



Minutes Wonca Europe Council Meeting 2004

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| Venue | Room E-F, Amsterdam RAI International Exhibition and Congress Center Europaplein 22, 1070 MS Amsterdam, the Netherlands |
| Date/time | Tuesday June 1, 2004/13:45 – 16:45 |
| Chair | Philip R. Evans, Wonca Europe President |
| Minutes | Bjørn Gjelsvik, Wonca Europe Honorary Secretary Helene Flottorp, Wonca Europe Secretariat |
| Delegates | Ilse Hellemann, Austrian Society of General Practitioners/Family Medicine Vaclav Benes, Czech Society of General Practice Arno Timmermans, Dutch College of General Practitioners Madik Tiik, Estonian Society of Family Doctors Simo Kokko, Finnish Association for General Practice Didier Duhot, Societe Francaise Medecine Generale Bernard Gay, College National des Generalistes Heinz Haral Abholz, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Allgemeinmedezin Bodossakis Merkouris, Greek Association of General Practitioners Giorgio Visentin, Centro Studie e Ricerche in Medicina Generale Jean Karl Soler, Malta College of Family Doctors Janecke Thesen, Norwegian College of General Practitioners Adam Windak, College of Family Physicians in Poland Carlos Canhota, Portuguese Association of General Practitioners George Haber, Romanian Society of General/Family Practice Janko Kersnik, Slovenian Family Medicine Society Toni Dedeu, Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine Bruno Kissling, Swiss Society of General Medicine Erdem Birgül, Turkish Association of Family Physicians Tony Mathie, Royal College of General Practitioners |
| Observers | Susanna Rabady, Austrian Society of General Practitioners/Family Medicine Maarten Klomp, Dutch College of General Practitioners Marianne Samuelson, College National des Generalistes Guido Danti, Centro Studio e Ricerche in Medicina Generale Gisle Roksund, Norwegian College of General Practitioners Dan Doru Platea, Romanian Society of General/Family Practice Igor Svab, Slovenian Family Medicine Society Carlos Brotons, Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine Nazih Dagdeviren, Turkish Association of Family Physicians |

Lotte Newman, Past European President
 Chris van Weel, Past European President
 Christos Lionis, European General Practice Research Network
 Justin Allen, European Academy of Teachers in General Practice
 Luis Pisco, European association for quality in general practice/family medicine
 Colin Bradley, Editor European Journal of General Practice
 Carlos Brotons, European Review Group on Health Promotion and Prevention in
 Family Medicine and General Practice
 Juan Mendive, European Society for Primary Care Gastroenterology
 Paul Van Royen, European General Practice Research Network
 Michael Boland, Wonca President

1. Welcome by the President

President Philip Evans opened the meeting. A special thank was expressed to the Dutch college for hosting the council and the lunch prior to the meeting.

As all but three of the colleges represented at the meeting had paid the membership fee for 2004, the council formed a quorum.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of minutes of the last meeting held in Ljubljana, June 18, 2003

The minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Concerning the New Definition Justin Allen informed that a new questionnaire will be sent out to all national colleges soon. Information was given about a workshop on the development on the educational side during the conference in Amsterdam. Feedback is wanted from the colleges. A new educational agenda has been printed.

5. President's Report

The President's report sent out with the papers for the meeting was approved. There were comments from the Dutch college to item 12 point 1 and 4. WICC representative Jean Karl Soler clarified.

The President pointed out that the new members since June 2003 are as follows:

Georgia Association of Family Medicine – full member

SIMeFaC:Societa Italiana Di Medicina di Famiglie e di Comunita –full member

Belarussian Association of General Practitioners – collaborative relations with Wonca.

The President reported verbally regarding Wonca World funding and financial problems. Wonca Europe Executive suggests that for the next triennium the European region do not receive any funding from Wonca World. This as a contribution to enable Wonca World to use this money in other regions. The council approved the proposal.

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report

The council was informed of the names of the colleges that had not paid their dues for 2004 by the start of the council meeting. The representatives from these countries were not allowed to any voting during the meeting.

The total of 82 new Direct Members have joined Wonca Europe since June 1, 2003.

The results and budget for 2003 were sent out with the papers for the meeting. The Honorary Treasurer Vaclav Benes commented on the results for 2003. The results were approved.

