.
Decision: We still negotiate on the conditions.
- c. SIMG fund: arrangement will be taken to transfer the account to WE/ESGP before London meeting.
Responsible: The President/Honorary Treasurer.
- d. Reduction of fees: Romania, Ukraine.
Decision: We follow WW regulation.

7. Core Content Conference, Noordwijk, Holland 1-3 March 2002

The President reported that at the moment 35 persons have signed up, it can be estimated that 50-60 persons will attend the conference. Anticipated numbers was 90-100, so the

society being the oldest in Europe and probably the most influential, and that the London Conference is a great opportunity also for Wonca Europe.

Decision: The Executive asked the President to go ahead with the project.

Letter from Mark Rivo: Guide Project – should we be involved? We regard it is too early in London. We suggest a small scale meeting in collaboration with WHO Europe.

The President will answer Mark Rivo.

- b. Ljubljana 2003. Report from Igor Svab. The executive wants concrete input from WW, re. Tobacco Cessation Programme.
- c. Amsterdam 2004. Christos Lionis liason person. Report in September meeting.
- d. Athens 2005: Liason Person: Philip Evans. Report in September meeting.
- e. Florence 2006: Philip Evans reported.
- f. Bid for 2007: Letter to National Societies.
- g. 2008: Letter from France: Paris proposed. President answers. Bidding process next year.

11. Reasons for holding 2 council meetings in 2004

Proposal from Igor Svab.

Decision: We will hold the Ordinary Council meeting in Orlando, included elections. We plan to hold an extraordinary council meeting in Amsterdam, to prepare elections and secure representativity.

11. Proposal of the Finnish College re change in by-laws

It was noted that the proposal was only signed by the Finnish College and not signed by the other Nordic colleges leaders.

In the discussion, it was pointed out that the relationship between the networks and Wonca Europe is the key question in the proposal. The Executive did not want to change this relationship at the moment.

Descision: The proposal is to be sent to the societies for comments before the London meeting. It should be followed by a comment from the Executive.

Draft: The President.

12. European matters

The President made a short orientation on the matter.

Christina Fabian from Sweden is the new leader of UEMO. WE and UEMO should make common efforts to influence the EU – commission and Parliament.

No decision taken.

15. Special Project Fund

4 applicants were tabled.

Decision: Egle Zebiene: Study of patient's expectations and outcomes of doctor-patient interactions: 5000 Euro granted.

16. Ten targets strategy

Discussion paper of Igor Svab and Christos Lionis.

Decision: Proposal should be revised by Christos Lionis, (questionnary.)

To be on the Agenda for Next Executive Committee meeting.

17. Sponsorship issue on national level

Justin Allen will prepare a discussion paper before the next Executive Committee Meeting.

18. Collaborative relations

- a. European Association for Communication in Healthcare. We will ask Mr. Kallerup for more details.

Responsible: Honorary Secretary.

- b. European Primary Care Diabetes Group. We will send them a letter to offer collaboration.

Responsible: Honorary Secretary.

- c. European Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Network. We want a brief paper on relationship with other organisations.

Responsible: The President.

