



Minutes from Wonca Europe Executive Committee Meeting Amsterdam, June 1, 2004

Present

President	Philip R. Evans
Vice-President	Igor Svab
Honorary Secretary	Bjørn Gjelsvik
Honorary Treasurer	Vaclav Benes
Repr EURACT	Justin Allen
Repr EGPRN	Christos Lionis
Repr EQuIP	Luis Pisco
Secretariat	Helene Flottorp

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the President
The President opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.
2. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of minutes of meeting in Lisbon January 2004
The minutes were approved.
The board was informed of the successful network meeting that had been arranged on May 31. The networks will continue to develop their collaboration, and will be having a joint meeting at the Wonca World Conference in Orlando.
- Matters arising from the minutes
There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. President's Report
The report was approved with some minor changes as to new members. The new members since June 2003 are:
Georgia Association of Family Medicine – full member
SIMEFaC: Societa Italiana Di Medicine di Famiglia e di Comunita – full member
Belarussian Association of General Practitioners – collaborative relations with Wonca.
5. Honorary Treasurer's Report
The result 2003 was approved.

– Budget 2005-2007
A budget for 2005-2007 was presented to the board by the Honorary Treasurer.
The President advised that membership fees should be increased for member organisations for the next triennium.
A proposal was made to set the fee in euros. Lionis suggested that the discussion should be raised with the national colleges as to what they want from Wonca Europe
Action: The Executive Committee to look at these issues closer. To be dealt with in Orlando.
The board discussed how to solve the problems if a member organisation as conference organiser would suffer a severe loss. The issue will be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Wonca World had raised a question as to the European conferences in the future and the decision was made that the conference in France in 2007 will be a shared conference with Wonca World.

Action: The Secretariat to contact Wonca World to get accurate membership figures in each college by the start of the year.

Action: Honorary Treasurer/Secretariat to finalise the new budget by the summer. To be sent out with the papers for the council meeting in Orlando.

– Future of SIMG Fund

Honorary Treasurer gave an orientation about the history of the SIMG Fund of 30.000 Swiss franc.

Wonca Europe has the power to decide upon how this money should be used from now on. For the passed 10 years this was used for conference loans.

Action: The executive decided to keep the fund on the special interest account of Wonca Europe. To be taken to the council meeting for confirmation.

– Application from Serbia for reduced DM fees

The executive did not agree to support the suggestion. Wonca World to be informed of this decision with the view expressed that Wonca Europe also has underdevelopment countries. There should be possible for Direct Members in underdeveloped countries to have reduced fees, but Wonca Europe should not have to cover for the rest of the 150 dollars.

Action: It was decided to forward a proposal for the Council to inform Wonca World that Wonca Europe will no longer receive funding from Wonca World.

6. Wonca Europe Secretariat 2005

The President gave a report. Because of the financial situation the new executive committee after Orlando would have to decide if the secretariat should be moved. A bidding process would have to be performed to do this. It was decided to ask Trondheim to host the Secretariat until June 2005 in any case.

7. New Guidelines for application for Special Projects Fund

Christos Lionis oriented. The papers produced are important. There should be a classification of the projects, and key issues should be defined in the guidelines. A paper will be sent out within the next few weeks. The Special Project Fund should be broad and not only for research projects.

Action: Christos Lionis

8. Ten Targets – This issue was raised by Christos Lionis, who gave a report. The papers are nearly finished and will be sent out soon.

9. Report from the Network Organisations

– European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN)

– European Academy of Teachers in General Practice (EURACT)

– European Association for Quality in General Practice /Family Medicine (EQuiP)

The representatives commented on the reports sent out, and they were all emphasising the very good collaboration that has developed between the networks the last year. All reports were approved.

10. European Journal of General Practice

The President gave a report from the discussions with Mediselect. They will promote the journal during the conferences in Amsterdam and Orlando, and are supposed to review the situation by the end of the year.

Action: President to follow-up.

11. Collaboration Wonca Europe – EURIPA. Proposal from EURIPA

Action: It was decided to support EURIPA with \$ 1000 for 2004 based upon the proposal received. To be taken to Council for final decision.

12. European Definition on General Practice/Family Medicine

Justin Allen gave an orientation. The eleven statements should be clearly explained.

Euract want to discuss the core competencies further in relation to curriculum programs and possible problems regarding evidence and to ensure that the match the other parts of the definition.

Action: Justin Allen.

13. Future organisation and length of Wonca World Council meetings and conferences

Paper from President was supported by the executive committee.

14. Wonca Europe Working Party on Future Conferences. Paper from the Working Party to be discussed at Council Meeting.

15. Future Conferences

– New arrangements for Wonca World levies from 2008. The new arrangements are clearly described in the President report for the meeting. Evans supplied the report verbally.

13 – 17 Oct 2004 17th World Conference of Family Doctors, Orlando, Florida
There will be an Executive meeting and a council meeting on Saturday Oct 9.

03 – 07 Sept 2005 Wonca Europe Conference, Kos, Greece
Lionis and Evans gave a verbal report.

27 – 31 Aug 2006 Wonca Europe Conference, Florence, Italy
Contract to be signed in Amsterdam.

19 – 23 Oct 2007 Wonca Europe Conference, Paris, France
The organisers will give a presentation of the progress of planning of the conference at the council meeting.

2008 The Turkish Association of Family Physicians have informed the Board that they are a candidate to host the Wonca Europe conference in 2008. The bids will be sent out after the meeting. To be decided in Orlando.

Wonca Europe Elections Council meeting in Orlando – nominations

The Secretariat has received some nominations, but the nomination process goes on until the start of the Council meeting in Orlando.

16. Any other business

– Letter from E. vanWeel. PE answers.

– Israel Haba Tebenkin . To be passed on to WW

– Richard GroI suggested from EQuIP nominated for Wonca honour membership.
Supported by the Executive. Application sent to WW.

– Young Doctors Programme. Should be encouraged by WE.

– EU – Wonca Europe meeting to be held by the Dutch College in September.