- The future of SIMG Fund

Vaclav Benes informed the council of the history of the SIMG fund. The Executive Committee proposed to keep the Fund as a conference loan, but that it should be kept in the high interest account.

There was a suggestion from Malta to start using euro as a currency. It was explained that Wonca Europe funds were part of the Wonca World funds, which were always considered in US Dollars, but this matter would be discussed again by the Executive.

Decision: The proposal from with regard to the SIMG Fund was supported by the council.
Vaclav Benes and Helene Flottorp were thanked for their work with the accounts.

7. Report from the Network Organisations

– European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN)

The new President Paul van Royen was welcomed. He then informed the council about the future of EGPRN. The Research agenda and priorities will be presented in collaboration with EURACT and EQuIP.

– European Academy of Teachers in General Practice (EURACT)

Justin Allen reported from the joint network meeting with the executives on May 31.

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

A verbal report was given by Luis Pisco. Two books have been produced the last year.

–Collaboration between the networks and Wonca Europe

Meeting May 31st 2004 in RAI Congress Centre, AMSTERDAM- 0930-1100 a.m.

Background

At the Executive Meeting in Lisbon on January 31 this year the following decision was made:

“A statement paper regarding the collaboration between the networks should be made on the following points:

- contributions to Wonca Europe meetings
- key collaborative issues on the New Definition
- each of the networks should say what they want the other networks to do and to clarify in which matters they may have close collaborations
- The Kingston Report when published – items to follow up
- the EGPRN paper on family practice
- Member Organisations to be asked about what they want the networks to do

The networks should approve the paper before sending it out to the MO's.

A meeting will be held at the congress venue in Amsterdam on May 31st in the morning with two persons from each network + President + Hon Secr/Vice President present.”

Participants:

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| Euract: | Job FM Metsemaken, Maastricht University, Holland. Justin Allen, Univ. of Leicester, UK. |
| EQUIP: | Luis Pisco, Portugal |
| EGPRN: | Paul van Royen, Belgium Christos Lionis, Greece. WE Executive: Philip Evans, President Igor Svab, Vice President Bjørn Gjelsvik, Hon. Secretary. |

Philip Evans chaired the meeting.

Summary of the meeting:

General Principles:

1. There is a need for more policy and directions from WE Executive to the Networks and the Conference Organisers. These should be based on requests from the Networks and the MO's, and the Executive itself.
2. The collaboration between the Networks should be based on collaboration on specific projects.
3. It is a need to identify common goals of WE and the Networks to be worked with during a 3 year period.
4. The Executive should have specific collaboration issues on their meeting agenda regularly.
5. Informal lunch meetings led by the Executive should be arranged during conferences to discuss the development of collaboration issues. The first is to be arranged during the Orlando Conference.
6. Information about the Networks should be given through the EJGP as short, to the point messages on what is being done.

Specific Project to be developed:

1. Research based Education in GP: Collaboration Euract-EGPRN.
2. Research Policy for European GP: EGPRN to follow up Kongston Report → Executive
3. Make an Action Plan for Implementation of the Definition on Curriculum in Europe.
4. Revision of the Core Competencies.

Other points highlighted during the discussion:

- ✓ The Networks reported better relations between Network Members and MO's on national level.
- ✓ EGPRN Malta meeting on electronic medical records: possible collaboration with EQuIP on standards.
- ✓ Important items in the Definition are not evidence based, i.e. comprehensiveness of care and aspects of continuity of care. These issues would need further attention.

The President emphasized the very good networking that has develop during the last year, and gave credit to the networks for their hard work. He also underlined the importance of attendance at the open meeting on June 3 with the theme: "Report on current activities from the network organisations. Future and relationship between networks and member organisations".

8. Reports from collaborative organisations**– EUROPREV**

There were comments to the length of the report. Reports should be brief.

Arno Timmermanns raised the questions about the European guidelines on cardiovascular disease preventions in clinical practice. The Executive will take steps to take exception to these guidelines. Wonca Europe has never supported these guidelines. Criteria should be made to prevent such things to happen. The Executive will take this further and will bring it to the council meeting in Orlando.

During the Executive Committee meeting in Lisbon on Jan 31,2004 it was decided to stop supporting the travels of Carlos Brotons to the CVD meetings due to the financial situation of Wonca Europe. Carlos Brotons entered the meeting and gave his version of the role he has had in the CVD group.

