



Minutes Wonca Europe Council Meeting, Orlando 2004

Venue	Salon 7/8, Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando
Date/time	Saturday, Oct 9, 2004 13:45 – 17:00
Chair	Philip R. Evans, President Wonca Europe
Minutes	Bjorn Gjelsvik, Wonca Europe Honorary Secretary Helene Flottorp, Wonca Europe Secretariat
Delegates	Ilse Helleman-Geschwinder, Austrian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine Carl Steylaerts, Belgian Society of General Practitioners/Family Medicine Vaclav Benes, Czech Society of Family Doctors Janus Laust Thomsen, Danish College of General Practitioners Didier Duhot, Societe Francaise de Medecine Generale Bernard Gay, College National des Generalistes Enseignants CNGE Bodossakis Merkouris, Greek Association of General Practitioners ELEGEIA Eamonn R Shanahan, Irish College of General Practitioners Hava Tabenkin, Israel Association of Family Physicians Giorgio Visentin, CSerMEG, Italy Ernesto Mola, AsSIMeFaC, Italy Ainagul Isakova, Association of Family Group Practices Kyrgyzstan Bjørn Gjelsvik, Norwegian College of General Practitioners Luis Pisco, Portuguese Association of General Practitioners George Haber, Romanian National Society of General Practice/Family Medicine Tonka Poplas Susic, Slovenian Family Medicine Society/Slovenian Medical Association Antoni Dedeu, Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine Bruno Kissling, Swiss Society of General Medicine Arno Timmermans, Dutch College of General Practitioners Erdem Birgul, Turkish Association of Family Physicians Tony Mathie, Royal College of General Practitioners
Proxies	Tonka Poplas Susic, Slovenia, for the Association of Family Medicine Specialists and Residents of Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska Arno Timmermans, Netherlands, for the German Society of General Practice/Family Medicine
Observers	Erwin Rebhandl, Austrian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine Manfred Maier, Austrian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine Luc Lefebvre, Belgian Society of General Practitioners/Family Medicine Pierre-Luis Druais, College National des Generalistes Enseignants, CNGE Finbarr Corkery, Irish College of Family Physicians

Sergio Bernabè, Italian Academy of Family Physicians CSeRMEG
Igor Svab, Slovenian Family Medicine Society/Slovenian Medical Association
Maarten Klomp, Dutch College of General Practitioners
Nezih Dagdeviren, Turkish Association of Family Medicine
Michael Boland, President Wonca
Alfred Loh, CEO Wonca
Chris van Weel, Past President Wonca Europe
Fons Sips, Junior Doctors Program
Bruce Sparks, President Elect Wonca

1. Welcome by President.
The attendants introduced themselves.
Apologies were given for non-attendance to the delegates from Malta and Iceland.
2. Approval of Agenda.
The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the Council meeting in Amsterdam 2004 were approved.
4. Matters arising
No matters arose from the minutes.
5. President's Report:
The President reported on the meeting with the European Commission held recently in den Hague, The Netherlands. He reported on items from the Wonca World Executive Meeting held a few days before. Wonca World has made arrangements to have membership for Academic Departments. There will be specific benefits for this for US\$ a year membership. Full details to be provided by Wonca World Secretariat. Concerns re effect on EURACT Academic Department Membership were discussed.
Action: Justin Allen will take this matter up with the new Wonca World President, Professor Bruce Sparks.

Wonca has increased its membership with 35 organisations in the last three years and now has a 100 member organisations from 85 countries. Many of the new organisations come from developing countries and thus have a lower membership fee. The costs of handling the membership matters and the financial strains for Wonca World were discussed.

The President referred to the newly published Kingston Report regarding research in family medicine. Chris van Weel handed out the report, printed in Annals of Family Medicine. The report is also available on the web. It was pointed out that the follow-up of the document was an important new task for the new Executive of Wonca Europe. Member organisations were asked to advise their Academic Departments of the report. Wonca Europe Executive Committee recommends that the new Executive Committee of Wonca Europe should consider arranging a Conference on research in general practice and family medicine in Europe with a wide range of stakeholders.

Wonca World wants to change fee rate for membership fee for Direct Members. Following discussion, many members of the European Council expressed concerns that the increase in fees is too high. The President will take this issue back to World Council Meeting.

Future Conferences: Wonca World has expressed concerns about holding Regional Conferences in the year of a World Conference. President of Wonca World, Michael Boland, gave a brief orientation and pointed out that new solutions should be discussed constructively from regional and global viewpoints. It should be possible to resolve the situation following further discussions between Wonca World and the regions. The Council confirmed that there is a need for further development of the type, content, shape and size of conferences. Issues that were raised were:

- the clarity regarding objectives and collaboration
- global views and discussions
- involvement of all European networks
- flexibility re content and type of conferences

The President reported that the European proposals to the Wonca World Executive regarding changing the arrangements for the Wonca World Executive meeting prior a World Conference were not accepted by the Wonca World Executive. The President will take these matters further at the World Council Meeting.