Michael Boland gave a brief orientation on how Wonca World plan to work

– UEMO

Report received and approved.

– European Medical Informatics Association Primary Care Informatics Working Group, EFMI

Report received and approved.

9. Wonca Europe Working Party on Future Conferences

The paper produced was presented by the chair of the committee Bjorn Gjelsvik, There was a broad discussions of the issues presented.

Action:

- The executive committee should set aside a defined part at each meeting to discuss and work with future conferences. See appendix.

– The executive committee should seek information about establishing contact with a professional congress organiser. Decision to be made at the council meeting in 2006. There was a long discussion about the conference fee issue.

Action: A revised paper will be sent out to the national colleges and the networks before the council meeting in Orlando.

Bjorn Gjelsvik, Igor Svab, Maarten Klomp, Adam Windak and Luis Pisco were thanked for their very good work.

10. Collaboration Wonca Europe – EURIPA

The President informed the Council about the proposal for funding received from EURIPA: Developing a Charter for Rural Practice in Europe. The Executive Committee has approved to support EURIPA with US\$ 1000 for 2004 based upon the received proposal.

Action: The Council supported the decision made by the Executive Committee.

11. Wonca Europe Secretariat 2005

The President oriented and thanked Helene Flottorp officially for her work at the secretariat. The Executive received the council's approval of the work done dealing with the funding of the secretariat.

12. European Journal of General Practice

Philip Evans gave a verbal report. The June issue is in the bag of all delegates at the conference.

Colin Bradley informed about the collaboration with the publisher, and that a advertising campaign has started. The contribution of writers are increasing. A new advitorial advisory board will be nominated during the conference. The new board will replace the previous two boards.

Coling Bradley and World Wonca were thanked for the good work and for succeeding in indexing the journal.

13. The Kingston Report

A verbal report was given by Chris van Weel. The report is published and will be sent to all national colleges during this Summer. The report is also available on the internet. Chris van Weel was thanked for his work.

14. European Union – Wonca Europe meeting – verbal report

Chris van Weel informed the council. Arno Timmermanns has initiated that Primary Care is on the Agenda for a meeting arranged by the European Union later this year. Van Weel proposed that the council investigate if this discussion can be taken further throughout the years to come. UEMO could be a possible partner in this work.

Action: A proposal will be presented for the council in Orlando.

15. Future Conferences

13 – 17 Oct 2004

17th World Conference of Family Doctors, Orlando, Florida

The council meeting will be held Saturday Oct 9 in the afternoon.

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| 03 – 07 Sept 2005 | Wonca Europe Conference, Kos, Greece Verbal report was given by Bodossakis. The second announcement will be presented during the conference in Amsterdam. |
| 27 – 31 Aug 2006 | Wonca Europe Conference, Florence, Italy Giorgio Visentin gave a verbal report. Website established. Scientific board reflects the various scientific societies within GP in Italy. |
| 19 – 23 Oct 2007 | Wonca Europe Conference, Paris, France Marianne Samuelsson presented the work done so far. |
| 2008 | Wonca Europe Conference to be decided in during Wonca Europe Council meeting in Orlando. The national colleges will be asked for bids in due time. |

16. Wonca Europe Elections Council meeting in Orlando – nominations

Nominations are asked for by the end of June but may come until the council meeting in Orlando. The colleges were asked to send nominations to the Secretariat.

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

The President gave a brief information about the paper sent out. Chris van Weel supported the proposal. Michael Boland welcomed the proposal, but stressed the fact that the world council meets just every 3 year.

Action: The council supported the proposal. A paper will be produced for the Wonca World Council in Orlando.

18. Any other business

– Ten Targets

The Council was informed by Christos Lionis. The colleges were reminded to reply to the questionnaires and to come up with 2 key informants.

- Bruno Kissling proposed to ask the GP's in Amerika to come up with a statement dissociating from the treatment of prisoners in Iraq. Wonca President Michael Boland emphasized the importance of keeping the Wonca organisation out of politics, but supports the proposal.

Action: Philip Evans will discuss the issues with the chair of the American Academy in Orlando, Dan Ostergaard. A report of this discussion will be sent to the national colleges.

Helene Flottorp
Administrator

Bjørn Gjelsvik
Honorary Secretary