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report.

Report was given by Vaclav Benes. The Budget which was put forward in Amsterdam was re addressed.

Member organisation fee: The Executive's proposal was that it should be raised to 1,40 USD per member, fixed for the next triennial. This equals the expected general price growth. (The WE fee is separate from WW fee, but the fees are paid together). The increase in the annual subscription to US\$1,40 was approved by Council.

Vaclav Benes was thanked for his very good work as Honorary Treasurer for Wonca Europe the last three years.

7. Network Reports

- EGPRN: Christos Lionis reported.
- EURACTtin Allen reported.
- EQiP Luis Pisco reported.

The President thanked the networks for their contribution to the work of Wonca Europe.

8. EJGP Interim Report was tabled. The President reported from the latest proceedings re. the Journal. There has been a small increase in subscriptions, but a large increase in submissions, threefold of the previous year. The situation will be reviewed by the end of this year

Action: The new Executive Committee will contact Mediselect

9. Reports from Collaborative Organisations.

- UEMO: Report received.

10. Wonca Europe Secretariat.

The President advised that The University in Trondheim had informed the Executive that the University will not be able to host the Secretariat after Dec. 31.st. 2004. The Executive has asked the Member Organisations for bids to host the Secretariat for Wonca Europe.

There are 2 applications which will be considered on the joint meeting of the old and new Executive. The president expressed pleasure with the way the Secretariat had worked during the previous last three years and in particular Helene Flottorp was thanked for her excellent work for Wonca Europe at the Secretariat in Trondheim.

11. Ten Target Strategy:

Justin Allen reported. The document will soon be sent out to the member organisations.

12. European Definition of General Practice

The President gave a short report. EURACT will do some minor adjustments of the Definiton in order to solve some discrepancies.

13. European Guidelines on CV diseases.

The decision of the Executive Committee was approved.

14. European Union. Meeting in den Hague, The Netherlands.

The President reported on this important meeting with the European Commission and thanked the Dutch College for their initiative. The European Commission will be taking greater note of primary health care in the future. The work should be followed up by Wonca Europe and will be the responsibility of the new Executive.

15. Future Conferences.

- Kos, Greece 2005: Bodossakis Merkouris reported. Helene Flottorp was invited as Guest of Honour to the conference.
- Florence, Italy 2006, 27.-30. August: Giorgio Vinsentin reported.
- Paris, France 2007: 17.-21. October. Bernard Gay reported.
- 2008: Bids invited. Two bids have been received. The bid from Turkey could not be formally considered as it had not been submitted by a national member organisation.
Action: A letter to be sent from Wonca Europe advising the University in Bursa that it would need to consider collaboration with the Turkish national organisation. Responsibility: President/Secretariat

The bid from Germany was accepted to host the 2008 Conference. It would be held in Berlin Sept. 21-24, 2008.

Action: Confirmation letter to be sent. Responsibility: President/Secretariat

16. Any other business.

- Junior Doctor Program. Fons Sips gave a brief orientation. Follow up Conference will take place in Lisbon in January 2005. The Portuguese Association of General Practitioners has offered to arrange the meeting which will work on bylaws etc., The JDP will also be having a meeting during the conference in Kos next year.
Executive proposal: The Junior Doctor Program will be asked to form a Special Interest Group. We want a member of the Executive to attend the meeting in January. The Executive will ask the MO to support the Junior Doctor Program.
- European Network Female Leadership in General Practice/Family Medicine.
WE Executive proposal: It is sensible to ask them to be linked to the World Group. The Council approved this.
Letter to be sent from President/Secretariat.
- Letter from Balint Society. WE Executive proposal: We agree with the aims, but we do not feel that this is the only way to achieve these goals.
The President will inform the Balint Society.
- The representative from Israel, Hava Tabenkin, asked for permission to ask GP's in Europe to report cases regarding ethical dilemmas in primary care. The Council considers that this action was appropriate and also the issue would be considered by the World Wonca Executive.

17. Elections

Wonca Europe Executive Committee for the period 2005-2007 was elected.

- President: Igor Svab, Slovenia, elected by acclamation
 - Vice President: Bjørn Gjelsvik, Norway
 - Hon. Secretary: Maarten Klomp, Netherlands
 - Hon. Treasurer: Tony Mathie, United Kingdom
- Representatives from Network Organisations in Wonca Europe Executive Committee:
- Christos Lionis for EGPRN
 - Justin Allen for EURACT
 - Luis Pisco for EQuIP

Close of the meeting: Dr Philip Evans gave a brief speech expressing his pleasure at having worked at President of Wonca Europe during the previous three years and for the excellent support from the Executive Committee and with the Secretariat in Trondheim. The new President of Wonca Europe, Igor Svab, thanked Philip Evans for all his hard work. Fons Sips thanked Vaclav Benes for his long work for SIMG and Wonca Europe and also expressed his thanks to Philip Evans.

Bjørn Gjelsvik
Honorary Secretary

Helene Flottorp
Administrator